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Dear Dr. Scane,

The action of the Governors of the University delaying the building of the Pathological Institute and leaving its site undertimined is going to keep the pathological department of the University, which at present is largely housed in a few small temporary rooms of the Out-Patient Department of the Royal Victoria Hospital, in a state of chaos and inefficient teaching, to say nothing of research and the hardship to student and staff, for a number of years.

I have given the whole matter careful consideration and I have come to the conclusion that we must have some relief in order to carry on at all. It becomes necessary therefore, to claim again for the use of the pathological department the few rooms in the New Medical Building, originally belonging to it, but which are now occupied by the department of Anatomy, histology, embryology. I appreciate <sup>that</sup> this will practically disposses these departments, and I feel very reluctant in this matter, but, as I pointed out in my urgent letter to the Executive Committee of the Faculty some time ago, conditions in this department of Pathology have reached a point where choice in the matter is no longer possible. It is true that taking repossession of these rooms <sup>is</sup> certainly not going to improve the situation very much and it is doubtful whether we will be able even then to carry on anything like proper teaching and research, but I cannot as responsible head of my department, leave anything undone