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Executive Secretary,  
The Graduates' Society  
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Dear Mr. Glasco,

I have your letter of September 13th, in which you discuss briefly how university policy may affect plans for the Gymnasium. By the way, I am glad to tell you that we have received this morning official confirmation from the City Hall that the City has deeded the strip of land from Pine Avenue along the road which runs up towards the new Fire Hall.

While we are grateful for their consideration of our plea, there is a slight fly in the ointment, namely that the taxes on this bit of property are likely to be quite excessive owing to its extended frontage. I suppose the new road running up to the Fire Hall will be paved, and our share of that will likely run to a good round figure.

I think you may take it as correct to assume that the policy of the Board of Governors in regard to the growth of the University is as outlined in Mr. Beatty's address to the Graduates at the Reunion Dinner last year. As I have so often stated, in Annual Reports and in public utterances, it is not our policy to aim to attract a large number of students. I am quite ready and willing to believe that the attendance at the Universities of Montreal and Toronto and at the universities of the four Western Provinces will in time always be in excess of ours. I need not here enter into the reasons for these views. But we shall continue our policy of limiting the number of the student body. You know that we are forced to do this already in Medicine and in Arts and Science. We have facilities which enable us to take care of a larger number of students in Engineering than at present attend, while we could take probably three times the number in Dentistry, and certainly some more in Law. Our Graduate Faculty will continue to grow.

I believe that in planning the Gymnasium, the graduates would be wise to provide for a student body of between four