

October 6, 1931.

Dr. William Reilly,  
1471 Drummond Street,  
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Dr. Reilly,

Let me acknowledge receipt this morning  
of your letter of October 5th.

Some time ago I wrote you by hand a personal letter, addressing it to your Drummond Street address, in which I apologized for not making earlier acknowledgment of your request, submitted on behalf of Mrs. Deeks, and at the same time told you that I had no support among those to whom I spoke of the idea of burying the ashes of the late Dr. Deeks in the grounds of the McGill University, and in marking the spot by a suitable stone.

At that time I spoke to many people, and none favoured the idea, much as all would like to conform to the wishes of his widow and his friends. It was felt that burying the ashes in the grounds would create a precedent which might be followed by awkward situations in the future.

I hesitated to write you for some weeks, because I would have liked to be able to tell you that what Mrs. Deeks wished would be done. I am more than sorry now that my first letter miscarried. I felt the decision was not mine personally to make, and I consulted different members of the Board of Governors, of the staff, particularly members in Dr. Deeks' profession.

Ever yours faithfully,