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Dr. Frank D. Adams,
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Dear Dr. Adams:-

I have just returned from the meeting of the Society of Technical Agriculturists, and one of the topics taken up at that meeting was the imperative necessity for graduate work in agriculture, both for preparing teachers in all agricultural subjects and for training men to undertake research work. I was agreeably surprised to find that a very insistent demand has arisen for this work.

You will remember at the Universities Conference that Professor Carr of the University of Alberta, and also President Klinck of British Columbia University, suggested that we undertake some of this work. At the Convention there was a paper by Principal Cumming of the Agricultural College, at Truro, which also suggested that this work be centered in one place and entered very strongly Macdonald College as being that place. The Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Tolmie, and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dr. J.H. Grisdale, are both in favor of helping Macdonald College to carry out such work.

When the subject came up for discussion at the Conference there was considerable opposition to this work being centered in one institution. The Guelph and Saskatchewan delegates were evidently much opposed to having this done in one place. Naturally I could not, at the Conference, divulge everything that had been done, but a Committee was appointed to prepare a report on graduate work in agriculture and I was nominated Chairman of this Committee. The report that was submitted requested that graduate courses be arranged for at the earliest possible moment in practically all subjects of the agricultural curriculum, and the Committee invited all Colleges to incorporate in insuing an announcement of the graduate courses they were prepared to offer as a guide to prospective students.