

September
Twentieth
1921.

Mrs. H. Walter,
Elgin Road,
L'Islet Co., Que.

Dear Mrs. Walter:-

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and to thank you for the information therein contained.

I have been the victim of misrepresentations on so many occasions that I can well understand your feelings. I shall not hesitate to correct the false impressions to which you refer.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am at the outcome of recent events in your neighbourhood and I hope the atmosphere will soon be cleared.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Elgin Road.

Co. Islet.

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To Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal of Mc Gill University

Dear Sir Arthur,

In an address you gave to the Mc Gill Women's Union last winter you did us - the wives of the members of the staff - the honour of calling us partners in Mc Gill. In view of this therefore I take the liberty of calling your attention to some facts which otherwise would not come to your knowledge. As former Commander in Chief of the Canadian Armies as well as Principal of Mc Gill University the war records of my husband's and my own family will be of interest to you particularly as my husband's patriotism has been attacked. Fr Walter told you, I think, about his brother who defended the neutrality of Switzerland during the war and of his other brother a minister in Geneva. There remains, however, in his family two nephews, sons of another older brother,

an organist in Edinburgh who died about thirty years ago. These boys were born in Edinburgh, their English mother dying soon after their father they were brought up in London, England by their mother's sister. At the outbreak of war the elder - Karl Walter, a journalist attached to the Kansas City Star left his wife and child to go to London, England to enlist in the army, leaving his wife to provide the bread and butter by her own journalistic efforts. Arrived in London he was declared physically unfit for the army but was eventually sent to the U. S. A. as a member of a secret mission giving information with regard to the ^{justification of the} Allies Cause to the American Government, and also supplying that Government with information as to the attitude of their middle west. In short one of the missions that helped the American Government to understand the situation and finally line up with the Allies.

This meant many trips across the Atlantic at the height of the submarine warfare.

Since the Armistice Karl Waller has been using his pen in London to foster good feeling between the peoples of the United States and those of the British Empire.

The younger nephew Wilfred Waller, an artist in London, married, with two children, joined a Sanitary Corps at the outbreak of the war so as to get busy at once. He later changed into the Artillery and during the last years of the war he served as Captain of a Howitzer Corps in France in the Imperial Army.

(My husband's sister is married to a German - a misfortune we share with the Royal Family as well as with others connected with Mr. Gill. Of this marriage there is one child - a daughter, her father being long

past military age ~~at the~~ during the war,
as to my own family's record.
I had two brothers. The elder,

H. F. Seymour M.D (London) M.Ch (Edin), married,
with three children, served in the Royal Navy,
first at Haslar Naval Hospital, then at
Coburne where he helped to stamp out
an epidemic of broncho-pneumonia among
the Naval Cadets there. Finally he joined
his ship in the North Sea - H.M.S. "Furious",
one of the "Hull" boats built during the war.
He is now practising at 5 Pavilion Parade,
Brighton, England. I may add that this
brother is known to Dr. Henri Rafeur of
Montreal who attended him for tuberculosis
of the lungs while he was staying with us
in 1915. It was after his return to
England cured, that he was taken into
the Royal Navy after submitting to a
severe physical test which he and
his medical examiners knew risked the
opening up of the newly healed scars on

his lungs.

My younger brother W. P. Seymour lies in France near Bellecourt where he fought with the Honourable Artillery Company, leaving a widow and a little boy whom my husband has undertaken to educate in his father's place.

During the session 1914-15, my husband was acting Dean while Dr. Hoyle was on a year's leave of absence. This did not prevent him from joining the C. C. I. C., + faithfully and regularly carrying on his training. When told at the end of a year that his age and defective eyesight made him useless for active service in the army he was a bitterly disappointed man.

My small part was to organise in October 1914 the Mc Gill Women's Union and serve as its first President.

After reading this letter you will I am sure understand how intense must be

our indignation at the insult that
has been offered us and by Mc Gill University
by the circulation of false statements
with regard to us and our loyalty -
statements without the shadow of a
foundation in reality but are the result
of either fanciful imaginings or
deliberate malice - perhaps both.

I have written you this letter without
my husband's knowledge, as a member
of the Mc Gill Women's Union, feeling
sure you would be grateful for any
information with regard to those on the
staff of the University.

Any of the statements I have made can
be verified should you wish it.
Apologizing for having taken up so
much of your valuable time,

I remain

yours sincerely

Lilian M. Walter.

7
May
Thirteenth
1921.

Dr. H. Walter,
Department of Modern Languages,
Arts Building.

Dear Dr. Walter:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 12th and beg to thank you for the suggestions regarding arrangements that it is possible to make for the Modern Language Department for the session 1921-22.

This matter will receive the consideration of the Finance Committee within the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES.

Thursday, May the twelfth, 1921

Sir Arthur Currie, LL. D.
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

When some time ago the Faculty of Arts requested the Departments to state what additions to the teaching-staff they required for next session I expressed the opinion that we should, in Modern Languages, require a full-time professor. I have since gone into the question again, and have been able to make arrangements, which, if approved by the authorities, will result in a considerable saving to the University, at least for next year.

Professor Lambert will allow himself to be draughted over to the French side of the Department for a number of hours provided he is relieved of a corresponding number of lectures on the German side. This relief can be given by Miss Meyer, who during last session acted as Sessional Lecturer in German doing from four to five hours a week at a remuneration of \$450 for the session.

With this in view I ask the Board of Governors to appoint Miss B. Meyer Lecturer in German at a salary of \$1500.

Miss Meyer is well qualified to undertake this work. She has

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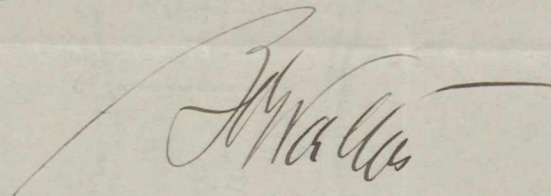
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taught a First Year German Class (Course 2) with excellent results; she is one of our best Language Graduates of the past ten or twelve years, obtaining her B. A. with First Class Honours in English and German in 1920, and will today receive her M. A. in German Language and Literature. I may add that Miss Meyer wrote the best M. A. thesis presented this year, regarding which the examiners agreed that it had reached a standard somewhere between the M. A. and the Ph. D. degrees.

I suppose I ought to disarm any possible criticism on the score of nationality by stating that Miss Meyer was born in Canada, and that she and her family were thoroughly British in sentiment during the War.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Wallace", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.