

New York State Veterinary College
at Cornell University

Ithaca, N. Y., December 15, 1914.

To the Alumni of the College:

It occurred to me that in sending "Greetings of the Season" a word might be said about the college.

The most important addition is the completion of the new buildings for medicine, materia medica and the farriery. This has made it possible to give, in a satisfactory manner, instruction in medicine and in horseshoeing. Added to this the meat and dairy inspection of Ithaca is now under the supervision of the Department of Medicine. This adds materially to the facilities for practical teaching.

The Ambulatory clinic has been transferred to the Department of Medicine and is now under the immediate supervision of Dr. Udall. To provide more rapid transportation to and from cases an automobile has been secured. The transfer of this clinic from the Department of Surgery was made in order to give Dr. Williams more time to devote to the investigation of cattle diseases in which he has become especially interested. We can now make the statement without reservation that our facilities *are excellent* for teaching theoretical and practical medicine and surgery, the diseases of cattle and those of small animals. Last year there was a total of 1976 cases treated in the different clinics.

The entering class is larger than that of last year. The students are interested in their work. The rapid growth of subject matter that should be studied and taught has added much to the work of the students as well as to the labors of the faculty. The question of lengthening the course to four years is under consideration.

The reports from the Alumni are good. There are now 346 graduates. We are glad to state that a majority of them are in practice and as a rule are doing excellent work. A number of very important veterinary positions throughout the country are

filled with our Alumni. Dr. A. R. Ward's appointment as chief of the Division of Animal Pathology in the Bureau of Animal Industry, and Dr. W. H. Boynton's promotion and appointment as Dean of the Veterinary School in the University of Manila are of recent date. Of the 346 graduates, 180 are in private practice; 42 are teaching or engaged in research work; 76 are in the Bureau of Animal Industry; 6 are in the army; 5 are holding administrative positions; 11 are dairy and milk inspectors; 2 are municipal dairy and meat inspectors; 15 have taken up human medicine or gone into other business; 2 have not been heard from; and 10 have died. This can be considered an exceptionally good record.

Dr. Law still resides on the campus. His health is generally good, and he retains his interest in veterinary problems. At our Veterinary Conference in January he has promised to give a lecture on "Foot-and-Mouth Disease." In recognition of his valuable services the trustees have named the main building of the College the *James Law Hall*. We all wish him many more years of life, health and enjoyment. It is a great privilege to have known, intimately as some of you have, so good and great a man as Dr. Law.

In due time the Annual Report will be sent you. This will tell of the present activities in research and progress in teaching at the college. Finally, I wish to remind you of our obligations to the live stock interests of the state and nation, and the dependence of that industry upon efficient veterinary service. If the college is to fulfill its purpose in this respect it must have your cooperation and help. Its doors are open to welcome you at any time, especially if you need assistance that we can give, and its faculty are receptive to any criticisms or suggestions that will tend to make its work more helpful. Again wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

