

619 Victoria Ave

Westmoreland Ave. May 23rd 1938

My Dear Principal Douglas:-

I drop you this line to say how deeply I appreciated the service of yesterday morning in the Ingersoll Hall, and your splendid address on character.

I myself am a graduate and member of forty eight years standing, having gone forth from McPhee in 1890. I afterwards graduated from the Presbyterian College Montreal, B.D. and D.D. and M.A. from Harvard. Fifteen of our class carry the McPhee degree. I have been Pastor of Stomly Presby. Church for twenty five years and resigned last year because of reaching the Pension age. Was born a few miles from where your father was born in the old City of Quebec.

This is perhaps rather a long introduction but I thought you might be interested in it. One son graduated four years ago, now assistant in the University of Pennsylvania, another graduates this week.

Yes, I enjoyed the service very much especially its simplicity. No pills or feathers. I enjoyed immensely your address - its simplicity - its practicalness - its directness - its common sense. It reminded me of the addresses the Principal of my day Sir William Dawson used to give us. I know you will pardon me if I say that I was a little disappointed that in the closing of your fine address, you did not intimate that after all real character is based upon an intelligent belief in an all-wise righteous ruler of the Universe - God - and the real ethics of life as found in the teaching of Jesus Christ. This I very firmly believe. That is the real foundation of character. Again congratulating you and hoping to meet you soon. One of the McPhee family (Peter) W. Reid