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We have probably $34,000, definitely pledged. I think I can assure five subscriptions of $5,000 each, which would make something like $60,000. It will require one or two larger gifts to bring the work in design to that which has been projected. I am certain that the building will be very beautiful and that it will be a great asset to our University.

Mr. Emory M. Barton, understood that no gift is obligatory unless we secure the 259 S. Clinton Street, Chicago.

There will be a very beautiful chapel, also a handsome library floor.

My dear Mr. Barton:

Each one of these features constitutes by itself in my opinion a very great contribution to the University of a substantial character. I wish to express to you my very great appreciation of the honor you have done me in calling twice to see me this past week, and also to tell you that your kindness has given me very great encouragement.

I do not know what the future has in store for me, but I do not know whether I am to live a long time or a short time; but among these no single undertaking appears to me to be more important, and nothing rests more heavily upon my mind than the question of the Divinity building. We have undertaken to raise $100,000, in the denomination, believing that Mr. Rockefeller would give us the special sum necessary for the completion of the building, say $150,000; and in addition to myself; that not one of the many things needed by the University is so important as this particular thing. The general plan was prepared and if we could get the $100,000, I am quite sure that Mr.
299 S. Clinton Street, Chicago

Mr. Henry Harton:

Dear Mr. Harton:

I wish to express to you my warmest appreciation of the part you have taken in our many discussions and in the course of events leading up to the establishment of this University. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been deeply appreciated by all who have known you.

I do not know what the future has in store for me, but I do know that whatever I may have the opportunity to do for the University, it will be only a small token of the debt we owe to you.

Perhaps I should write a letter of appreciation, but I am not sure how to express my gratitude. May I express it in a simple way? May I tell you how much I appreciate your help and your support in this difficult time?

Yours truly,

[Signature]
We have probably $35,000 definitely pledged. I think I can secure five subscriptions of $5,000 each which would make something like $60,000. It will require one or two larger gifts to bring the work to an end. It is understood that no gift is obligatory unless we secure the entire $100,000. In connection with the proposed building there will be a very beautiful chapel, also a handsome library floor.

Each one of these features constitutes by itself something separate and distinct. The whole building is to be a memorial building.

No one knows better than I the very great number of calls that come to you, but I have supposed that sometime you would wish to make a contribution to the University of a substantial character. As a matter of fact the number of Baptists—and it is upon Baptists that we must rely almost entirely in this matter—who have any considerable amount of wealth is very small, and I have almost come to despair in this undertaking. But when I think of the absolute necessity of this building for the further development of the theological work, and also of the fact that Law is now provided for while Theology, which has been with us from the beginning, is really and truly neglected; and when I think of the significance before the denomination of our failure to secure this money if we should fail, I say to myself that not one of the many things needed at the University is so important as this particular thing. The general plans have been prepared and if we could get the $100,000. I am quite sure that Mr.
We have property $250,000; $100,000 going to be

The superintendent of $250,000.00 which would make something like

$200,000. If will lend one of two partner like to print the book.

If you read that, we're not going to get the buildings. We are

because the building $100,000.00 would be a handsome library.

These will be a very pleasant surprise. We're going to have

Each one of these features contributes by itself something extra.

and habitable. The whole building is to be a memorial building.

As one knows better than I think that number of cattle that

come to you. And I have enough that sometime you would wish to make

a contribution to the University of a substantial appropriation. To a

manner of the nature of the University of very important and if I knew what fruit that

we must reap from this in due order, and I want every one to be sure in

amount of money is very small, and I have found some to be helpful in

the administration. But when I think of the special necessity of

the building for the further development of our architectural work

and also of the fact that law is now passing for white pollution

which has been well with us from the beginning is really and truly

educational, and now I think of the educational value, the meaning-

educational value. And I am now in the sale of these things because

given of my interest to secure these many. It is our great, I say to

myself that one of the main things needed of the University is so

important as the educational value. The money that has been spent

progresses and I am going for $100,000.00 a dollar since that time.
Rockefeller would take care of the remainder.

But now I have unhesitated myself and I am hoping that you will be willing to consider the matter. I beg you not to answer this letter but to give it your thought and when I come back in three or four weeks permit me to come down to your house some evening and talk it over with Mrs. Barton and yourself. There are some things in connection with the matter which I have not felt at liberty to express in a letter which I should like to have the privilege of saying personally.

Sincerely hoping that you will pardon this personal appeal in view of all the circumstances and grant me the privilege suggested above, I remain

Yours very sincerely,