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Dr. Gordon J. Laing,
Dean, Faculty of Arts,
McGill University.

Dear Dean Laing:-

With reference to your letter of yesterday and the address at Convocation, I am afraid that we must fall back on the time-honoured custom at McGill and ask the most recent addition to the staff to address the assembled gathering.

Acting on the suggestion made by you in my office I have endeavoured to get one or two outstanding public men, but without success, owing largely, I feel, to not having made the attempt earlier.

I should think fifteen or twenty minutes would probably be long enough and I propose to put the address at the beginning of the programme. General Pershing will make a brief acknowledgment on receiving the degree, but we are not expecting any extended remarks from him. You will be the only one to speak outside of Pershing.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.