University of Chicago
Dec. 8th, 1874.

Dear Mrs. Marsh,

I asked Mrs. Anderson to permit me to answer your note to her, handed to me yesterday by your husband. Nothing would give Mrs. A. more pleasure than to be able to contribute to the good work to which you refer, but she has not a particle of income from any source, but one and that is but a trifle. I have had no pay for services for months, except as I have received a few dollars for preaching a Sunday now and then; am deeply in debt, and don’t know just now which way to turn. People are apparently more willing to help anything rather than...
This University. You see that we are absolutely unable to do anything by contributions of money; I have sacrificed almost everything for this University, and am not sure that on account of it I shall not lose my reputation. I am not blue, but I can see nothing except by looking up.

Yours very truly,
L. B. Anderson
Juliet, Ill., June 25, 1885

Dr. Anderson

Dear Brother,

Your letter of the 23rd is received. I desire, in reply, to express my warmest sympathy for you and your noble band of men, the Faculty, under the most trying circumstances danesensible, and to assure you that I will try to help raise the money needed.

I am not rich. I wish I was, only for the glory of God. I will withdraw this fund Sept. 1st, give $100. towards making up...
the deficiency in the current expenses of the University.

My dear brother I am praying for and expecting
diligence somewhere for the University.
Shall it not come from God's people in the Baptist Churches of the land?

Yours
J. E. Bush
To Board of Baffet Thee. Sem. Chicago.

Your committee, to confer with your Board of University, in regard to ground donated to the Seminary by the Colgatees, present the following statement of facts, in regard to the same.

The following is Dr. E. S. E's history of the Subscriptions.

To Com. of Board of Thee. Sem.

In answer to your inquiry, in regard to the facts, purpose and circumstances, of Mess. Colgatees donation to the Thee. Sem., accept the following statement and explanation.

From great interest excited in our educational enterprise in Chicago, always contemplating a department of Theological instruction, and confidence that the denomination in the East would assist, upon proper presentation of the claims, during the crisis of undertaking the new University building, and great financial necessity of 186, I went to New York, raising funds.

Our appeal was in behalf of a great denominational work, laying little off work and claims of University and Seminary. But as up to that time the movement for a Seminary had not been publicly made, my subscription paper named only the University and for it mainly I labored.
But if the question had been raised, members of the subscribers would have preferred the Seminary like the Footpath, and some of them as I afterward learned, would have insisted on that designation of funds. As the two causes in relation to the Baptists were over and I was authorized to commence collections, so soon as the subscription to it amounted to 25,000, the Footpath donation was entered up on the same subscription with the other donors, with the distinct stipulation and expectation that the University chair should be afterward filled up without their contributions, and it should be passed over to the Free State.

Though my service in New York was undertaken with considerable hazard to health and home responsibilities, and without compensation, I hoped to further aid the University in filling up of the endowment of the Greek chair. But the board paid no particular attention to the matter after fully reported to them and even neglected to invest the funds secured according to the request of the donors, though often urged to do so, and by compliance with the request to-day the Greek chair might have been more than thirty, instead of twenty-three thousand.

In these circumstances and in the failing of my health, I felt discharged from.
further special responsibility. The result of my agency to the great common cause may justify it's wisdom. Though the Greek chair is not yet filled, through neglect to carry out earnest requests of the donors and urging the subscriptions obtained for the Seminary at that time, not only determined the number of its property, but in their investment and appreciations have already amounted to almost the value of a professorship.

Though the seminary board should sympathize with the University in its financial embarrassments, and do all in its power to relieve them, yet do not feel that it has any claim upon the property deeded by the Colgate to themselves.

Mr. Van. Philep. was the first to interest himself in procuring the Greek chair in New York, and through whom many of the subscriptions were collected. Write Nov 7th. 1868. In reply to your enquiring as to the purpose for which Mess. Colgate made donation of land, I have today understood distinctly at the time you obtained subscriptions for the Greek chair in New York, the Colgate subscription was for the Sem. Some had nothing whatever
to do with the University or the Greek chair. Mr. Samuel Colgate's letter No. 9, 1869, says, in reference to the dedication of those funds we have but our opinion, it is to aid in the education of the ministry. We want the Seminary to have it. We think well of the University but more of the Seminary. From the foregoing statement, we think we are rightfully possessed of the Colgate donation and trust that the University chair and board will acquire or confer in the equity of our title. In our financial straits, we could do anything to complete the Greek chair's endowment of the Greek chair, or otherwise relieve our noble sister institution, we should be glad to do it.

L. E. Tyler

E. V. Bottum

C. H. Holden
University of Chicago,
April 9, 1882.

Dear Sister,

I have heard no news from you since the postal you sent just before going to Wauke-
sha. I take it you are at least in your usual health or you would have written. I do not hear often from either sister, from mother, as it is a great lack for her in her present state of health to write; so I feel myself living a very isolated existence.

My work and my little Edson are my so-
ciety.

I have not been home since last summer. I was too busy to go dur-
ing the winter vacation, & we had a vacation of only three days this spring, so I could not go then. I shall have to postpone my visiting until the summer vacation, which will
this year he longer than usual, extending from the 1st of June until the 15th of September.

As regards our University affairs, I have only the same old story to repeat. We are oppressed with that debt, & it would seem harder possible to continue much longer unless the mortgage can be lifted by some means. The President speaks hopefully, when we meet him, but for my life I cannot see what he has to base his hopes upon. I used to have some respect for the Baptist denomination, but I fear I am fast losing it all. I once supposed they took an intelligent interest in higher education, but I now see they do not. We are not nearly supported by the Baptists, the fact that we bear the unfor-

made of a university from giving us their support. I don't know but the day of denominational schools is passing away, and I am coming to feel that perhaps it is best so. I don't know of any great reason why we should have Baptist colleges, that Baptist Algebra, or Presbyterian grammar, or Dunker hydrostatics, or Jewish Botany. I am minded to think that if our affairs be the right end, would be to begin at the clear- for strike out the word "Baptist" & insert a clause making the college strictly & forever undenominational. The next step would be to ask the Clearissy Court to sell our property to pay our debt & min- the balance, which should be at least $20,000, & elsewhere $50,000 of its buildings & lot, & the balance to be given as a permanent endowment of
I think that we might see our way out of our difficulties. I reasonably hope for success. This is some sort of some.

Edson is well. He has been remarkably exempt from the usual children's maladies so far. I hope he may escape them entirely this year. He is growing rapidly, as of active habit, very fond of outdoor play. He is busy with both play and reading till night. He has arrived at the chatterbox age. It is simply astonishing how much he can say without getting tired. He is as talkative as a woman.

Do you intend remaining at Webster City? or is Elon going to sell out?

I hope you are all well. Cant Elon & you come out to Commencement? I should be glad to have you come.

Very affectionately, yours,

Edson.
Greek Endowment

W. C. Clarke.

New York Colgate Fund

Apr. 5, 1872

New York April 5, 1872

Rev. Dr. Eaton,

My dear Brother,

Your note inquiring respecting the Greek Endowment in the University of Chicago be it at hand.

As to the 'acre of ground donated to the New Union of Chicago,' I am certain that Mr. Colgate gave that of his own free will to the cause of Ministerial Education. I was with you when you applied to him to aid in the Endowment of the Greek Union, and he replied that when you got a theological school, perhaps he would give an acre of ground.
which came to them early in Chicago. You said, "Very well, we must have such an expenditure, and we shall then hold your to your proposition." He said, "Very well." It fell to my lot after the formation of the Idea. Various to go to New York and get the deeds of the famous Longfellow for this name of ground, I am positive that it could not have been secured for any other object. I also remember, being with you at a Social of the Presbyterian Baptist Church on the same occasion when we were seeking an Endowment of the Greek Chair.

You urged the donor of the University upon the Church from various considerations, and especially, since Chicago had given them a Pastor they ought to give liberty to help Chicago in her great work to found and endow her University.

The brethren of the Church received the argument pleasantly and pledged that they would do well for the University of Chicago.

I remember a delay, and much labor by your self, Prof. Mixer, and I think Dr. Atkinson, who did some work in helping...
Collect up The Greek
endowment jewel: I had
nothing to do with it, as
connected with that
Church, except my one
visit with you.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]
New York, June 1869

Her Most Eminent
Chicago

Dear Sirs,

Your letter of the 14th instant was only received. I notice your remarks in reference to the acre of land devoted to the Theological Institute.

I am pleased to learn of its increasing value and trust the Institute may yet attain much higher value than you name.

In reference to the destination of these funds, we have but one opinion as to how aid in the education of the ministry—We want the Seminary to have it—We think well of the Seminary.
but more of the Society
I regret that there should
be any difference of opinion
among you as references.
I think this donation, but if
your views differ, when
leaving me a small sum
in a paper (if you think necessary)
stating that it is ever and
that it should be used
of the Theological Seminary

Sincerely yours,
Samuel C. Eldredge