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The Worcester State Hospital

Box 57.

Worcester Mass. U. S. C.

Saturday night
June 16th 1923

To

General Sir Arthur Currie

Principal of McGill University

Montreal P. Q.

Canada

Sir,

I trust you ^{will} excuse the liberty I have taken in corresponding with you direct instead of asking our McGill ^{doctor} to do so, on my behalf. In 1892 I had to get a passport enabling me, as a schoolgirl, to travel via Paris, France to Geneva (Switzerland) where I was sent for a year to study music and French. At that time Europe was alive with nihilists and I was told very clearly, I must produce one on arrival at the Station in Geneva to show I was no spy the day I landed. Lord Robert Gladstone endorsed my passport and it is amongst two of my greatest worldly possessions.

Last year I wrote in May asking my mother to sign a paper giving my youngest married sister permission to go to a small wooden oak box to get out my passport and two original stamps with newspaper cutting. She was so furious with me calling herself, her child and daring to offer you this gift in the name of "a City Charwoman", that she tore the forms to shreds and burnt them! For weeks I had letters of abuse, but as she is so dead set against helping me, I

mean to sting, hit the pride of all my relations.

I have lived from Sept. 29th 1913 to April 26th 1923 in dear Old Montreal
pursuing my living in all sorts of ways and methods, to know first
hand what Canadians really do!

How you may enjoy a good laugh at some of your own Mr.
Gill Boz. I came across mine, the very first house I went into
in Westmount was 388 Peel Avenue. The Rev. Fowler and
his sweet charming wife crossed on the S.S. Canada and I had
the joy of lending Mr. Gill's Librarian my hot water bottles for
"When the Church at times throws up," but scarcely will own up
to it!

1922 I went back to that house and many a jolly
good laugh I have had over that, for I went as a City Char-
woman and knew the house from top to bottom, as a guest.
A woman was called to the Tuns of Port Oct. 1922, a woman
was called to the Courts of ^{the} St. Lawrence for I can claim the ex-
tra-ordinary honour of polishing Sir Francis de June (Judge Wright's)
golf stick bag. I actually cleaned his brother's office on my knees
and knees, as a City Charwoman and he never recognized me, as
the nurse he landed me Sunday a.m. 1915 into the Alexandria
Hospital! Dr. Wright is the best doctor I worked for in
Canada and I call it one of the best jokes as Mr. Gill and The
Bar; I can tell! ("I am glad my Father did not think it necessary
for me to learn later to take a social stand in my life!")

I have again asked my mother to sign the paper releasing my trea-
sures to offer to you should you care to accept my passport?
I want to find a Scholarship to Captain Gordon Blackader and

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felt I might put the matter direct to you personally, on paper.
I leave it to you to think the following over - By giving you this pass-
port in my lifetime I do away with all death dues and as I need
none for my hereafter, "As I am a man on the Square with a
pickaxe and shovel and a cow broom presented to me by an officer
of the Dust, Sweep, Clean and Reform (D.S.C.R.)! I would like
should you feel, people cared to buy, to have a photograph
taken and reproduced of this, to raise funds for a scholarship
in memory of dear Dr. Blackader's Son -

I have chosen to perpetuate his memory, as I was messenger for
the Draw of the Faculty of Medicine Christmas 1916.

Dr. Blackader visited about 10.30 a.m. ^{Dec. 25th} told my patient how
that morning he had crept up stairs into his little grandchild's
nursery & saw the child playing with her toys. (We, nurses
generally do wrong and her nurse had turned on the light!)
I shall never forget the gleam and look of delight in Dr. Black-
ader's eyes of how he described the child and her toys.

It was my privilege always to bring the Draw in a pot of
Gosnell's made hot tea and he always used to turn to me and
say, "Is this for me, nurse, thank you very much, but you should
not go to all this trouble on my account."

He rose to leave and my thoughtless heartless well the patient
said, "nurse just show the doctor what the Kakhidea que have
sent me as my Christmas card for giving a cheque of 250⁰⁰,"

I picked up a horrible photo of a Soldier wounded and never to my
dying day shall I forget that act of cruelty to that poor old man
McMillan. He dears welled up into Dr. Blackader's eyes and
he bowed his head and dropped the photographs on to the
^{ground} ~~ground~~ ^{left the room at once}. I purposefully rode on it hoping to deface the photo.
It was the height of cruelty, for that poor kind hearted courteous
Canadian had just lost his boy at the front and my last
brother fell as a gunner, a few months afterwards.

Dr. Blackader is to my mind the essence of a courteous grand
old Canadian McMillan medical man, and his reverence was
united to me when working for him. I never saw his son, or
knew him, but that uncharitable act makes me feel I should
like to perpetuate his son's memory in a practical way.

I beg pardon have no objection to my broaching his Majesty
King George, in the right channels to offer his signatures to my
passport for I claim to be a fellow Shrewsbury and what no Canadian
yet can be, the daughter of a very near of the Goldsmith Company.
The King is not only a Goldsmith, but a very man too!

As I have waited years to get level with my own kith and
kin, I will play for the highest stakes any woman ever did
for I was in His late Father's etc. employ at the time of his death
and in 1920, I was made "a General" by an officer of the W.S.P.R.
I hold a Canadian Grenadier Guards tunic, pants and Cap and
these go in memory of a Canadian Tommy for you one day told me
"don't we forget" and as Admiral Smiles of H.M.C.S. was that
a Senior Nurse man will meet me at Liverpool and accompany
me with my kith and kin to Buckingham Palace -

3) my contribution to her. Wade's floral tribute was refused by my fellow workers and I vowed vengeance on their unkindness to me. A dollar meant a lot to me to give, but to women who made a laughing stock of me, I will sever my gun and ask the Hon. Col. of Her Majesty's Grenadier Guards to accept my Cap and accompany me in person to Honour & redeem T. B. C. Tenney from Charlotte Town. P. E. I. He can't refuse me on these grounds,
I, As a Englishman, a Cockney. (A Bloke, you will say!)
II As a daughter of ~~the~~ every man of the Gold Smith Company
III As a Skimmer! That is my war time honour and no ribbons.

There is a scholarship at Quiz founded for the sole purpose to help any poor student to come to Quiz to receive that school to be a doctor.

By very strict economy, I can manage to raise money enough to pay all my expenses over to Blegby in 1925 and keep myself for 2 months. I have been told by mother refuses to give me a bed, so I shall have to get some friend to find me a cheap bedroom in London in which to live as Christ's Rag & Bone man. I mean to believe at the same time telling my country folk Real Solid facts and go, one better than all the Immigration officers. "Canada as She is"

I hope you will realize that I owe the greatest debt of gratitude to dear Dr. Deane P. Anderson 100 Park Avenue Montreal P. Q. For he so like my mother, he told me my faults to my face, as it is only my true friends who really do this! If such is the truth

all I can say, is mine erudition in Canada!

No doubt you may feel after this letter, and offer of my passport in my lifetime, I ought to give you a reference -

The only two I can feel may be of any use to you are

The Rev. Herbert Victor Fieker

Curate of Christ Church Cathedral

The Chapter House

Montreal P.Q.

and

Dr. Frank Tooke M.D.

369 Mountain Street

Montreal P.Q. Canada.

I intend to have a paper properly made out, so that should I die my passport goes direct to Mc Gill University to raise funds for Captain Gordon Blackader -

May I ask, as the Sole donor, may I claim the privilege of naming the two trustees who will handle all monies resulting from the sale of my passport?

Naturally I can only remember the lying ^I Dr. Duncan Anderson, (I think the world of him as a medical man, for in free time I did several things, I asked Dr. W. J. Hamilton after he gave me a prescription, a tonic, if he would mind my going at once to see Dr. Anderson. He asked me why, because I said, "he does me so much good and I think he is the top of the tree in medicine in Montreal!" Dr. Hamilton only nodded & smiled. I never knew till afterwards he is the leading physician! I had Dr. Hamilton's pres. made up, but took 3 bottles of Duromin got well. My second trustee is Dr. Frank Tooke, my oculist - a very cheap surgeon! -

I soon complete my twenty nine years active service, as a nurse -
Only one man in my life has ever charged me a fee for services
rendered and being a Mc Gill man, I feel tickled to death to
hold a accepted bill from him for professional services rendered.
If you want to know, who he is, get a ticket and a sleep
on the C.P. Reg and get off at medicine Hat and you will find
your Mc Gill Boy there!

I mean to throw into practice a Soldier's Sermon Sept. 19th 1915
and for my sacrament did they cash 10/6 and offer me old duds
for sale with that accepted bill included. I shall put a
reserve price on that bill for a nurse claims the privilege
of a medical man's attention free.

Goose never finds Goose, but I happened to land on Michaelmas
day, Sept. 29th and I sleep fed a Mc Gill Gander!

Yours Sir

Yours truly

~~Miss Gabriel~~

late of Rebels

Leigham Court Road

Sleafham S.W. Surrey London E

70 Margaret Street Cavendish Square W. London

England

Do you think that Sir Francis de Jeune who finally rose to
being Lord St. Helier, one of our most eminent men at the
Bench will give me one day a pipe to put into our precious
Museum in Judge's Hospital with his signature affixed.
I showed him the bag after having polished it up as best I
could and he smiled and answered, yes, very well indeed.
I have never done for men in all stations of life, and if ever I get
into a mess I hope Judge Troughton will find my bail for me $2\frac{3}{4}$
Between you and me, he could very well join your French class!

Telephone Belair 3507

Gagner

119 Villeneuve St., West,
Montreal.-

Montreal, February 21st, 1924.-

General Sir Arthur Currie., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,

595, Sherbrooke Street, West.

Montreal.

Sir:-

I am writing to ask if you would kindly give the attached form your earnest consideration and, if agreeable, to sign and return to me at your convenience.

The object in view is to group Forty (40) of the best available musicians in this City, who are ready and willing to give their time and services without payment, and to give a Series of Six (6) Orchestral Symphonic Concerts, Two (2) each month starting in March, with the idea of gaining the feeling of the public for a larger organization next year, an organization that will be worthy of Montreal.

Publicity and help has already been promised by the Press and these Concerts would be given under the auspices of the different Societies and Clubs such as, "Kiwanis", "Rotary", "Lions", "Womens Canadian", "Knights of Columbus" and others.

The above is to try and encourage the largest possible interest in every way to Symphonic Music and at the same time assure success.

The estimated cost of these Concerts would be about Seven Hundred (700) Dollars each and from the experience gained from the Concerts given by the Band of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, where with poor management the receipts amounted to about Six Hundred (600) Dollars, I feel sure that this present organization can and will prove a success.

However, as the musicians are devoting their time free and as music is their living, they could not pay any loss, therefore, I am asking about ^{One hundred} ~~forty (40)~~ prominent citizens to help as guarantors should there be any loss.

In the event of these Concerts turning in a profit, such money would be distributed amongst the musicians as remuneration for their services.

So far, my plan has been endorsed by General F.S. Meighen, Sir H. Vincent Meredith, Bt., F.E. Meredith, K.C., Sir Hormidas Laporte, Lady Drummond and others.

My aim is also to prove that such an enterprise as this can be made essentially a CANADIAN one, and that amongst our own musicians there is enough talent to form an Orchestra of the very highest class and, with the support of the public at all times, it can, in a few years be compared with any visiting Orchestra whether from the United States or elsewhere.

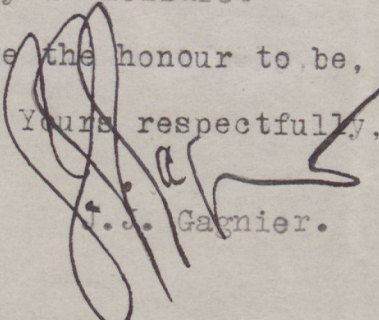
As a rule these Orchestras are composed almost entirely of foreigners, therefore positions, encouragement, and money goes to people who have no interest whatsoever in our

Country, while our own men, absolutely as good musicians, are practically starving and mostly from want of encouragement.

Therefore, I would esteem it a very great favour if you could help me with this project, and should you desire to see the endorsements of the parties mentioned or wish for any more information I am at your leisure.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours respectfully,



J.J. Garnier.

In consideration of the object and aim of a Series of Six-Concerts to be given by an Orchestra which shall be known by the name of..... as explained by J.J. Gagnier, (Organizer and Conductor) and fully understood by me, I do hereby agree, that should the Concerts prove a loss, I will protect and pay a sum, up to and including, but not more than ONE HUNDRED (100) Dollars, on the complete Series of Six-Concerts.

It is also understood that I will only be called upon to pay my proportion of the loss, if any, on the whole Series of Concerts, such proportion being based on the total number of Guarantors at ONE HUNDRED (100) Dollars each.

It is further understood and agreed that expenses are to be kept at a minimum and that after each Concert I am to receive a full statement of receipts and disbursements.

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F. G. GALE

WATERVILLE, P. Q.
CANADA

March 31, 1921.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Your favour of the 4th ultimo
came promptly to hand.

It has taken some time to find
out the position of things with the Ross School
at Lennoxville. However, I believe the following
is correct. Mr. Wilkinson at the head of the
Preparatory School finally visited Mr. Ross in
Montreal and represented to him that the calls
of the R. C. Bishop and Priests at the School
at different times were interfering with its
work. Mr. Ross promised to stand by the School.
Whether this is final or for this year I do
not know but will likely see Mr. Wilkinson be-
fore long. I might say that at the time I called
upon you Mr. B. C. Howard of Sherbrooke assured
me that he had visited the School in the interests
of the Wales Home and that the property had been
offered to the R. C. people which their repeated
visits would appear to confirm. I will let you
know if there is anything new or final regarding
this School.

I remain

Sincerely yours,

F. G. Gale

November 24, 1939

Dear Mr. Gales,

It is so very kind of you to suggest that we should lunch together and I only wish it were possible for me to do so. Unfortunately, however, I am going away on the night of the 30th, travelling west to talk to the Graduates Society. As you can imagine, the amount of work incidental to cleaning up is so heavy that every moment of my time is occupied from now on. Thank you very, very much for thinking of it. I am so sorry I cannot accept.

Ever truly yours

D. Lorne Gales, Esq.
275 St. James St. W.
MONTREAL. Q.

75
August
Twenty-fifth
1921

Rev. A. Galley,
Vankleek Hill, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th addressed to Sir Arthur Currie, Principal of this University, with reference to a position for your son, John Galley.

Sir Arthur is at present in England, but is expected to return to Montreal early in September. I shall then bring your letter to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

September
Twelfth
1921.

Dr. R. F. Ruttan,
Chemistry Building.

Dear Dr. Ruttan:-

I am enclosing herewith
letter which I have received from the
Rev. A. Galley, father of John Galley who
graduated in Science a year ago.

Do you know of any way in
which this boy might be helped.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

75-
B.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

Dear Madam,-

Upon my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your letter of May 26th.

I have not yet taken over the duties of Principal of McGill University, but in the meantime I have written to Dr. Adams, the Vice Principal, and have asked him to communicate further with you.

Yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Mrs. Anna M. Galway,
46 Leonard Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont.

E.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

Dear Dr. Adams, -

I am forwarding herewith a letter from Mrs. Anna Galway. Will you please see if her wishes can be met?

In acknowledgment of its receipt I have told Mrs. Galway that she might expect to receive a further communication from you.

Yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor

Prof. Frank D. Adams,
McGill University,
Montreal,
P.Q.

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

14 June 1938

Dear Miss Cannon,

Your letter of the 9th June to Sir Edward Beatty,
has been referred to this office for reply.

I think there are only two places in the University
where dietitians are employed, at Douglas Hall and at the Royal
Victoria College. I know that there are no vacancies at present
at either residence. There are residences at Macdonald College
also, and I believe there are no openings, but it might do no
harm for you to file an application with the Secretary, Mr. T.F. Ward.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary

Miss Elizabeth B. Cannon,
1923 Dorchester Street West,
MONTREAL. QUE.

THE CHANCELLOR



MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

14th June, 1938.

Mrs. D. MacMurray,
Secretary to the Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mrs. MacMurray,-

I am sending you herewith copy of a
letter which Sir Edward has received from Miss
Elizabeth B. Gannon.

You will know what sort of a reply
to make to her. I have also sent a copy to the
officers of our Steamship Company.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. B. Bell", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Secretary to the Chancellor.

c o p y

1923 Dorchester Street West,
Montreal, 9th June, 1938.

Sir Edward Beatty,
1286 Pine Avenue West,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,-

As I am looking for a position as a dietitian, I would ask you to be kind enough to advise me if employment could be obtained on the large boats of your Company or at McGill University, if not, where I could find same.

I have all my diplomas and can furnish the best of references.

Awaiting a favourable reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Elizabeth B. Gannon.