

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

*Little Convocation
Inception*

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

February
28th.,
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Dr. C.F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
Medical Building.

Dear Dr. Martin:-

Apropos of our conversation yesterday about a separate function for the granting of diplomas in the several schools directly under Corporation I have to-day a copy of a letter written to the heads of these different schools by Dr. Lomer, making a suggestion along these lines. It is altogether likely that they will approve of the idea. In any case it ought to be carried out whether they approve or not, as it seems ridiculous to be solemnly reading out a list of names of persons none of whom, except possibly students in Pharmacy, have been in the University for more than two years. They would receive far more notice if the diplomas were presented to them in person at a special function. As it was last year, you will remember, only the names were read out as they stood up and the diplomas were received afterwards, and I may say that this created no little confusion. It would be far more satisfactory for these and for all concerned to have a little affair of their own on the afternoon or evening of the day before Convocation. It would mean that there would be ninety more seats that could be occupied by regular graduates ^{who ~~do~~ would} bring the whole body up closer to the front, and it would also mean three hundred seats for friends of the regular graduates, as those who receive diplomas have been in the past allowed as many tickets for their friends as those who are obtaining a degree.

This will necessitate some little legislation probably. In the first place, is there any need of having the names of those who have been granted diplomas by the separate schools submitted to Corporation