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CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

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Dean Barton,
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May 4th, 1929.

Dear Dean Barton:-

In view of the proposed campaign for funds about to be undertaken by the University, in which this college must share if we are to maintain the work we are now doing, to say nothing of necessary expansion, the time seems opportune to call attention to the situation that exists with respect to the scientific departments.

With the traditional policy of the institution in the allotment of funds between departments scarcely providing for the adequate maintenance of the ordinary teaching requirements, the members of the scientific staff have been compelled, except where outside support could be secured, to confine their research activities to problems that could be investigated without funds. These were not always such as were of most importance to agriculture, nor such as the workers themselves would have chosen under other and more favourable conditions. It is evident, also, that the changes that have been made in the curriculum involve a shifting of emphasis that will necessitate important readjustments, if the present disproportionate allotment of teaching hours to the members of the scientific staff is not still further accentuated.

We desire to express the view that a more adequate provision for the scientific departments should be a first charge upon any allotment received by Macdonald College and, further, through you, to call the attention of the Acting Principal to the foregoing, with the request that it be forwarded to the Survey Committee for necessary consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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