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To the Alumni of the New York State Veterinary College:

THE outstanding event during the year has been the retirement of Dean V. A. Moore at the age of threescore and ten. For thirty-three years, a third of a century, he has given to you the best there was in him for the development of the best there was in you and for the uplift of the profession. Although relieved of official duties, we know that his interest in you and the profession will remain active throughout his remaining years. A striking evidence of the confidence and esteem with which he is held in the community was demonstrated by his appointment as Superintendent of the Memorial Hospital of this city. He entered upon his new duties about the middle of November.

Activities at the University have kept their usual pace. Balch Hall, the new dormitory for women students, located near the north shore of Beebe Lake, was opened this Fall. Work on the new War Memorial Building is progressing. This is located on West Avenue near the Baker dormitories. The new Plant Pathology Building, built by State appropriation, has made substantial progress. It is an immense structure located on the site formerly occupied by the greenhouses to the east of Roberts Hall. Its completion will afford much-needed relief to the congestion now existing among several departments occupying inadequate quarters.

President Farrand left November 1 for Europe and expects to be away for about three months. Dean Kimball has been appointed Acting President during his absence.

In our own college there have been no great material changes. The roof of the main building of James Law Hall has been in need of repairs for the last few years. During the past summer these repairs were made and a practically new roof now replaces the old. It is gratifying to state that no serious changes have been made in the personnel of our faculty. Doctor Hayden has been promoted to a professorship in Veterinary Physiology, but Doctor Fish still remains as head of the department. Other changes have been confined to the student assistants. The courses formerly given by Doctor Moore have been divided among the staff of the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology.

There is nothing more heartening to a new dean than the cordial and whole-hearted support of the faculty with which he is associated. This has been manifest from the first. It has been equally cheering and encouraging to receive expressions of good will and kindly words from many of the alumni. The friendship and manifest interest of the student body to carry on successfully is inspiring. With such cooperation and solidarity of purpose the future seems assured. It is team work that wins the game.

Our friend, Dr. Frank H. Miller, State Trustee, has labored long and unceasingly for the welfare of the college. The latest evidence of his activity has been the raising of the sum of \$8,000 to increase the endowment fund of the Flower Library of our college. The library has grown to be a most useful adjunct of our institution. It is invaluable as an aid to research and is being used to a greater extent than ever before by members of other colleges. The service is excellent. The total endowment is now about \$19,000 and the interest from this amount will assist materially in overcoming the handicap of inadequate funds for the purchase of new books and periodicals. In addition to this Doctor

Miller has procured the sum of \$1,000 for the University, which will provide two annual prizes to be awarded to two senior students who rank highest in proficiency in the courses of practical medicine and surgery of small animals. These will be known as the Charles Gross Bondy prizes.

Dr. Albert E. Merry of Syracuse has also provided a prize of \$50 as a memorial to his father, the late Addison D. Merry, an alumnus of the University of the Class of '80. This prize is to be awarded to students doing the best work in Veterinary Anatomy.

The total enrollment in the college this year is 137 as against 138 for last year. The entering class numbered 32, including two women students, and this is fifteen fewer than entered last year. The advent of women in the veterinary profession is not new. Four have already graduated from the college: Miss Kimball, 1910; Miss Schoenfeld, 1925; Miss Jaynes, 1927; Miss Asmus, 1929. The number of graduates working for advanced degrees is higher than last year.

Death has taken its toll from the Alumni group. So far as we have been able to ascertain, there have been fifty-three deaths in thirty-three years. This is seven and a half per cent of those who graduated here. Included in this number are three who have died since our last commencement:

C. Fenner Smith, Class of '18, July 26, 1929

Charles R. Guile, Class of '13, Sept. 13, 1929

Charles H. Jewell, Class of '00, Aug. 1, 1929

Doctor Jewell served as an Army Veterinarian for many years. He was overseas during the World War and was in charge of the Veterinary Service of one of the American Armies. He filled this responsible position with credit. He was retired from active service a few years ago, because of disability, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

All three were faithful to the ideals of the profession and their passing is mourned by all who knew them.

The Twenty-second Annual Conference will be held at the college, as usual, on January 16 and 17. The program is now being arranged and we hope that it will be up to the customary standard in the quality and variety of papers presented. We earnestly urge you to attend and encourage us by your presence. We are anxious to keep in touch with you and will welcome suggestions that will result in our mutual benefit.

With Doctor Moore's Christmas letter last year there was a card enclosed containing some verses under the title, "A Famous Toast." I have taken the liberty to paraphrase some of these verses with the idea of expressing my own sentiment, and I believe yours, toward the Dean who has done so much for the college and the profession.

Here is a toast I wish to give
To a fellow we all have known;
To one who has worked for the other's good
And not enough for his own.

To one who has stood for the best there is
In the life we are passing through;
Who has bravely met the trials that
Would stagger me or you.

We have seen the good he has tried to do
And we visualize his plan,
We have caught a glint of the real intent
In the heart of a glorious man.

May all the joys of Christmas time be yours; may health, happiness and prosperity attend you during the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Pierre A. Fish