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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

October 20, 1969

Mrs. Ben H. Peterson
2030 1st Avenue, N. E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

The members of the Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers in Liberal Arts Colleges stood in silent tribute to one of our founders, Benjamin H. Peterson, at the Seventeenth annual meeting at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. This meeting was held on October 10 and 11, 1969.

The minutes of this meeting will contain the following memorial statement.

Dr. Ben Peterson a charter member of MACTLAC and Professor Emeritus at Coe College died September 13, 1969 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Coe College in 1918 and joined the Coe Faculty in 1920 to serve continually from that time as professor and chairman of the chemistry department until his retirement in 1961.

Dr. Peterson was active in many science organizations in the midwest and was accorded many honors. He received the Iowa Award of the American Chemical Society and the Manufacturing Chemists Award for Outstanding Teacher and was a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. His example has been an inspiration to his students and colleagues and characterizes the intellectual integrity upon which this association was founded.

As retiring President of MACTLAC I wanted you to know we had thus honored one of our founders and I felt you would like a copy of this statement prepared by Dr. Stanley Watkins.

With deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,



William A. Deskin
Chairman and Professor
of Chemistry

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John
This is a copy of a letter I sent to Mrs. Peterson.
Also enclosed is a copy of the statement prepared by
Stan Watkins, Coe for the minutes. I thought we
should have a good record of this.