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Dr. Barry H. Burgess,
360 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 13th with reference to the failure of all but the Dalhousie graduates in the examinations conducted by the Provincial Medical Board of Nova Scotia in the year 1918.

You ask me to give you a statement over my own signature to the effect that the physicians referred to in your letter, namely, Drs. E.B. Carter, O.M. Francis and F.T. Reid, "satisfactorily completed the medical course, and fully met the high requirements of that institution" (namely McGill) and "were duly graduated". I am quite willing to give that statement, but it seems to me that this is already covered in the fact that they possess the McGill graduation diploma. I made enquiries re the standing of these doctors and find that there was nothing unusual in their record at McGill.

I think that all we are concerned in is that the examinations were conducted with fairness, and as the President of Dalhousie University declares that such was the case, I cannot see what action we can take of a public character.

I may say that this is the first intimation our Medical Faculty has had of the case as outlined by you, and it is taking it up with the Provincial Board in Nova Scotia, on which Board are serving several very distinguished McGill men. We try to make the standard at McGill high