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*Rev. A. J. Brace*

March 2, 1933

Dear Friends;—

CHOLERA PLAGUE! CIVIL WAR!! COMMUNIST SCOURGE!!!

One followed the other in West China from early summer to the end of the year and the uncertainty still continues. Add to this the resultant problems of the Jap-China "Undeclared War", world depression creating low rates in silver, and high rates in gold exchange to cripple our harassed merchant's here, then marvel and thank God with us that the Chengtu Young Men's Christian Association was permitted to carry on all through, and then by extending the annual membership and Finance Campaign a month into the new year realized 900 members and \$3500 in cash. We balanced the budget of \$12,500 from local sources, and even liquidated loans on building extension for shops and dormitory by notes receivable and long overdue, but which we confidently expect to realize upon as business improves after this disastrous and futile civil war among the selfish and ambitious war-lords.

Such results were not accomplished without real heart searching, willing sacrifice and loyal cooperation of our twelve Christian directors and ten Christian secretaries, most ably led by our indefatigable new Chinese General Secretary, Donald Fay. It was a joy and an inspiration to watch Donald in action and to cooperate with him. He carried the full confidence of the secretaries and volunteer workers through a trying campaign, and made new friends for the Association on every hand by his unbeatable optimism and wise plans effectively translated into action through very fine unselfish team work.

Chinese New Year came at the end of January and provided all a much needed rest. Schools were closed and the usual Chinese holiday festivities made all forget their troubles. I had the good fortune to be invited by Dr. D. L. Phelps to accompany him on a fortnight's trip to the top of Mount Omei where he was going in search of data and photos for a lecture project. No second invitation was required. With two other fine colleagues, Chinese, we had a real vacation climbing the rugged steps of Mount. Omei to its golden summit 11,000 feet above sea level. We toiled upwards through clouds and three feet of snow and at the summit came out into glorious sunshine that had melted most of the snow there, on the crest. We lived two days above the clouds and were amply rewarded with thrilling views of the towering Tibetan snow-capped mountains ranging up to 25,000 feet. It was truly an unforgettable experience and we returned refreshed and reinvigorated for another turn at the wheel.

We have just prepared the annual report for our National Committee and I want to share with you some of the "high lights" of



the year. One of the most rewarding bits of service we are permitted to participate in is the English Bible study by Government School students. In our 45 Government schools in this capital city we have 30,000 students, about half studying English.

In my home, and at the Y.M.C.A., we have conducted seven Bible classes with over 2000 attendance during the year, and the response has been very heartening. I have put in my third school term with one group of National University students on the Book of "Job", because they said, "Job deals with the problem of suffering, and our beloved China is suffering very much now, and we want to learn the way out"! We shall spend at least another term on this matchless drama. It is a great experience watching the growth of souls in this kind of intensive study. We have been ably assisted in the teaching of these classes by Donald Fay, R.G. Bowyer, E.R. Stanway and E. Willmott.

Eighty students registered for the Student Summer Conference when we had eight Bible classes and four discussion groups on, "The Church and Rural Problems".

We were invited by six Government schools to lecture on "The Philosophy of Physical Culture". Besides this service we taught in four Government schools weekly, and taught English to the clerks in the National Bank of China.

Our Educational work was well sustained in three schools, Motor Mechanical School, Bee Culture School, and Night School for poor boys, with a total attendance of over 5000. In Physical work carried the regular indoor and outside sports, but featured something new here in preparation for our Membership Campaign by staging a monster chess tournament in the open air. It was the board that was the monster, standing fifteen feet high, with men moving the pieces from hook to hook with fish poles in plain view of great crowds who came daily to watch the course of the tournament. Excitement ran high. It proved such a success that it will be an annual fixture. We also had our first fifteen mile road race with 36 contestants.

The following brief report of figures will indicate the popularity of other activities:—

18 teams in Volley and Basket ball	-total attendance-	5300
Participants in Association Tennis games		3600
Boys' games, largely ping pong		2540
Mens' games, largely billiards		11500
Dormitory, 156 different men	-total	12150
Baths, showers and tubs, new plant		18796

Besides these activities we had record attendance at Socials, Movies, and Men's Religious and Health lectures.

We have stressed Secretarial Training this year by spending each Monday morning in full conference for the entire morning, and then each Friday morning on cultural studies for the secretaries. We begin with an hour's Bible study when Earl Willmott leads in the study of "Jesus in the Records". I have following with an hour in "Association Administration". Now Donald Fay is giving a course to secretaries on "Association Essentials". Then we have a game together and after go into study on a popular book or hear book



review or lecture from visiting speaker, At present we are having at this last hour a study of the Lytton Report—the secretaries by turn reviewing a chapter at a time then going into full discussion. This has proved very illuminating and exceedingly stimulating to mental processes. The pamphlet is sold in Chinese in our book-stores for ten cents and is well printed. Then after a simple meal together back to work. Much good cheer is generated at these happy Chinese meals and we all work much better because of the study and fine fellowship unhurried. Often I take an extra half hour in English with some of our secretaries who have taken English in school and love to practice it.

Donald Fay has sponsored a fine thing this year in the Association Home Club, which is a gathering of our Directors, Secretaries and wives at a monthly meeting in the Association for social intercourse, refreshments, and lectures on home topics of real value and interest. Occasionally both Home Club and Secretaries Study groups meet in our home, where Blanche and Brockman assist splendidly in musical entertainment.

Now we are all set for the Spring Flower Fair of 40 days. This is an ancient institution going here in Chengtu when Christ walked in Palestine just over the mountains from us here. Great crowds go out of the city to this fine old temple every day to see the fine display of flowers and make small purchases. The Association has a rest room there and supplies tea free to the visitors, members and friends. This year again we have joined with the Szechuan Christian Council and rented temple space and for the six weeks we will put on Christian lectures, and Health and Science lectures, and give out much literature as well as a week's free vaccination to children. Dr. Crawford and Mr. F. Dickinson will assist with these lectures by using lantern and slides in our temple lecture hall specially prepared for daylight lantern lectures.

We must say again how delighted our Board of Directors is at the continued contribution of the United Church of Canada of the services of a foreign secretary even in these difficult times of financial stress. Personally I feel the responsibility of attempting to represent adequately you good friends at home who have entrusted me with this your commission, and to ask your prayers that we may be able to measure up to our great opportunities in this land of promise. Yes, I mean it, because "the prospects are as bright as the promises of God".

In closing you may be interested to know some of the books I have been reading during the past year—a lesson inculcated by our great Secretary, Dr. J.R. Mott.—'The Story of San Michelle'—Munthe, 'The Master of Man'—Hall Caine, 'Body, Mind and Spirit'—Worcester and McComb, 'A Journey through China'—Toynbee, 'Varieties of Religious Experience'—James, 'Tobit Transplanted'—Benson, 'Business Adrift'—Donham, 'The Jade of Destiny'—Farnoll, 'The Problem of Evil and Human Destiny'—Zimmerman, 'Christ of the Mount'—Jones, 'Red Bread'—Hindus, 'Life's Great Adventure—Prayer'—Cleaver, 'Jesus Christ and His Revelation'—Vacher Burch, 'Living Issues in China'—Hodgkin, 'Men and Machines'—Stuart Chase, 'Jesus and Gospel of Love'—Raven, 'Preface to Faith in a New Age'—Jones, 'Gods of Wealth and War'—Stewart, 'Truth and Tradition in Chinese Buddhism'—Reichelt, 'Symposium of Chinese Culture'—Sophiee Zen, 'A Child of the Revolution'



Orcksy. 'Big Four'-'Mysterious Mr. Quinn'-Christie, 'Crimson Circle'-Wallace, 'Pathways to Certainty'-Wm. Adams Brown, 'Above the Dark Tumult'-Walpole, 'Night Flight'-St. Exupery, 'Civilization-Man's Own Show'-Dorsey, 'The Red Knight of Germany'-Gibbons, 'Medieval and Modern Europe'-Robinson, 'Modern Europe and World'-Flenley, 'Life of Sir George William', and 'Association Administration'-McCandless.

And now thank you for the splendid letters and books, your prayers, fine spirit of cooperation revealed all the year through, and will you join with me in Paul's great prayer (Moffat) Eph. 3. 14-20

"Praying Him out of the wealth of His Glory to grant you a mighty increase of strength by his Spirit in your inner man. May Christ dwell in your hearts as you have faith! May you be so fixed and founded in love that you can grasp with all the saints, the meaning of the breadth, length, depth, and height, by knowing the love of God which surpasses all knowledge! May you be filled with the entire fulness of God"

Yours for the Master of us all

*Agnes*



*File  
China*

August 4, 1931.

Reverend A. J. Brace,  
General Secretary Y.M.C.A.,  
Chengtu, China.

My dear Brace,

Thank you for your circular letter of June 12th, bringing back, as it did, old days and old associations of Victoria, B.C. and the Great War. I am glad to know that you are full of enthusiasm and interest, and I congratulate you. The only thing mentioned in your letter about which I would not have a great deal of enthusiasm would be the visit from Sherbrooke Eddy. Last spring I had the good fortune to spend a month in China and passed the time between Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tientsin, Peiping, and Mukden. All was intensely interesting to me. Coming face to face with a civilization and a people in whose past, present and future everyone should be interested was to me a great privilege.

I saw David Yui in Hong Kong, L.T.Chen in Shanghai, and also in Shanghai Mr. C.T.Wang and T.B. Sun. In Peiping I met Hu'Shieh and some Chinese who had graduated at McGill. I also dined with Mrs Wellington Koo, which was a pleasing experience and where I met the wife of Chang Hushieh Liang, the young Marshal of Manchuria. At Mukden I lunched with the young Marshal and had a long chat. His Secretary, Mr. Tommy Lee, is a most interesting man, and I would judge a very capable official. Our Professor Kiang Kang-hu of the Department of Chinese Studies, is now on a visit to China.

With kindest wishes always,

I am, my dear Brace,  
Ever yours faithfully,



# STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Tenth Quadrennial Convention, Detroit, Michigan, December 28, 1927 to January 2, 1928

December 15, 1927

Sir Arthur Currie K.C.M.G  
Principal McGill University  
Montreal.

My Dear Sir Arthur;-

On my last visit to Montreal while discussing with you the coming Christmas Student Convention at Detroit I remember you kindly suggested that you would be glad to interest some of your friends in finding five hundred dollars to help send the McGill quota.

In a letter from Harry Avison today he tells me that the McGill delegation has registered twenty six fine men and women students. A letter from Dr. Welsh tells me they are ready to finance a professor and two students. As I think I explained to you when we chatted about the Convention we are on a pooling basis that equalizes the railway cost for students from all parts of Canada. We are bringing three students from Vancouver, seven from Halifax, and others from all intervening college centers at the same rate as from Toronto. We may have a deficit, but some good friends of student work are helping. I do not think from what Avison says that all of the five hundred would be needed for the McGill quota. In that case, Sir Arthur, would your friends be agreeable to the balance being used on the pooling system to bring some of the other students across the Dominion?

You will be interested in hearing that the Joint Faculty of Theological Colleges at McGill, through Dr. Welsh, have invited me to give a course of eight lectures on "Modern Chinese Developments", beginning January Tenth and covering two weeks. This will give my coveted opportunity of studying at closer range your splendid Chinese library.

With kindest regards and best wishes  
Yours very sincerely

*A. J. Brace*

*Memo for the Principal  
No further funds  
are needed  
19<sup>12</sup>/<sub>27</sub>*



December 20th, 1927.

Rev. A. J. Brace,  
538 Confederation Life Building,  
Toronto 2, Ont.

My dear Reverend Brace:-

Let me acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of December 15th.

I am glad to learn that the  
\$500.00 you speak of has already been collected and  
Mr. Avison has no worries regarding the expenses of  
the McGill delegation. I remarked to my Secretary  
that, while I was fully in sympathy with the purposes  
of the Student Convention at Detroit, I doubted  
whether I would contribute owing to the fact that I  
noted that Sherwood Eddy has a place on your pro-  
gramme. Why a Convention like yours cannot get along  
without his presence and influence I cannot understand.

I am glad to know that we can  
look forward to seeing something of you in January.

With all good wishes for the  
success of the Convention and for a Happy Christmas,  
I am,

Yours faithfully,



# Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions

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## CANADIAN OFFICE

538 CONFEDERATION LIFE BLDG.  
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November 3, 1926

Sir Arthur Currie  
Principal McGill University  
Montreal

My Dear Sir Arthur;-

I expect to be in Montreal next week and hope to have the opportunity of meeting you again, and talk over old days in the West and in France.

I was sorry to miss you when in Toronto recently. That weekend I was at Queen's University meeting the students in discussion on the Chinese question, and giving a course of lectures in the History Department of the University on recent developments in China.

My four boys are keeping me in Canada a year or two longer than I anticipated. I am anxious to get the two eldest in University before I leave. Carman is 19 and Wilford 17. When we met in Vancouver last fall I think I forgot to tell you that when our youngest of the four boys was born in China, after our return from France, we called him Arthur after my old friend Arthur Currie. He carries his Dad's initials, but instead of Albert is known as Arthur J.B.

Am much enjoying the job of visiting the Canadian colleges in the interests of the Student Volunteer Movement in an endeavor to interpret something of the new national spirit in Eastern countries and the need of a larger measure of understanding between the East and the West. Earl Amaron is planning some meetings for me with McGill students commencing next Tuesday, and Jack Beaton of the Y.M.C.A is planning some of my time for the Association, also probably with the Rotary Club. So altogether I hope to spend about a week in Montreal, then proceed to the Maritimes for a month. I expect to stay at the McGill Union with Amaron. I know you are tremendously busy but I am hoping for a small "chunk" of your time some day for "Auld lang syne".

Mrs. Brace wishes to be kindly remembered, and kindly convey our greetings to Lady Currie.

Heartily, your one-time  
"awkward subaltern"

*A. J. Brace*

340 Sunnyside Ave.  
Toronto



November 4th, 1926.

Rev. A. J. Brace,  
340 Sunnyside Avenue,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Brace:-

I am delighted to hear that you are coming to Montreal next week. Unfortunately I shall be away from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday morning, as I have promised to go to Saint John, N. B. to speak to a gathering of returned officers and men on the night of Thursday the eleventh.

You must let me know when you come as I would like to have a chat with you. I am sorry that I have not a house as I would be glad to have you stay with me. We are living at the Ritz-Carlton but hope to get into a house within the next three weeks.

Most cordially reciprocating  
your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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Acadia University  
Wolfville, N.S. Nov. 24. 1926

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
Principal McGill University  
Montreal.

My Dear Sir Arthur;-

I am on this far on way through the colleges of the Maritimes, and from here go on to Dalhousie at Halifax, Truro Agricultural College, Kings College, P.E.I, then finish at Mt. Allison, Sackville N.B Dec. 2 to 5, then back to Montreal for the 7th. I promised to let you know if at another date I was showing my pictures of "Tibet-The Roof of the World", for which I gained my F.R.G.S. Before leaving Montreal the Secretary of the Rotary Club asked me to give this lecture at noon Dec. 7th, Tuesday, at the Windsor Hotel. This I am planning to do, and thought if you had time you might care to see the pictures and hear the story.

I thoroughly enjoyed that happy visit with you Sir Arthur, reminiscing over old times. Then the visit to the library was quite an unexpected pleasure. I was amazed at what I saw there, and have no hesitation in saying, after visiting Chinese Departments at Columbia and other centers, that your Chinese library is not excelled by any on the continent. To have 25,000 volumes of such valuable material, and in such excellent condition is an amazing thing. Your Mr. Gest must be a very exceptional man to be able to secure such a collection. I fancy they have come from the Emperor's private collection at Peking, which was sacked by the Germans in 1900 and later again by other nations in 1911 during the revolution when the Manchus abdicated. Your Dr. Roess seems to be admirably adapted and trained to do the classifying even though he has not been in China. I much enjoyed the hour with him. He also showed me the Chinese section of the museum where you have some very fine specimens both Chinese and Tibetan. You have really a wonderful beginning for a Chinese Department which I hope you may be able to start in the not distant future, and I am sure that McGill will help solve some of the pressing problems of the East, so little understood by the West, largely because there is no medium of exchange of ideas such as a University affords.

If in the near future you should be planning any kind of a stunt to show off the library, or draw attention to it, and wanted a course of special lectures on the Art, Literature and Philosophy of the Chinese for a few days or a week, I should be very glad to make any contribution I have after fifteen years research in some of these interesting studies.

Again thanking you for the happy visit, and hoping to see you on my way back to Toronto,

With best wishes, yours very sincerely

*A. J. Brace*



## Edward Bradby To Speaks In Moyses Hall Next Monday

RECENTLY returned from Europe, Edward Bradby, Field Secretary of the International Students' Service, will speak to McGill students on Monday in Moyses Hall. His talk will commence at 12 o'clock. All lectures will be cancelled at that time.

Mr. Bradby's other activities at McGill include an address at the S. C. M. "Open House" at Strathcona Hall on Sunday evening, and an appearance at the Current Events group this afternoon.

The meeting this afternoon will take the form of an open forum on current events. Presiding will be Mr. Bradby and Alfred Pick, recent holder of the Guy Drummond Scholarship, who is just back from France. The meeting will be held in Strathcona Hall, and will be open to all students interested, as well as members of the Group.

Mr. Bradby has served for two years as Secretary of the International Students' Service in England, and is at present a member of the International Staff engaged in the central office of the International Students' Service in Geneva. His visit presents an opportunity to McGill students to learn something about the different student and youth movements in the various European countries.

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coming to see  
you at 11.45  
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70 MCGILL COLLEGE AVENUE  
MONTREAL, October 13, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University,  
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept our thanks for your courtesy in receiving the writer so cordially this morning. I also wish to thank you for your courtesy in giving this matter your attention, and we appreciate with regret that you will be unable to co-operate financially in this important national work. We would, however, appreciate very highly, a short letter from you, which we could use in our educational campaign, which is being published under the heading of "Ourselves as others see us."

Thanking you sincerely, we are  
Sir,

Yours very truly,

THE MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF CANADA.

*H. Wisbrogg*

Business Manager.

HWB/SG.



COMMENTS FROM FAR & WIDE

Office of The Prime Minister  
Province of Quebec

I sincerely wish to congratulate you on this very nice issue, which I have read with great interest. A publication of that kind is very much needed at the present time, and I have no hesitancy in saying that, if well managed, it will render great services to our municipalities also to every one who is interested in public affairs in our province.

(Sgd) L. A. Taschereau.

General Manager of the Bank of  
Hochelaga.

I feel that you will render great services to those who are interested in the good administration of municipalities. You can give them the benefit of general experience regarding administration, accounting, finance and public works. I sincerely hope that your publication will be followed up very closely and that it will meet with all the success it deserves.

(Sgd) Beaudry L eman.

Dominion Government Good Roads  
Association

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 21st instant and also to express my thanks for copy of the new Review which I will be glad to peruse at the first available opportunity.

(Sgd) J. E. Perron.

Minister of Trade and Commerce

Am glad to note that you have taken over the management of The Municipal Review of Canada. This should provide a medium for your talents and I congratulate on its acquisition.

(Sgd) James A. Robb.

The Bureau of Municipal Affairs  
of Ontario.

I have noticed with some interest the first publication of "The Municipal Review of Canada." I shall be glad to see the work you are doing continue as your publication should prove a most valuable one to those interested in municipal affairs.

(Sgd) J.A. Ellis, Director.

Union of Quebec Municipalities  
Treasurer.

I am glad to hear that your revenue is doubled and trust that you will have a like success in "La Revue Municipale du Canada."

(Sgd) Charles F. Furse.



Pres. Union Quebec Municipalities  
Mayor of Outremont.

I wish your journal every success, which I shall read with great interest.

(Sgd) J. Beaubien.

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Alderman for the City of  
Montreal.

I wish you the best of success in your very important municipal venture.

(Sgd) J. O. Gareau.

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Minister of Agriculture

I think the publication you propose will render great services to the municipalities of this Province. It is to the advantage of the municipalities to co-operate with the idea of profiting of their knowledge and experience regarding the administration of public affairs, and your review will bring about better understanding between them on those public questions. I sincerely wish you every success.

(Sgd) J. E. Caron.

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Member of Quebec Liquor Commission  
Director Union Quebec Municipalities

I was very much delighted to read this publication. I think it is well edited and that the typographical appearance leaves nothing to desire. I wish you every success with this Review, which is most interesting.

(Sgd) E. Merrill Desaulniers.

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Office of Public Works  
Province of Quebec

I have received copy of "La Revue Municipale du Canada" which I have found very interesting. If I can be of assistance, I shall be glad to do it.

(Sgd) A. Galipeau.

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Department of Insurance  
Ottawa

I heartily commend your undertaking to devote a portion of your Municipal Review to the question of Insurance and I trust Fire Prevention.

(Sgd) G.D. Finlayson.

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New York Underwriters Agency  
Superintendent.

I have read your current issue with great interest and judging from the articles read I am sure your Fire Prevention number will be very instructive and a great help to those who read it.

(Sgd) H. A. Joselin.

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Province of Prince Edward Island  
P r e m i e r

I will be glad at all times to furnish you with any matter or information respecting the Province, and to give such letters of recommendation to the public, as your valuable publication is entitled to.

(Sgd) Colen H. Bell.

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Head of the Bureau of Statistics  
Province of Quebec

I am glad indeed to see that you are back in the Editor's Chair, and wish you every success.

(Sgd) G.E. Marquis.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics.  
Ottawa

I congratulate you sincerely on your appointment.

(Sgd) R.H. Coats.

The Province of British Columbia  
Inspector of Municipalities

I am pleased to note that you are taking charge of the Canadian Municipal Journal.

(Sgd) Robert Baird

Union of N.S. Municipalities  
Past Pres. Union Can. Municipalities

I sincerely hope that you will establish another paper that will serve the same purpose. Best wishes for your own personal welfare and success.

(Sgd) Arthur Roberts.

Office of the Mayor  
City of Ottawa.

I want to wish you all success in your enterprise.

(Sgd) F.H. Plant.

House of Commons - Canada.  
Ex Mayor - Toronto,

I wish you every success.

(Sgd) T. Church

Province of New Brunswick  
P r e m i e r

Thank you for the copy of your last issue, which I have looked over with much interest. Publications of this kind render excellent service to the municipalities. Such a publication will fill a want and I hope that success will attend your efforts.

(Sgd) W.E. Foster.

Senator - Ex Mayor for the  
City of NANAIMO, B.C.

I should like to join you in restoring the Journal to the useful place which it formerly occupied in Canada, and you have my very best wishes for success.

(Sgd) A.E. Planta.



October  
Twenty-fifth  
1922.

H. Wisely Bragg, Esq.,  
Business Manager,  
The Municipal Review of Canada,  
70 McGill College Avenue,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have read with great interest and advantage the last few numbers of The Municipal Review of Canada.

It seems to me that this publication must be highly valued by those particularly interested in civic government problems, and doubly valuable for those directly charged with civic administration. You are also to be congratulated upon the appearance, style and workmanship of The Review.

With all good wishes for continued success, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



November 15th, 1923.

Harry Bragg, Esq.,  
Managing Editor,  
The Municipal Review,  
70 McGill College Avenue,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Bragg:-

With reference to your letter of November 13th, I am informed that no official regulations have been received at the University regarding the flying of flags on Armistice Day.

I would suggest that if you require definite information you might apply to Major Neilson at the Headquarters of the Department of National Defence, Bishop Street.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



H. WISELY BRAGG, *Business Manager*

HARRY BRAGG, *Managing Editor*

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ing Municipalities in Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Will you be good enough to give me a lit-  
tle information on Military regulations.

As you know, His Majesty asked that all flags  
be at the mast head on Armistice Day. At St Lambert  
we had a ceremony at the Monument, and the flag was  
at the mast head, but a man rushed in, and put it at  
the half mast just before the programme began, and  
then ran it up to the head at the finish. I asked him  
why he did this, in view of the King's expressed wish,  
and he said that it was because we had a religious  
ceremony.

Will you kindly tell me if he was right.

Thanking you in advance,  
I am Dear Sir Arthur,  
Yours sincerely,

*Harry Bragg*  
Managing Editor



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118 Victoria Ave.,

St. Lambert, Oct. 23rd 1922.

Sir,

Knowing of your keen interest in a higher education for both men and women, I am writing to ask if I may have the privilege of a personal interview, in order to obtain your cooperation and permission to use your name, as a reference on the enclosed provisional prospectus.

During the eight years previous to my marriage, I had considerable success, as a teacher of Elocution and Speech Training, both in England and the United States, and am now anxious to continue my work here in Montreal.

While in England, I had the opportunity of organizing classes in Voice Production, and Public Speaking, for men who were studying either for the Bar, or the Church, and I feel certain that as a public speaker of note yourself, you will appreciate the value of such tuition in Montreal.

As Mr. Bragg has already had the pleasure of an interview with you in regard



to his own newspaper work, I am going to ask him to telephone and see if you can spare me a few moments of your valuable time.

I am, Sir Arthur,

Very truly yours,

*Ethel R. Bragg*

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.



\*Mrs. H. Wisely Bragg was born and educated in England, and completed a three year course of study at the Royal Albert School of Drama and Speech Training, London.

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\*Mrs. Bragg obtained First Class Diplomas as a Teacher of Elocution, Voice Production, and Public Speaking, and gained practical experience in some of the best schools in London, Brighton and Folkestone, before coming to the United States in 1915.

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\*After teaching at the Laurel School in Cleveland, O., she obtained an important position on the staff of the Winsor School, Boston, Mass., as a teacher of elocution, and a producer of school plays. In addition she was successful in originating a special course in elocution at the Boston School of Physical Education.

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\*As a result of her training and experience, Mrs. Bragg has made a special study of difficulties of breathing and articulation, and has had unqualified success in securing improvement of tone, and distinctness of speech.

.....

\*In professional drama, Mrs. Bragg has undertaken work under Sir F. R. Benson, Mr. Lyall Swete, Lewis Casson, Mr. Dion Titheradge and others, and has had considerable experience as a professional reciter, and a producer of plays for schools and private societies.

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ROYAL ALBERT HALL  
SCHOOL OF DRAMA AND ELOCUTION  
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This is to certify that

MISS ETHEL READ

(Mrs. H. Wisely Bragg)

Student of the

ROYAL ALBERT HALL SCHOOL

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elocution has been awarded a certificate  
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the examination and training.

(Signed) Dennis Eadie )  
R.R. Benson ) Examiners.  
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Dated at London, July 1911.

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Stage Craft and Production,  
Mr. R. Livingston Platt, Boston.



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Number Three House,  
Reedean School,  
Brighton, 11th Jan/15.

Miss Read has been mistress of Elocution and Voice Production at this school since September 1912. She has had weekly lessons for all the pupils in this school in classes from ten to fifteen in number, and smaller classes for pupils requiring more individual attention. She has given special care to defects of speech and accents.

She is a good disciplinarian and makes her lessons interesting, and has attained very good results in improving the reading aloud, pronunciation and correct breathing of all her pupils.

Individual cases of stammering, and of nervousness, have gained very much from her methods.

Her own reciting and dramatic powers are very good, and I feel sure if she had scope for teaching dramatic recitation she would attain as good results as she had done with the more technical and mechanical side of her subject.

She is high principled, zealous and loyal, much liked by both staff and pupils, for her many amiable personal qualities, and ready kindness and willingness to help in all emergencies, and to take her part in the general life of the school.

I most heartily wish her success.

(signed) Penelope Lawrence,  
M.A. Dublin, Late Assoc. Newham College  
Cambridge, Headmistress Reedean  
School, Brighton, England.



Boston, May 12th 1922.

Miss Ethel Read, now Mrs. E. Wisely Bragg, was for several years before her marriage, teacher of Diction in the Winsor School, Boston, Mass., of which I was at the time director.

Miss Read's work with us was very successful and very varied. Besides teaching reading, speaking and phonetics to the regular classes in all our grades, she gave private lessons in voice placing etc., to many individual pupils in need of special help. She also coached several plays very successfully each year.

Mrs. Bragg is well equipped. She brings to her professional work, a well trained voice, expert knowledge, successful experience and enthusiasm.

I hope she may have an opportunity to continue it in the future.

(signed) Mary Pickard Winsor,

Ex-Director,

The Winsor School,

Boston.



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Boston School of Physical Education,

Boston, Sept. 27th 1922.

We take great pleasure in endorsing Mrs. Bragg as a most competent teacher of diction. While with us we felt that our students were getting valuable exercises in voice production, and that in spite of the large classes which we were forced to give Mrs. Bragg to teach, the results were remarkably satisfactory.

Apart from her technical ability she has a personality and spirit which makes her delightful to co-operate with.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Marguerite Sanderson,  
president.

Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

"..... I can very strongly recommend Mrs. Bragg for voice production, corrective work, reading, etc."

(Signed) Ethel Huribatt,  
Warden.

22 St. Matthew Street,  
Montreal,

"I have heard Mrs. H. Wisely Bragg recite, and take much pleasure in saying that in my opinion she is one of the best reciters in Canada, and teacher of same.

"Her style represents the very best English traditions of our elocutionary school.

(signed) Merlin Davies.



## DRAMATIC ROLES TAKEN BY MRS. BRAGG

### CHARACTER

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Diana,	Diana of Dobson's at Three Arts Club, London.
Minor part,	Charity Revue, Actors Ass'n, His Majesty's Theatre London
Minor part,	Atalanta in Calydon, Lyceum Theatre, London.
Minor parts,	Shakespearean Plays in the F.R. Benson Company, Notting Hill Gate, London.
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Miss Gesseltine,	The Single Man, with the "Amateurs" Brookline, Mass.
Mrs. Higgins,	Pygmalion, Amateurs, Brookline.
Elisa (understudy)	Pygmalion, Amateurs.
Chee Moo,	The Yellow Jacket, The Amateurs, Brookline and Art Museum, Boston.
Helena,	Helena's Husband, Amateurs.
Mother,	Dayspring, with the 47 Workshop Harvard University, Mass.
Mina Hensky,	The Stranger, 47 Workshop.
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Princess Rubatin,	Soiree on the Neva, Community Players.
Wiona,	Nansamah, Community Players.

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The Community Players, Montreal.



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McGill University.

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Merlin Davies Esq.,  
22 St. Matthew Street.





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Dear Dr Douglas,

Many thanks for  
your kind invitation to lunch  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. Possibly  
the 4<sup>th</sup> may be more convenient  
& I accept with pleasure  
for that date.

Yours sincerely  
W. B. Saunders.



10 January 1938

My dear Mr. Brasted,

Under separate cover the Registrar will send you a copy of the announcement concerning Fellowships and Scholarships available for students seeking entrance to the Graduate School. I am afraid that none are offered in your special subject. If you wish to pursue the matter further, I suggest that you write to Dr. Macmillan, Head of the Department of English, because you would have to seek entrance to the Graduate School through that Department.

I hope that you will be successful in finding the assistance which you seek, either here or elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

F. K. Brasted, Esq.,  
14 Benedict Place,  
Pelham, New York.

Scholarships Ann sent ✓  
L.R.



**F. KENNETH BRASTED**

**14 BENEDICT PLACE  
DELHAM, NEW YORK**

January 8th, 1938

The President  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to give me some information concerning fellowships and scholarships at your university?

In May of this year I expect to receive my M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. This will be a significant point in what I feel has been an excellent academic and experiential career to date. With your permission, sir, I will very briefly review it for you.

The University of Florida granted me a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, in 1935. While there I majored in Speech and Speech Education and in Mathematics, with minors in Education and French. In my senior year I was an assistant in the Speech Department, teaching a course in Fundamentals and directing the Freshman Debating.

Following graduation I taught successfully (from the points of view of the administration, students, and community) Speech and Mathematics in the Ocala High School, Ocala, Florida.....founding the Speech Department there.

I am now at Teachers College, as I was in the summers of 1936 and 1937. Here I am continuing my major in Speech and Speech Education. Following the reception of my degree in May, I want to go on immediately for a Ph.D. I should like to continue my work in the Speech area but would be more than willing to work out my doctorate in Education, Rhetoric, or some other available field. Having been raised here in Pelham, educated in the West and South, and having travelled extensively in Canada, I feel it would be wonderful if I could get my Ph.D. from your institution.

I think that my record justifies my applying to you for a fellowship, scholarship, or assistantship at McGill. Of course, without such aid I cannot further pursue my education next fall. As a Christian (Roman Catholic) gentleman, aged twenty-six, and a native American, can I receive this needed assistance from you?

Very sincerely yours,

FKB/.

*F. Kenneth Brasted*



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

11th February 1937

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th February.

The University will be very glad to welcome the eight  
Brazilian engineers whom you mention, if we know when to expect them.

Would you note that McGill University is in  
Montreal? In case the engineers should be under any  
misapprehension perhaps you would inform them accordingly?

Yours sincerely,

L. S. Rowe, Esq.,  
Director General,  
Pan American Union,  
WASHINGTON. D.C.

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
PAN AMERICAN UNION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 8, 1937.

RECEIVED FEB 11 1937

My dear Mr. President:

The Brazilian Government has sent to the United States eight engineers who are on their way to California. They expect to go to Toronto some time within the next two weeks for the purpose of visiting McGill University.

I will deeply appreciate any courtesies extended to them.

Very cordially yours,

L. S. Rowe,  
Director General.

President, McGill University,  
Toronto,  
Canada.



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
L. W. DOUGLAS

April 2, 1938

My dear Consul General,

Thank you for your courtesy in sending the  
copy of the New Constitution of the United States of Brazil.

Yours very sincerely,

Sr. Paranhos da Silva,  
Consul General of Brazil,  
Brazilian Consulate,  
MONTREAL.

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BRAZILIAN CONSULATE

Montreal, April 2sd, 1938.

Principal of the McGill University  
Sherbrooke Str. West.  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the  
New Constitution of the United States of Brazil which I  
have the pleasure to present to the University.

Cordially yours,

Paranhos da Silva  
(Consul General of Brazil)



Dear Sir:

It gives us great pleasure in sending you this copy of the New Constitution of the United States of Brazil. It is our sincere desire and hope, in so doing, to acquaint you with our laws and bring about a better understanding of the problems and needs of our Country.

Very cordially yours,

The Executive Offices of the  
President of the United States  
of Brazil.



Jean Charlemagne Pracy.



LES OMBRAGES  
KEENE, N.H.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 1930

To Sir Arthur Clesvie with  
his brave followers, from the  
Bois de Beauport, down the  
Gouffre out of my dear Combrin

Dear Sir Arthur,

On a short visit to some  
Montreal doctors, I called upon you  
but to find you away. I wanted  
to assure the deliverer of Combrin  
not only of my high regards  
for his educational work in my  
dear M<sup>rs</sup> Gill, but of my abiding



affection and gratitude for the  
General who delivered our loved  
city. On a former occasion I sent  
you a copy of my volume,  
L'Évolution en Canada - français, but  
with the dedication, the misleading  
mark of a check of Plou, clinimote,  
because it was incorrect, too prosaic  
and it demotivated me. I send you  
this day a copy of the same book  
with a corrected dedication to cover  
the faulty one.

Wishing you continued success  
in the dear Alma Mater, I remain

Very sincerely Yours,

Jean-Charles Bray



Key

This was "a young graduate " of the age of 80.

He wanted particularly to see you because he said he was a native of Cambrai. He now lives in New Hampshire and writes books about French Canada, etc. He was a professor of Romance Languages in Vassar.



May 31st, 1930.

M. Jean Charlemagne Braeçq,  
Les Ombrages,  
Keene, N. H.

My dear Mr. Braeçq, -

I am extremely disappointed that I was not in the office the other day when you did me the honour of calling, because I always enjoy your visits.

I am sorry to learn that you have not been well lately and I hope that soon you will have fully recovered.

Please accept my warmest thanks for the volume of L'Evolution du Canada Francais in which you have honoured me greatly by dedicating the volume to me. You have been altogether too kind, but I am deeply grateful.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, - and particularly do I wish your early return to good health, -

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.



The  
**Graduates' Society of McGill University**

Publishers of "The McGill News"



9th October, 1931.

COPY FOR SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.

Jean Charlemagne Bracq, Esq.,  
Les Ombrages,  
Keene,  
New Hampshire.

Dear Mr. Bracq,-

I have received from the Principal a message concerning your kind offer to speak on the subject of McGill and Cambrai to the Graduates of McGill.

We hope that we shall have an occasion when the Graduates are gathered together during the coming winter when we will look forward to taking advantage of the opportunity which you have afforded us.

Unfortunately it is now too late to arrange this to take place during the Graduates' Reunion next week as the Programme has been filled to overflowing already.

Thanking you on behalf of the Graduates for the suggestion which you conveyed to the Principal.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

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**REUNION OF MCGILL ALUMNI**

**OCTOBER 14, 15, 16, 17, -1931**



October 8th, 1931.

Jean Charlemagne Bracq, Esq.,  
Les Ombrages,  
Keene,  
New Hampshire.

I have received your very kind letter of October 5th and cordially reciprocate the hope that we may meet next week. It will be a pleasure to see you once more. I appreciate very much the kind things you say about McGill; she needs all the support possible in these depressing times.

The Graduates' Society, I may say, are taking complete charge of all the arrangements and programme for Reunion Week, and I know that everything was in final order some time ago, but I shall tell them about your suggestion.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal



LES OMBRAGES

KEENE, N.H.

October 6th 1931

To Sir Arthur Currie  
McGill University, Montreal

Dear Sir Arthur,

I hope next week to spend  
a little time with our men,  
and to be present at your banquet.  
I never felt more grateful to  
my Alma Mater than now.  
Were you wishing so to do



I would be very happy to  
speak to our friends on the  
subject of M: Gill and Cambria  
two world centers close to my  
heart.

Hoping to see you next week,  
I remain, dear liberator of my  
loved Cambria's,

Yours very sincerely  
Jean Charlemyre Bracy