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Canada. But I am certain that McGill will draw far more of the best of these students than any other institution in the world. As a former Newfoundlander, a McGill graduate, and one of your staff, I am proud of that fact and I have been long enough at this University to know that McGill's leadership is mainly a fact of the past seven years. As you are well aware, Sir, we do not lack students and the debt which all Canada (and Newfoundland and the rest of the world, for that matter) owes McGill will be increased by the higher grade of her graduates.

Educational authorities in Nfld. are attempting to get rid of some antiquated traditions, and are looking mainly to McGill for sympathetic leadership. As evidence of that I would point out that my brother and Dr. Mennie of the Memorial College staff are both McGill men. In 1904 or 1905 McGill made a splendid gesture to Newfoundland; this was not followed up for very excellent reasons. Well-to-do people in Nfld. have not encouraged university education for their poorer citizens because of lack of perspective. The McGill Graduates Society in their midst can do much to overcome that. At the same time, if that section did nothing more than aid in providing means to send their best students to McGill it would have accomplished much. Personally I believe, Sir, that this Society can do more for McGill than it has done. Many of the older graduates in Nfld. have never been back to us, and if McGill were brought to them for a few days in the near future, I believe something better would evolve.

May I, therefore, crave your indulgence when I say that I believe your presence there in connection with the Graduates' Society would make a profound impression not only on our Alumni but on the educational authorities? I know my people well enough to be sure that the interest displayed by McGill in the person of her Principal would meet with a very considerable response. At the same time those who have taken little or no interest in higher education would get a wholesome awakening.

Newfoundland is a small and poor country and will be poorer if the Privy Council gives her all she wants. In