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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I regret very much that I will be unable to be present at the Faculty Meeting this evening, as I am at present a patient in hospital, undergoing treatment for an infected hand.

I understand that one of the principal matters which will come before the Meeting will be the situation of ^{the} new Institute of Pathology and Medical Jurisprudence. This question has been discussed on previous occasions and various sites suggested. As head of one of the departments greatly interested in this building I must say that in my opinion there is no other site available for this building than the corner of Pine Avenue and University St. It is within easy reach of the University and within close proximity to one of the Hospitals connected with the University. One must recognize the fact that such a building if it is to be of value to the University, (it) must be close to the University and also to a Hospital. I have no doubt that opposition will be made to this site by certain members of the teaching body, but it is not the interest of either one or the other of the Hospitals, that should guide us in this matter, it is first and foremost the interest and welfare of the University. It is unfortunate perhaps, that owing to the geographical situation in connection with the University one of our largest and oldest Hospitals is badly situated, while on the other hand the other large Hospital is ideally situated, as regards the same site. The Hospital question seems to have entered into the matter to a greater degree than it should. It appears to me that the interests of the University are being allowed to suffer through this question. There is no doubt in my mind, whatever, and being one of those most interested in this new building, along with the Professor of Pathology, I would strongly urge that the site on the corner of Pine Avenue and University St., be selected. No advantage can be gained for the University or either of the Hospitals in building elsewhere, but a great deal would be lost and sacrificed in its value as a teaching institution.

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only site for
the Institute*