

April 26, 1933.

Miss Ellen Ballou,  
219 Lorraine Avenue,  
Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Dear Miss Ballou,

For a long time I have felt that I must write to you with reference to the Whitney Fountain.

You will recall that you were the one to inspire this gift to McGill University, a gift we were very happy to accept, for two reasons: because the statue was the work of a well known artist and a friend of yours, and secondly, because of the good will of which the statue was an emblem. In fact, it would have been practically impossible for us to refuse the gift, especially in view of the promise that this piece of statuary would be transported to Montreal, suitably erected in our grounds, at no cost to the University.

Representatives of Mrs. Whitney visited the University and came to an understanding as to where the statuary would be placed and its further embellishment. May I recall to you that I went to a great deal of trouble to arrange for suitable ceremonies. This statue was received on behalf of McGill University by the King's representative in Canada, His Excellency the Governor General of Canada. There was considerable ceremony at the time of its presentation.

The University has already been put to an expense of over \$2000.00 doing those things which we expected Mrs. Whitney to do. As I said, the scheme is as yet unfinished and McGill University is not in a position to complete it.

I cannot leave it as it is, and unless Mrs. Whitney proposes to fulfill the terms of her gift I can think of nothing else than to remove the statue to some less prominent part of the grounds, because, in its unfinished state, it rather mark the attractiveness of the Campus. I may add that last year Mr. John Finley of the New York Times was so upset when