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UTAH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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Oct. 5, 1906.

Dear Alumnus:-

We are enclosing you herewith a few copies of a paper issued in reply to an address published by Mr. John C. MacFay, President of the Alumni Association of the University of Utah; also copies of a letter by the minority members of the College--University Commission. Will you kindly hand the extra copies to persons whom you think may be interested?

As you are doubtless aware, a strong effort is being made by the friends of the State University to convince the people of Utah that it will be advantageous for the Agricultural College to be united with the University at Salt Lake City. Professors and friends of the University have recently visited every county in the State, with the view of securing a legislature which will pass a measure advocating consolidation. The Alumni Association of the University has also solicited subscriptions from its members and issued several circular letters for the purpose of furthering the interests of the consolidation campaign and the upbuilding of a "Greater University" at Salt Lake City.

We deem it our duty as members of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of the Utah Agricultural College to do what we can to prevent this unwarranted destruction of our Alma Mater, for we believe that the interests of agricultural education in Utah will be seriously retarded if consolidation is effected.

"Economy" is the cry of the consolidationists; but their arguments that immense sums of money will be saved by the merger are, we believe, unsound and fallacious. In addition to the confusion resulting from a complete reorganization of our educational system, and a total loss to the State of the land and buildings now occupied by the College, we maintain that the present site of the University is entirely inadequate for the work of such an institution as the Agricultural College. It must

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also be borne in mind that consolidation means the lessening of the opportunities now afforded the industrial classes for securing a practical education, and that the proposed scheme of a "Greater University" would mean the practical exclusion from college halls of the sons and daughters of the farmers of Utah.

The grand old institution needs our support. We have received the benefits of its influence and training, and it is only our duty to rally to its standard in its present time of need.

If you desire further information, or if you could use additional pamphlets, kindly inform us.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, we are for the maintenance of the Utah Agricultural College separate, inviolate, and intact.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM PETERSON.
J. E. SHEPARD.
W. M. JARDINE.
W. W. McLAUGHLIN.
C. W. PORTER.
D. E. STEPHENS.

Executive Committee.