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Sir Arthur Currie,  
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Dear Sir Arthur-

You will perhaps be appalled to hear from me so soon again! I certainly do not mean to pursue you with letters, but justify my present approach on the grounds of our mutual interest in the service the University should do for our city and country.

The enclosed clipping makes the second letter within a few weeks which has appeared in the "Gazette" on the question of McGill and the community. The first one you have doubtless seen. It outlined the need for instruction along the lines of national service, particularly for the new woman voter. Sir Auckland Geddes' address to the Men's Canadian Club followed the same thought. He gave them what I consider a most helpful message, particularly helpful coming from him, whose association with the University is not as intimate as that of the Governing Body and Staff.

The way now seems to have been definitely opened for an expression of opinion from the University itself as to the manner in which it hopes to fulfil the great national purpose for which it was established, I, therefore, trust that something from your pen may appear officially, in the "Gazette" on this question.

My suggestion today, however, was to ask you if you thought it would be wise and timely, under the circumstances, to have, in addition, a series of, say six, articles in the "Gazette" on the Editorial page in the columns which they reserve for special subjects. These articles might come from one socially minded Governor, one or two socially minded Deans of Faculties, and one or two men like Mr. Basil Williams, Mr. Falk and Mr. Hankin, who have, I think, a deep consciousness of the opportunity for service by the University for the community at this time.

If we, as University people, can only bring home to the people some of the lessons of truth and life, it will fill a serious need felt throughout our country and the world in these days of materialism and shallow thinking! Our University would then rightly be