April 10, 1922

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Judson:

Thank you for sending me Charlie Steele's letter, which I herewith return. I should be very glad to talk it over at some favorable opportunity.

I am not quite clear whether it would be better to try to handle the matter in connection with the Alumni Fund, which now is approximately $100,000 and which was raised under the chairmanship of Frank McNair who is still in charge, or whether, if this is continued, it should be a separately launched project. In any event, I believe Mr. McNair's opinion on any such matter would be valuable since he got a particular insight into the pulse of our alumni during his work on the Alumni Fund Campaign.

Yours cordially,

[Signature]

Harold H. Swift
Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, President,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

April 5, 1922.

Dear Dr. Judson:

I have talked over with Quantrell, Freeman and MacGregor, the matter of an Alumni building, suggested in your letter of March 21st and am glad to tell you that that we are all very much interested in this.

We feel that a building of this kind would be something definite to put before the Alumni in soliciting for the Alumni Fund. We think that the idea of having this building an Alumni Memorial Hall would be splendid. You are, of course, familiar with the Harvard Memorial Hall and while we cannot make anything like the showing of Harvard, still our 70 Alumni who died in the War are worthy of all the honor we can give them.

It seems to us that the Alumni offices, etc. can well be considered quite secondary to the Hall. They could really be in one corner or end of the building rather than be a unit of any great size.

A suggestion which comes to my mind, although it was not mentioned in our meeting here, would be that if the architecture of the building permits it, we might as time goes on have memorial windows presented by the families of Alumni. You are probably familiar with the chapel at West Point where each window is a memorial of a class or certain individuals.

The New York Alumni, we believe, would be in favor of such a building. Would it not be a good idea to find out about how much it would cost and then see if the Alumni in other parts of the country are in favor of the plan?

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]
Dear Dr. [Name]

I hope that you are well and that the work of the University is going well.

We feel that a public notice of the kind you mentioned might be of interest to many of our members. The question of the publication of the Alumni Bulletin has long been under consideration. We think that the time is ripe for publishing an Alumni Bulletin. It is not a question of the size of the Bulletin, but of the importance of the material to be included. We think that the Bulletin should be a valuable addition to the Alumni Association.

In closing, we would like to say that we are looking forward to your response.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Name]
April 7, 1922.

My dear Mr. Steele:—

your favor of the 5th instant is received. I am very much gratified to know that the suggestion appeals to the New York group. I shall at once confer with some of our Alumni here on the general question.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Charles M. Steele,
Dominick and Dominick,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

HPJ: CB
March 28, 1922

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Judson:

Thank you for sending me Mr. Steele's reply, which I return together with the carbon of your letter which you kindly sent me. I shall be very much interested in watching the developments.

Yours cordially,

[Signature]

Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
Chicago
Dominick & Dominick
115 Broadway

New York March 24, 1922

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Judson:

Just a hasty line to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of March 21st. I will
talk this over with some of the other men and will
write you again as soon as we have had time to think
about your suggestion.

Very cordially yours,

Chas. M. Winter
Dear Mr. President:

I trust this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to convey my sincere appreciation for the support and guidance your office has provided to our institution. Your commitment to excellence and innovation is truly inspiring.

As you know, the latest research results have been exceptionally promising. They offer promising avenues for further exploration and development. I believe that our collaboration will lead to groundbreaking discoveries and advancements in our field.

I look forward to discussing these opportunities in person during my visit next month. Please let me know if there is any specific topic or area you would like to focus on.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support. I am confident that together, we can achieve great things.

With cordial regards,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Position]
March 21, 1922.

My dear Mr. Steele:

In the course of one of our chats in New York you were good enough to suggest that you thought there ought to be brought before the Alumni there some large thing rather than the small matters relating to the Alumni Fund, for instance. I understand that what you had in mind was not so much an endowment, but something rather distinctive. It would be essentially an Alumni undertaking in which the Alumni as a whole would take direct interest.

I have had for some time in mind a project which seems to me would be extremely useful to the University, and which at the same time might appeal to the Alumni as such. This project would involve an erection immediately north of the Bartlett Gymnasium of a building for the following purposes:

The building would include a section at its south end which would be distinctly an Alumni headquarters. It might be three or four stories high, perhaps preferably three. It would contain the Alumni Office with all their records, and provision for such publications as might be under the direction of the Alumni. It would be entirely possible to include in that the Alumni records which were published triennially; the Office of the Magazine, and I should hope, the student annual,
and such other student publications, daily or weekly, as
may be in hand. This all, of course, is subject to a plan
which I hope some day could be worked out. It seems to me it
would be to the advantage of these student publications to
have them under general Alumni supervision.

The other section of the building immediately north
of the Alumni Headquarters would be an auditorium capable of
seating four or five thousand people. This should not have a
fixed seating arrangement, but should be capable of use for
military drills or indoor games like basket ball for which
Bartlett Gymnasium is found to be entirely inadequate, and
perhaps for large social functions like the Washington Prom.
but
I am not sure that the latter is adequately housed at present
still
in Ida Noyes Hall, as there always possibilities in that line.
Then we could have there the great meetings which come several
times a year, especially for instance, the June Convocation;
great student mass meetings; special convocations like the one
at which the degree was conferred on Marshal Foch, and the like.
This room could be of very simple construction, on the ground,
and without any more basement than would be advisable for pro-
viding heating.

Of course you understand this is only a general sketch
and so far exists simply in my mind. It is obvious, however,
that it could be built in sections. The Alumni Headquarters
any more official application at all to me. My plan to be in front of the hall of course is subject to a plan which I hope some day can be worked out. It seems to me it would be to the advantage of these student applications to have from under General William Richardson.

The offer refection of the building immediately north

of the Graham Headquarters, would be an excellent capstone of the former. The building not having received the necessary attention, may now be capable of use for

particularly nightly or indoor scenes like a theater, and for permanent organization to have its existence indefinitely.

Perhaps for future scenes functions like the reception from

I am not sure that the letter to be displayed in the lobby of the hotel would be as many possibilities in that line. Then we could have there the great meeting which were

The room could be of very simple construction, so as to have

active reception. Of course you understand that only a General could

and so far extra activity in my mind. It is opinional, however.

that it could be part of reception. The Graham Headquarters
could be erected by itself. The skeleton of the hall could be erected later and perhaps put under roof, and the details worked out still later, all as funds might warrant. I could be made, if desirable, an Alumni Memorial Hall in honor of the Alumni, 70 in number, who gave their lives in the great war.

This is, as you see, simply a rough suggestion, but I wanted to put it before you to see if there is in it an idea worth working out. It could, of course, easily have a sketch made if desirable, but I think you see the idea.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Charles Steele,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

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