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I enjoy talking and sharing views with students and teachers at schools or universities; one reason, of course, is that we have a common preoccupation. Our democratic system is a learning process, for the governors and the governed.

Most of the problems in society are problems in the minds of its citizens. I do not mean that they are imaginary or psychosomatic. I mean that the problems of organizing society are really problems of getting men and women to accept the basic premises on which society is founded. And they will not accept those premises unless they understand the rationale for them, and unless they have been given an opportunity to think them through thoroughly.

Par conséquent, l'éducation, prise dans son acception la plus large, est un sujet qui nous concerne tous, aussi bien les hommes politiques et les électeurs que les enseignants et les étudiants. Le "McGill Journal of Education" peut fournir à ses lecteurs des renseignements qui leur permettront de mieux comprendre l'une des facettes particulièrement importante de leur existence.

On this memorable occasion when you salute both the opening of the new Faculty of Education Building and the Sesquicentennial of McGill University, I am very pleased to send my best wishes and congratulations to the readers of the McGill Journal of Education.

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