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to separate to all parts of the city after they leave their classrooms, and this will always be so unless we have these dormitories where proper supervision and discipline can be maintained.

In fact there are so many things requiring to be done that one hesitates to begin to enumerate them. I am sufficiently old-fashioned not to encourage the tagging on to the University of every new-fangled idea. I go back to the Army for an illustration of what I mean. I always found that when a division was in rest or on a quiet front for too long a time, it loaded itself up with all sorts of gramophones, concert parties and other things which did not do it a bit of good when it came to fight; and I sometimes think that it is becoming fashionable for Universities to overload themselves with similar impedimenta.

Please assure your Committee that I am in cordial sympathy with the resolutions they have been good enough to forward, and that I shall do my utmost to see that McGill retains her place as a "leading, progressive and national university" and the "national centre of advanced learning in Canada". At the same time I wish to express my appreciation of the confidence expressed in me as the Principal of your Alma Mater, and my thanks for your congratulations