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UTAH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
LOGAN, UTAH

Nov 19, 1906,

Dear Sir:-

The advisability of consolidating the Agricultural College and the University of Utah is one of the most important questions to be decided by the next Legislature. We desire to present to you our views with reference to the subject, and some arguments against the proposed plan of consolidation.

You have undoubtedly received by this time the circular letter, reprints, and copies of the reports of the College--University Commission, which are being distributed by the University Alumni Association.

We do not like to impugn to any one deceptive or dishonest motives, but we feel that it is our duty to inform you that the literature which is now being circulated in favor of consolidation does not proceed from the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as Mr. MacKay infers in his letters. It is sent out by the Alumni Association, of which Mr. MacKay is president.

We are sending you by this mail, under separate cover, a copy of the Minority report of the Commission, and two reports which were prepared during the session of the last Legislature. We take the liberty of enclosing a reprint of the letter to the Governor, issued by the Minority members of the Commission, exposing the bias and unfair methods of the Majority members; also reprint of a reply to Mr. MacKay's argument for consolidation. We trust that you will carefully consider the facts set forth in these pamphlets and reports.

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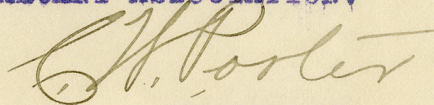
It is argued by some that there could be no objection to allowing this matter to go before the people for a vote. There is a serious objection. It would leave the school in an uncertain condition for another period of two years, and with no assurance of permanency it would be impossible to draw students or even to keep a faculty. The school has suffered a great deal as a result of its unsettled condition since the last session of the Legislature, and we trust that the matter will be settled without unnecessary delay, and that the present form of the Constitution of Utah will be preserved.

We shall be glad to furnish you any further information you may desire.

Respectfully yours,

UTAH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

By



President.