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Written acknowledgment

Sir William Peterson,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir William:-

At the recent meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association in Detroit, the graduates of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine held a reunion on the evening of August 23. It was the unanimous consensus of opinion that it is highly desirable to have the Faculty of Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Science of McGill University re-open upon a basis commensurate with the needs of the profession at the present time. This feeling is more acute owing to the fact that the school from which we graduated is not now open to students and that the school in Toronto while greatly improved is not being operated upon as high a basis as is desirable. We feel that unless steps are taken in the immediate future to have this school re-opened in Montreal, the required steps will be taken probably in Western Canada, in connection with someone of the existing Universities there located. We believe that McGill University should have this course for the purpose of fully rounding out the affiliated schools connected therewith.

Should there be anything which the old graduates can do having this end in view, if you will advise me I shall be pleased to take the matter up with them at the earliest opportunity.

There were present at this reunion:
Dr. W.L. Williams, of Ithaca, N.Y.; L. Doyle, of Moncton, N.B.; S. Hadwen, of Agassiz, B.C.; Dr. Lamb, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; W. Reid Blair, of New York Zoological Park, N.Y.; A. Comstock, of Albany, N.Y.; Ben Pierce, of Springfield, Mass.; W. Plaskett, of Clinton, Mass.; A.A. Etienne, of Montreal, P.Q.; Mark. Simpson, of Malden, Mass.; A.H. Baker, of Chicago, Ill.; and myself.