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MONTREAL, September 13, 1923.

No. 350

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

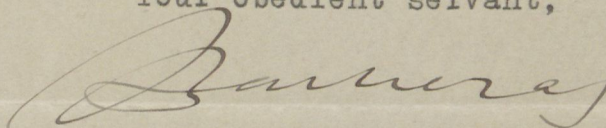
Sir:-

I beg to communicate to you hereunder text of a
cablegram received from the Rector of the University of Athens,
Greece, and I should be very greatly obliged if you would give
this matter your sympathetic consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A. Macheras)
Acting Consul General of Greece.

TEXT OF CABLE:

" The University of Athens, deeply moved by the bombard-
" ment, invasion and massacre of the innocent victims of
" Corfu, warmly appeals to the Universities, the cradles
" of Civilization, demanding their help for the defence
" of the Rights and Freedom of nations, so flagrantly
" violated. "

RECTOR PAPPOULIAS.

September 14th, 1923.

A. Macheras, Esq.,
Consul General of Greece,
99 St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of September 13th
containing text of cable from the Rector of
the University of Athens has just been received.

Sir Arthur Currie is at present
absent from Montreal, but immediately upon his
return, about the latter part of next week, your
letter will be brought to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

sent
Calendar.

MRS. R. J. GREEN

62 Shady Avenue

Lowville, — New York

Dear Sir;

Would you put this in
the hands of some one who
could send me literature
concerning the Gill
University? Our local
club are studying Canada
this year and I am to
have a paper on
Education in Canada for

February 28 And up to the
Minute literature concerning
such looking here in the
states any thing you people
could send men from your
university in way of pamphlets
etc would be much
appreciated.

Sincerely

Mrs R. G. Green.

Louvillle

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New York

U.S.A.



The
MANOIR RICHELIEU

at MURRAY BAY
Province of Quebec, Canada August 7, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, QUE.

My dear Sir Arthur,

It is needless to say that among the many, many letters and telegrams of congratulation which I received, none gave Maud and me more pleasure than yours of the 1st of August, which is before me as I write and which I received only on my return from Gaspé on Saturday night. It is just such a letter as I would expect from one who has throughout given such pronounced evidence of friendly kindness to me and mine.

I know you will pardon a brief note from me as I have many to write. Maud joins me in the expression of our warmest thanks to you and your dear wife for your kind remembrance of us. When I see you, perhaps I will be able to tell you better personally how grateful we are.

Hoping that you have passed a pleasant summer and that all is well with you and yours, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Pennington

Principal Moynihan

Personal

March 13th,
1936

My dear Chief Justice,

It was very kind of you to write that charming note referring to my small contribution to the pleasant dinner of the Junior Bar which we attended on Tuesday.

I am afraid that the term "a veritable classic" might be regarded as a euphemism for a chestnut as there was nothing but the old stuff that I rehashed for the young men. Still I suppose that is not wholly a useless thing from time to time.

I appreciate very much your kind letter.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable R.A.E. Greenshields,
Chief Justice, The Superior Court,
Chief Justice's Chambers,
The Court House, Montreal. Que.



Chief Justice's Chambers

March 11th, 1936.

My dear Principal :-

Someone once said, "A little letter now and then is relished by the greatest men"; another added, "A rose to the living is better than a wreath to the dead". All this would suggest that if we were a little more generous in our gifts of praise, where deserved, and less unkindly critical, this world would probably be happier.

I cannot refrain from telling you how much I enjoyed your talk to the Junior Bar last night. It was, as the exuberant and somewhat vociferous young man of the law, who thanked you, styled it, "a veritable classic", both in form and substance; your deliverance left nothing to be desired.

In the presence of so many who were not McGill Alumni I was, indeed, proud of McGill's Principal. It is kind of you, midst the work that is so pressing upon you, to give of your time, as you did last night.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

W. R. French

Principal Morgan,
McGill University,
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February 5, 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your kind letter of February 1st, about calling a little group for preliminary meeting with which I might meet to outline the plans for the Montreal effort of the Grenfell Endowment in May.

I note with regret that your own duties at the University and those of Dr. Adams, make it impracticable for you to endeavor to call together some people for this preliminary conference. Be assured that we deeply appreciate your willingness to speak with some other men in the effort to have them undertake this matter.

In this connection I would suggest that when Mr. Elias, representing Dr. Grenfell, canvassed the situation in Montreal some months ago, he reported among others interested the following as being most enthusiastically so -

Mr. A.B. Mackenzie
Mr. E.H. Beatty
Mr. R. Reford
Mr. C.J. Fleet, Sr.

Unfortunately, I do not know the influence and standing of any of these men, they being strangers to me. Therefore I am not competent to determine which, if any of them, would be the proper source of influence for getting together a preliminary group for me to meet. You, however, would know them and I am passing their names on to you, thinking that you might care to ask one or more of these gentlemen to aid in calling the group together.

Very cordially yours,

CPK:D

Cyrus P. Keen

February 21, 1921.

Miss S. Macfarlan,
Honorary-Treasurer,
Montreal Branch, Labrador Medical Mission,
297, Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

Dear Miss Macfarlane,

I have your letter of the 18th with reference to co-operating with you to meet Mr. Keen's wishes. I have had some correspondence with him, and was forced to telegraph to him last week that I was unable to get anyone to arrange for a lunch at which Mr. Keen could meet some prominent men of Montreal who would be willing to assist him in launching a campaign for funds for the Grenfell endowment. In a way I am sorry that Mr. Keen had approached me, because frankly I have not the time to give to this work. It is not because I do not appreciate the value of Dr. Grenfell's work, nor the need of funds. I know that few calls made to the public for financial assistance are more worthy of sympathetic consideration, and I would like to help if I could but my work with the University takes up so much of my time that I scarcely have a moment to myself.

I did speak to a few of my friends, all of whom thought that the present was an inopportune time for organizing a campaign for funds for this work. I have come to Montreal so recently that I do not know who have been the supporters of Dr. Grenfell in the past. Under these circumstances I think it would be well if somebody else take this matter in hand. My advice to Mr. Keen was that he come to Montreal himself to look over the ground, and get in touch with former supporters and decide on the spot what was the best thing to be done.

I am returning herewith Mr. Keen's letter to you.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Telephone:
Uptown 82-

Plateau 4942

297 SHERBROOKE STREET,
MONTREAL.

Feb. 18th

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

The enclosed letter
received this morning -
which I referred to Miss
Reckie, President of the
Sabrador Medical Mission
Montreal Branch, she
asks me to send ^{it} to
you for your kind
consideration, will
you be good enough
to let our Comm. know
your views, & we will
be glad to cooperate
in any way you

may suggest-

Yours Truly

S. Macfarlan

Hon. Treas.

Labrador Medical Museum
Quebec Branch.

Greenfell

February
Sixteenth
1921.

NIGHT LETTER.

Cyrus P. Keen, Esq.,
Room 115,
305 Broadway, New York.


In limited time at my disposal have not been successful in inducing anyone to call together select group for you to meet at luncheon next Tuesday or Wednesday. In my opinion present time most inopportune to approach the subscribing public in Montreal. Suggest you visit city yourself to look over the ground.

A. W. Currie.

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 STOP WOULD YOU ENDEAVOR HAVE SOMEONE CALL TOGETHER SELECT GROUP
 FOR ME TO MEET AT LUNCHEON OR ELSEWHERE ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY TWENTY SECOND OR TWENTY THIRD STOP SIMPLY DESIRE
 MEETING OF PROPER PERONS TO COUNSEL BEST PROCEEDURE FOR GRENFELL
 UNDERTAKING IN MONTREAL
 CYRUS P KEEN GRENFELL ENDOWMENT.

Working

February
First
1921.

Cyrus P. Keen, Esq.,
Room 1115, 305 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29th. I wish it were possible for me to cooperate whole heartedly in the interests of the Endowment for the Grenfell Association.

I am sorry that my duties at the University are so strenuous that I am not justified in undertaking to call the meeting suggested by you. I have spoken to Dr. Adams and I find that he is serving on the Governing Board of so many charitable organizations that he also feels that he cannot give the time to undertake successfully this work. I shall, in the course of the next few days, speak to some men who should be interested in work such as this, and I hope that I may be able to interest them sufficiently that they will undertake to do what you desire.

You may, therefore, expect to hear from me in the course of a few days.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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January 29, 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Mr. Currie,

Montreal is the one large city of Eastern Canada that has not yet been reached in the interests of the Endowment for the Grenfell Association. We have planned if possible to employ May 1st to 7th in Montreal, when Dr. Grenfell will accompany us to address meetings and otherwise aid the Montreal Committee to accomplish Montreal's share of this fund.

In beginning to form the Montreal Committee we are very eager to get started on the right foot, and insure if possible a committee of large influence to facilitate the effort.

I recall that on the occasion of the Canadian Club dinner in Boston you expressed to Dr. Grenfell your interest in this enterprise, and I am going to ask if you would not be willing to be responsible for issuing a call to a select group for a meeting which I will attend any time in early February which would be convenient to the group called, and thus give me an opportunity to lay before those present the claims of the Grenfell work and the plan of raising this Endowment, and at that time to endeavor to enlist their cooperation in forming such Committee for the May 1st to May 7th effort.

In the event for any reason your own engagements preclude your taking the responsibility of calling such a meeting, can you not request Dean Adams or some other man of influence to cooperate with us in getting such a gathering of representative people at a preliminary meeting.

Very respectfully yours,

Cyrus P. Keen

CPK:D

4265 St. Catherine St.

Westmount, Nov. 6, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie
Principal McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Mrs. Adams has asked me
to give you some information about Dr.
Greenfell.

I don't think I can do better than to
enclose a copy of part of a pamphlet
on his work. But if this should not
give you what you want I would be
delighted to supply any further inform-

ation.

Sincerely,

Isobel Bancroft (B.Sc'23)

Some Facts Concerning the Grenfell Mission.

Thirty-five years ago Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell (Bscen.) J.R.C.S. was a medical missionary on a trawler in the North Sea. Feeling that others could do this work as well he volunteered to undertake much more arduous work among the fisher folk of the Labrador, and in 1892 came out to the fishing fleet on that Coast.

He was single-handed but he did what he could and little by little interested others in his endeavor; he fought and overcame religious and political opposition from many quarters; and under his enthusiastic leadership the work grew in importance until now it embraces six hospitals and a hospital steamer, four nursing stations, an orphanage industrial and social service departments, the fostering of co-operative stores for the betterment of living conditions among the people, and a Seaman's Institute at St. John's, Nfld., which latter has become the only self-supporting Seaman's Institute on the Atlantic Coast.

The field of Dr. Grenfell's work includes the Northern peninsula of Newfoundland, including with a total resident population of 47,000 people consisting mainly of the descendants of English Scotch and French pioneers, who went there for the fishing; the Canadian Labrador comprising a stretch of nearly three hundred miles from Natashquan to Blanc Sablon in the Straits of Belle Isle, with a resident population of over 3,000 white people of the same extraction; and from the Straits of Belle Isle northward on the Newfoundland Labrador to Cape Chidley there is a population of approximately 3,000

made up of whites together with Eskimos and Indians. During the summer months the population of the Labrador is increased by some twenty thousand (fishers and their families) who live on their boats during the fishing season; they are Newfoundlanders, Cadians, French and Americans. The interdenominational, non-sectarian and international character of this work is self-evident.

On this Coast Dr. Grenfell found an honest, simple people, totally uneducated and without schools, earning by diligence a precarious living through fishing, furring and sealing, and carrying on their trade mostly through a system of barter.

The question is often asked whether this population is worthy of the effort expended on it; The answer seems to be that they are a sturdy self-reliant people who are unhappy when taken away from the Coast and who contribute, far out of proportion to their number to the wealth of the world in food and furs.

As to the promise which this work holds out for the future, it might be stated that already, as a result of this Mission, a marked economic change has taken place in the condition of these people. Schools have been established, the contributions of the people themselves to the Mission Hospitals have increased, and the foundations for further industrial developments and better social conditions have been laid. To-day when the trend is toward civilization in cities it would seem that any enterprise which tends to help people in a country where their sturdy qualities and personal resourcefulness are developed is

worthy of consideration and support.

It is difficult to over estimate the value to the world of the type of men which life under these hard conditions develops. As a recognition of the splendid services rendered by the men of this coast during the Great War, the Navy League of Canada last year made a substantial gift to Dr. Grenfell for the maintenance of his work. The object of the mission from the beginning and its policy throughout has been to help these people help themselves.