

should be observed that it is burdened with the general education of students of professional schools as well as with the training of its own students. It is also in great need of improved class-rooms and extended accommodation of every kind for its work. The university as such needs a new gymnasium, lodging houses and a dining hall, and an adequate convocation hall, with proper rooms for university boards and general college societies and for university officers. It is not too much to say that in securing these ends the great benefactions already given might profitably be doubled. That these things will all be done in process of time I have no doubt, but it should be remembered that class after class of students is going forth into the world without having enjoyed these benefits. I have a large packet of papers labelled unfinished and abortive schemes, containing the details of these and other plans. I value these papers very highly, as representing creative thought not yet materialized, but I am quite willing to part with any of them to any benefactor who will carry it into actual effect. While personally it is necessarily a matter for regret that I cannot continue in office till the great improvements to which I have referred are realized, it is at least something, after our long and arduous journey through the wilderness of penury and privation, to see even afar off the goodly land into which my successors are entering, and in the enjoyment of which, I trust, they will forgive the shortcomings of those who had to lead the way, and will not forget the dangers and difficulties of the thorny paths through which we have passed.

One feature, however, of our history for which we cannot be too deeply thankful, is the comparative peace and mutual forbearance which have prevailed in all the past years, and the united and earnest action of all the members of the University in every crisis of our long conflict. Nor have we had any reason for anxiety respecting our students. I confess that if there is anything I have feared and have constantly prayed to be exempt from, it has been the possible occurrence of those rebellions and disorders that have troubled so many colleges on this continent. For this exemption I do not take credit to myself. McGill has had an able and devoted governing Board, a body of competent, diligent and popular profes-