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Memorandum regarding Dr. H. G. Cameron's letter, from Dr. A. B. Macallum.

Dr. H. G. Cameron was engaged immediately after graduation in Medicine in McGill as a Demonstrator in the Department of Biochemistry, and served during the sessions 1924-5 and 1925-6. While serving as Demonstrator he proposed to proceed to the M.Sc. degree in the Department of Biochemistry, and to qualify according to the recent regulations for proceeding to that degree, he had to pass examinations in French and German, which he should have taken in November 1925.

He did not take these examinations because he went to the hospital to undergo appendicectomy. He left the hospital after three weeks and resumed his service as Demonstrator after another week. This altered his plans completely, as he could not then go up for the M.Sc. degree this last May. He informed me that he proposed to go out to Saskatoon to begin medical practice there, and at the same time to carry on research work in one of the laboratories of that University. It was therefore understood that he would not again occupy the position of Demonstrator for 1926-27.

As a result of this change in his plans, I recommended him for the position of Biochemist in the Sanitarium for Tuberculosis at Qu'Appelle, Sask. This recommendation followed a request from Dr. Ferguson, the Superintendent, through Dr. Wodehouse, Secretary of the Tuberculosis Committee, for a suitable man to fill that position. No appointment has been made, but I know not for what reason.

There has not been any dismissal as there was no indication whatever on the part of Dr. Cameron of a desire to come back as Demonstrator.

It may be pointed out that the appointment as Demonstrator is an annual one, and therefore, under the circumstances, to ask if he was dismissed is uncalled for.