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Office of the Principal
and Vice Chancellor.

You go on to say that dormitory accommodation is unsatisfactory in many respects for the Elementary Class of the School for Teachers. That is admitted, inasmuch as the students live in cubicles which are sub-divisions of a class room, and therefore are not as desirable as dormitories originally planned as dormitories. There is a certain inconvenience of toilet and bath room accommodation, and the absence of other facilities which are at the disposal of students in the Women's Residence. However, the Elementary Class, which has always been small enough to be accommodated on the top floor of the main building, live there pleasantly, and have always been very happy in the accommodation provided.

You object to the practice of school classes being taught in the main building. That is admitted, and is both unsatisfactory to the College and to the High School. It is admitted that an addition to our school building is one of our most urgent needs.

You go on to say that library space is too limited. That is admitted, - a condition arising solely from the lack of financial resources.

You say that "practice teaching facilities are inadequate". As far as I can find out, this has always been the case since the foundation of the College. Physics and Chemistry Classes, four in number, have long been taught in the College laboratories. The High School room hall has been used as a class room. Even the Teachers' Room was converted into a class room, while the Kindergarten Room has been subdivided, as an expedient to form two class rooms.

Your criticisms so far have been justified, especially when taken in connection with the abnormal number of applicants for the current year. There never has been such a large number of applicants, nor such a large number of admissions. In 1924-25, it is true, our attendance was so large that eighteen students in the School for Teachers were living out of residence. Different regulations had to be made for them, but there was no necessity in any subsequent year for boarding accommodation outside the College.

You say that Hospital accommodation has not been provided. I am quite sure this is an over-statement. In the opinion of Dr. Kelson (Medical Superintendent at Macdonald College), of Miss Russell and of the Macdonald administration staff, there is no need for increasing the Hospital accommodation at Macdonald College. We have always been able to take care of any sickness occurring there, even when there were outbreaks of measles, etc. At present, we have an Infirmary containing six rooms (11 beds), which, together with two other rooms kept for isolation purposes, makes a total of eight rooms (15 beds) available for sick students, or, 5-1/2% of our total bed accommodation. The average