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Central College of Osteopathy

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My dear Mr. Pendergast:

As requested I am writing you briefly concerning the Central College of Osteopathy of this City.

The college was organized in 1903 and during the years that followed gained a reputation of advancing the standards of Osteopathy and many of its graduates are now outstanding in the profession.

Its graduates rank high with those of the best schools in taking examinations for license and the ability of its students to pass the examinations has never been questioned.

However, opposition to this school grew out of the political differences between myself, who had become the head of this school, and men at Kirksville and Macon who were interested in other schools and when the politics of the State changed, these men, under a Republican Administration, were able to secure appointment to the State Board of Osteopathic examiners, members who declined and refused to examine the graduates

of this school and issued an edict to that effect without serving notice on the management of this school that such matter was under consideration and without granting a hearing. This has been a very serious injury to the school and if permitted to continue, will make it impossible for us to continue in this City.

We assure you that the Central College of Osteopathy will meet every reasonable requirement of the State Board and we beg to further assure you that the graduates of this school will be able to meet on equal grounds with the students of any other school of Osteopathy in the United States as they have done in the past.

Under the circumstances and with this assurance

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we feel justified in asking you or Governor Park to request of the present board of Osteopathic examiners that they grant this school the recognition it deserves and that they allow the graduates to take the examinations and that they accord to this institution the same rights and privileges that are accorded to the other schools of Osteopathy.

I earnestly ask that you investigate the matters referred to herein and solicit your able assistance.

Yours very truly

A. L. McKenzie

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