

scattered, and recognition of this group by McGill was undoubtedly a happy procedure. It will strengthen McGill in various quarters.

Having invited American universities (and doubtless European and South American) to send delegates to your "Reunion", you, as a university, promptly utilized those who had the vigor to appear, but with almost studied neglect, ignored them in Montreal. Your emphatic recognition of your own people was, however proper, - rather an amusing and provincial proceeding. If I understand aright, this entire "centenary" was essentially in the hands of the "graduates" who, it appears, thought only of themselves. In America, were the President of a university also the president of a great railroad, he would give some recognition of the presence of "delegates" from abroad, by at least an informal luncheon at some Club, or at his own house; so too, were the active head of an American university as eminent a man as you claim Sir Arthur Currie to be, - he would do likewise. But an American academic president or vice-president would hardly have dismissed foreign delegates with a stony "British stare", or an inhospitable handshake, and think himself quite rid of the whole business. True, your Board of Governors gave a fine dinner to the recipients of McGill's honours and to the foreign delegates, but that dinner - elegant as was its gastronomic attempt, - merely droned away on the familiar tune, and so an end.

To me it was amusing that you gave an honorary degree to an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, - a worthy McGill alumnus, - but entirely ignored the distinguished man who sat as a delegate from Pennsylvania, the man who until his recent resignation had long been Provost of Pennsylvania. This man, for years my friend, I observed, did not remain at your functions, - yet it was this man who made the McGill alumnus at Pennsylvania what he is in this country!! And the University of Pennsylvania (of which I have the honor to be an alumnus, and for many years fellow and Professor) is the fourth oldest university in America and one of the three greatest.

I might also add that another university in Pennsylvania, much older than McGill, sent its delegate (1400 miles); that this university is one of the large American; its representation in President Harding's Cabinet, as Secretary of Treasury, is both an alumnus and a trustee, - and this university was represented because of your direct written invitation. This delegate was delightfully entertained by yourself, - but not the slightest mention was made of, or attention given to the university which he represented: yet this university lost more men in the late war than did McGill; it made great sacrifices (and properly) in the common cause, - and in no small measure, your Centenary was a handsome recognition (as far as you could recognize it) of the devotion of your people to the Great Cause. Certainly this recognition was fine.