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

My dear President Judson:-

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The spirit shown by the men not only in making the subscriptions but in immediately sitting down in groups and working out a list of names of men whom they would call on the telephone in order to urge them to be at the meeting we shall hold next Monday night, was immensely encouraging to me and was, I am sure, significant of the continued interest the University can count upon from many of its alumni.

I told the men that I had asked them to meet with me because I wanted to tell them personally what was under way, rather than have it come to them through the medium of a circular letter; that I wanted their advice on certain points; that I hoped we should have the subscription of every man before we left the room, and that we also would have his help to some extent in securing subscriptions from others. (It was our intention to divide among these sixty odd men the names of the eighteen hundred odd men who live in Chicago and vicinity.) I told them in detail of what we were planning to do and then asked them if they would not frankly give me their reaction to the whole movement. Mr. Linn followed with a most sincere and effective talk covering his twenty-five years at the University, and immediately thereafter Scott Brown, Don Trumbull, Herb Zimmerman, B.C. Lingle, France Anderson, Brent Vaughan, Leo Wormser,

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What gives me the real pleasure and satisfaction is the spirit that is being shown. One man who subscribed \$1,000 last Monday came up to me last night and said that he had been thinking a great deal about it during the week and that he had derived a lot of pleasure out of his subscription. He said that he had always wanted to do something for the alumni and the University but he felt that individually he could not hope to do much. By joining with others he felt he now had an opportunity. Others expressed the opinion that the movement was endowing an opportunity for service on the part of men and women who had been at the University and I think that about expresses it.

I shall be much interested in talking with you after you return from New York, and meanwhile I very much appreciate your good letter of November 28th.

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December 9th, 1922.

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

Dear Dr. Judson: It is with the deepest regret that I learn that your retirement from your office of President is really imminent. This information stirs many emotions and awakens some thoughts.

One of my greatest assets in life has been the ability to work consistently and hard on the matter in hand, a habit formed while with you all at the University years ago. One of my greatest joys during these years has been the memory of my association with you, Dr. Harper and a few other men associated with you on the faculty. A strong and forceful character, who is teaching, sometimes little realizes how deeply he may impress his character and principles on those under him.

I sincerely trust that it may be my lot to see more of you the next ten years than during the past ten. My best wishes attend you wherever you may go. I consider it a distinction to count myself one of your friends, as I know I am; and I want to be counted as one of your friends plus.

And now to the other phase of this letter. Alumni Day next June should mark the birth of a new spirit among all our Alumni and Alumnae. You modestly state that you have carried out Dr. Harper's plans. The facts are that the University has been most fortunate in having you to succeed Dr. Harper and carry out the plans which you and he jointly mapped out long before. But now, you are leaving. Most of those who were there thirty years ago either have left or soon will do so. Is the future of the University to be turned over entirely to new hands? Not if our Alumni are alive to the situation.

But they should organize to take a much more active part in affairs than they ever have before. This activity should extend to all departments.

Since I saw you on the 24th of November, I have pondered much on your suggestions as to the financial needs of the University. Harold Swift had dwelt upon the financial needs of the University the same afternoon. He mentioned the fact that Mr. Rockefeller had probably given all that he felt it wise or desirable to do. He mentioned the large sums the state institutions are receiving from taxes. The future needs of the University are great. How are they to be met? And then I remember your talk to us here in Columbus.

WILLIAM S. HARMAN

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who is teaching, sometimes little realizes how deeply he may
impress his character and principles on those under him.

I sincerely trust that it may be my lot to see more of
you the next ten years than during the past ten. My best
wishes attend you wherever you may go. I consider it a dis-
tinction to count myself one of your friends, as I know I am;
and I want to be counted as one of your friends plus.

And now to the other phase of this letter, Alumni Day.
Next June should mark the birth of a new spirit among all
our Alumni and Alumnae. You modestly state that you have con-
tributed but Dr. Harper's plans. The facts are that the University
has been most fortunate in having you to succeed Dr. Harper
and carry out the plans which you and he jointly worked out
and carry out. But now, you are leaving. Most of those who were
there thirty years ago either have left or soon will do so.
Is the future of the University to be turned over entirely to
new hands? Not if our Alumni are alive to the situation.

But they should organize to take a much more active part
in affairs than they ever have before. This activity should
extend to all departments.

Since I saw you on the 25th of November, I have pondered
much on your suggestions as to the financial needs of the
University. Harold Swift has dwelt upon the financial needs
of the University the same afternoon. He mentioned the fact
that Mr. Rockefeller had probably given all that he felt it
wise or feasible to do. He mentioned the large sums the
state institutions are receiving from taxes. The future needs
of the University are great. How are they to be met? And then
I remember your talk to me here in Columbus.

But, are the Alumni useful only as they can themselves give? Let them give all they can. Only one hundred dollars each would make a substantial sum. But why should not the Alumni organize and get about securing additional funds from their acquaintances and friends?

This work would unite and cement your Alumni as they have never been united before. It would give them something definite to work for. It would give the man with one thousand or five thousand dollars a chance to contribute to the University-- something which he has never had before. And it would certainly develop a larger number of large givers than we have yet had. At least, it ought to accomplish this.

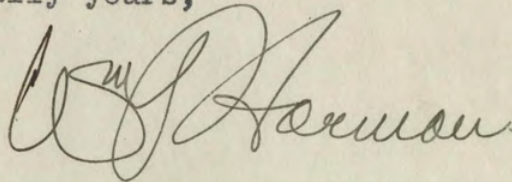
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Cordially yours,

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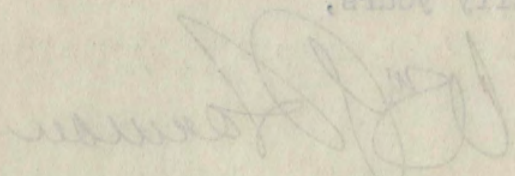
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Personal

Alumnus

61 Hagne Ave.

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April 7, 1925

Dr. Ernest De Witt Burton
University of Chicago
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My dear Dr. Burton,

May I not rededicate myself
as an alumnus by writing you ^{this}
late regarding my endorsement of the
University's campaign for an increased
endowment.

It has been most interesting to me
to note the change among alumni in
general, and certainly in my own case,
toward requests for contributions to
alumni funds. Mine was when some
of us thought that aside from the

friendship and inspiration given us by
many of our professors, we had paid
in full what we owed the University.
Now, however, as maturity comes, and
with it, the ripening of experience and
point of view, these same persons of
us realize that what we are able to
give in the way of contribution is small
compared with what we are reaping
constantly from our association with
you. We welcome, therefore, the idea
of sharing even in a small way
in the carrying-on of all for which
the University of Chicago stands.

We look forward to your coming
among us soon. To many of us, you
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Claudia E. Cumnpton

P. S. You may be interested to know
that I have written an English text,
with a Columbia professor, which
will be published within the next
year. I feel, therefore, that I am
"carrying-on" in one sense at least.

My position:

Head of Language Department

Hutchins Int. School

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A MESSAGE
TO THE ALUMNI OF
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By
ERNEST DE WITT BURTON
President of
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE PERIOD OF AFFILIATION

That Rush Medical College should become an integral part of the University of Chicago was the hope that dwelt in the hearts of President Harper and Dr. Billings when, more than twenty-five years ago, they inaugurated the movement which has at length come to fruition. The first step, taken in 1898, was the affiliation of the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College, an affiliation which it was believed would be speedily succeeded by a more intimate relationship. In fact it continued in force until 1924.

THE GREAT EFFORT OF 1916-17

In 1916, in the presidency of Dr. Judson, a fresh study of the whole situation was made. As a result of this study it was recommended to the Board of Trustees and to Rush Medical College that there should be established two medical schools, one to be located on the South Side at the University and one on the West Side. Among the reasons for this recommendation, that which was decisive was the recognition of the importance of taking advantage both of the great assemblage of hospitals located on the West Side of the city, offering an almost unparalleled opportunity for clinical work, and of the scientific departments which the University possesses in the quadrangles on the South Side and which furnish the necessary foundation of a scientific medical education.

It is more and more evident that a medical school must breathe the atmosphere of research, that there must be the opportunity not merely to pass on a certain body

of knowledge, but for those who are engaged in the teaching and studying of medicine themselves to be prosecuting real research. This work requires, on the one side, the laboratories of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, and, on the other side, the hospital where the sick are cared for and cured. A thoroughly satisfactory medical education cannot be separated from either of these. The increasingly clear recognition of the necessity that medical education shall have this double contact has also brought the conviction that in connection with the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College there are unparalleled opportunities for developing the best possible kind of medical school.

Johns Hopkins has a great medical school, but its medical buildings are three miles from its laboratories. Harvard has a great medical school, but Harvard Medical School is in Boston and Harvard University is in Cambridge. A man who has studied the whole situation and probably knows more about it than any other man in America says that there are two places in the world where a medical school can have all the opportunities for the highest development. Of these two, Chicago is one and the other is in England.

After the study of the conditions in Chicago to which I have referred, a contract was entered into between the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College. This contract was in reality an agreement to do certain things when certain conditions were fulfilled. On the basis of that contract an effort was made to raise the money to carry out this recommended plan, and \$5,300,000 was actually raised,

it being believed that this sum was sufficient to erect the buildings on the South Side, to replace the decrepit building on the West Side by a new one, and to provide for both schools an endowment which, if not adequate, would at least be enough to begin the work. Of this sum of \$5,300,000, \$2,000,000 was given conditionally by the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation. Plans were drawn for the buildings with the hope of proceeding immediately with the work. But when the bids came in from the contractors, it was discovered that, because of the rise in cost of materials, the sum available was entirely inadequate. The buildings for the South Side alone would cost over \$4,000,000, the building for the West Side \$500,000. The sum raised was \$5,300,000, and the balance was manifestly entirely inadequate for the endowment of the schools. There was nothing to do but to put away the plans and wait.

THE FRESH START IN 1923

In 1923 conditions seemed ready for a fresh start. The elements of the problem were the \$2,000,000 conditional gift on which the conditions had not then been fulfilled, the contract between the University and Rush Medical College that had never been carried into effect, and other difficult factors that need not be mentioned in detail. The study of the situation soon made it evident that the contract of 1917 was impossible of fulfilment. It was determined, however, that the essence of the plan should be carried out, and for months representatives of the

Rush Medical College and of the University of Chicago met, seeking to find the best way of accomplishing this. Able attorneys were employed, who for six or eight months worked at the task of making a new agreement which would be practicable and legally sound. These efforts were successful, and in April, 1924, the courts declared the new contract to be valid and it was signed by the representatives of the two corporations. That was a very happy day for the representatives of Rush Medical College and for those of the University of Chicago.

Meantime in December, 1923, the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation had become satisfied that the conditions of their gifts were fulfilled and had paid to the University the \$2,000,000 conditionally promised.

THE UNION CONSUMMATED IN 1924

In June, 1924, the two institutions actually became one, in accordance with the plan which had been under consideration since 1916, and was now embodied in a contract which the courts declared to be legal. This plan, like that of 1916, involved two schools, both conducted by the University of Chicago, the Graduate Medical School of the Ogden Graduate School of Science, at the University, and Rush Postgraduate Medical School on the West Side.

The character of the first-named school is largely determined by the immediate juxtaposition of the laboratories of Physics and Chemistry and the premedical sciences

in general. There is to be, of course, a hospital in connection with it, but the clinical facilities will not be equal to those furnished by the great hospitals on the West Side of the city.

There are today two types of professional school. The first of these is represented by the school which lays emphasis upon technical skill and the transmission to a group of students of an accepted body of knowledge. This type of school tends to lay down a prescribed curriculum. It aims to impart to the students the information which will enable them to practice their profession, but is little concerned with the development of medical science. Most of our medical schools have, until lately at least, been of this type.

The other type of school is built on the belief that a man is best prepared for his profession not merely or chiefly by the impartation of a certain body of knowledge, but by giving to him a certain attitude of mind toward the problems which he will meet when he gets into the profession. This latter is the conception which underlies the school of medicine which is to be developed on the South Side at the University of Chicago. Each student will, in course of time, acquire not only the necessary body of medical knowledge, but also, and especially, a habit of mind which will help him to deal with each case of illness which he meets as a problem of research, and dealing with it thus in an investigative attitude of mind to treat each successive case with increased efficiency.

Such a school will prepare the student to obtain his degree of Doctor of Medicine. It will prepare him to pass the state exam-

inations and to practice the profession of medicine. Just when he will take his degree will be for him to determine, because it may easily happen that his zest for knowledge will lead him to take considerably more work than is required for the Doctor's degree, and to tarry on considerably beyond the minimum prescribed period. Experience with students in other departments of the University has shown that when they are really imbued with the love of knowledge they do not hold themselves to a certain period of study, but stay on till they have acquired what they in particular need. It is to be expected that we shall have the same experience in the medical school on the South Side.

The school on the West Side will be for men who have already taken an M.D. degree, men who have gone out into the practice of medicine and have come back to add to their general store of knowledge, or with the desire to become specialists in a certain field. It will have larger facilities in the way of hospitals than can be provided at the University. It will have less ample facilities in the way of laboratories than the South Side school. Very likely it will often happen that the man who comes back for study at the West Side school will find his problem is really one of the laboratory and will go to the other school, and vice versa.

For several years there must be a third school, Rush Medical College, because until the new buildings are built on the South Side we shall be able to do only the first two years of medicine at the University and the men must continue to go to the West Side for the last two years. It is to

be recalled that since 1901 the University has conducted on the South Side the work of the first two years of the medical course, Rush Medical College completing the four-year course in the two years on the West Side. The work done at the University was conducted in laboratories with a replacement value of \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and with an equipment and teaching staff representing the income from another \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. This arrangement was entered into because at the time of the affiliation of these two institutions, it was clearly evident that Rush Medical College itself was unable to carry on the work of the first two years in a thoroughly adequate manner owing to lack of financial resources. When the University took over this portion of the medical work the embarrassing problem was so successfully solved that Rush has taken rapid strides toward the front rank of medical colleges. Now that the University is directly responsible for the whole four years of medical work, it purposes to proceed with the development of the school as rapidly as possible, and in pursuance of this policy to add a substantial sum to the budget of Rush for the coming year. The resulting expansion and development of the work of Rush Medical College will in turn facilitate the growth of the Rush Postgraduate School. For many years, when Rush Medical College was an independent corporation graduating its own students, the University contributed to the success of the work of the College by carrying, at the expense of the University, the work of the first two years, and is still more committed to the maintenance of the school now that it is a college of the University.

THE NEW BUILDING PROGRAM

The old building of Rush Medical College was out of date in 1916. In 1917 Mr. F. H. Rawson, having in mind the fulfilment of the new contract, gave to the University \$300,000, and Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bridge supplemented it by a gift of \$100,000 for a new building. Dr. Bridge also a little later gave \$30,000 for the rehabilitation of the Senn building. The new building is now going up, and by October of this present year it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy. It is worthy of note that the University again showed its faith in the future of Rush by expending \$25,000 for putting the laboratory building into shape to use while the new building was being completed, and by becoming responsible for \$167,000 additional to the \$400,000 provided for the latter.

When, in 1923, the University came again to face the building problem on the South Side, it was decided to be best that the buildings for the medical school should be erected on the north side of the Midway instead of on the south. So keenly did the medical men feel that they must not be separated from their fellows who were working in the preclinical sciences that they regarded even the Midway as too great a space to separate them. A tract of land about 600 feet square (8 acres) has accordingly been set aside for the erection of the medical buildings on the north side of the Midway between Ellis and Drexel avenues and extending from Fifty-ninth to Fifty-eighth Street. New plans have been prepared for the hospital and for associated buildings for Medicine, Surgery, Pathology, Physiology, and Physiological Chem-

istry. These plans are complete and the contracts have been definitely let. Probably two years will be required to construct the buildings. They will cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$4,000,000.

These buildings will furnish the physical provision for what we hope will become a medical school superior to anything which now exists in this country or in the world. In the two schools, working in intimate relation with one another, the one in immediate contact with the University, and the other in immediate contact with the great hospitals on the West Side, with the spirit of research permeating and controlling all their life, we believe we have conditions which are not surpassed anywhere, and which will enable us not only to prepare men for the practice of medicine, but to make great and constant contributions to the science of medicine.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

The figures given above themselves indicate that the buildings which it is proposed to erect at once cannot be built out of the \$5,300,000 without encroaching on the portion originally given for endowment. A year ago the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation, which have been very much interested in our plans, said to us: "We perceive your embarrassment. You have not money enough for the buildings and for endowment, and yet, inasmuch as this money was raised five years ago and you have not spent it, you can hardly expect to raise more at the present time." They accordingly proposed that so much as necessary

of the \$2,000,000 which they had given the University for endowment might be put into the buildings and so provide for their cost. But of course it is evident that it is useless to build buildings and not have endowment to carry on the work in them and that, therefore, the University will have to raise \$5,000,000 for endowment in the near future. This \$5,000,000 is not included in the sum of \$17,500,000 which it is hoped to secure this year, because it was judged impracticable to go before the public for \$22,500,000 in one year. But we know that by the time the new buildings are finished, the University must have added to its resources not only the \$17,500,000 for general purposes, but \$5,000,000 for the medical school. We expect to secure the \$5,000,000 in due time, largely because we believe we have an alumni body, in our Rush group, that will point out to their friends who are interested in the development of the healing art the importance of progress in medical research and will show them that here is a good place to put their money. We are building a medical school on a measure of faith that has not always been applied to such a situation. We should be glad to have our faith supported and replaced by sight drafts at any time, but in the meantime we are going forward.

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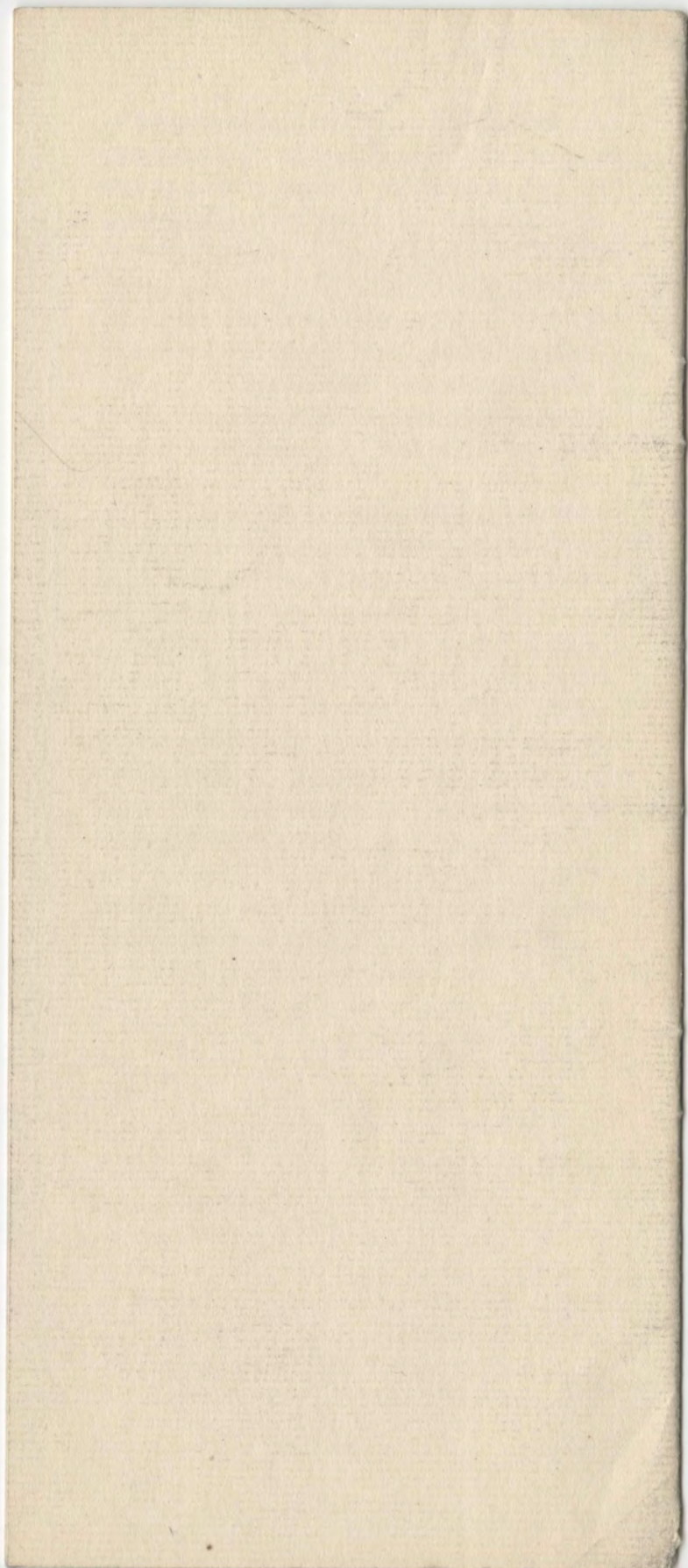
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THE ALUMNI OF RUSH AND THE NEW FINANCIAL EFFORT

What should be the attitude of the Rush alumni toward the campaign which we are now conducting for \$17,500,000 as described in the accompanying pamphlet? The sum to be raised in 1925 does not include the \$5,000,000 which we shall presently have to raise for medical education. On the other hand, it will probably not be practicable to conduct an alumni campaign for this \$5,000,000. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that the alumni of Rush Medical College, now members in full standing in the alumni association of the University, will take part heartily and generously in the effort of 1925 to raise the \$17,500,000. This money, much of which will be expended in increasing the equipment of the premedical and medical branches such as Pathology, Bacteriology, etc., will necessarily aid in the increasing development of medicine, and the prestige

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The University invites such contribution as you are willing to make, toward the \$2,000,000 fund which the alumni are raising as their share of the \$17,500,000 to be secured in 1925—this with the understanding that the University will presently put itself under the task of raising the \$5,000,000 for the medical school. If any of you wish to designate your gift for the medical work, you are at liberty to do so and your designation will be observed. But let us all lift together and move steadily forward in our united effort to make “the best possible University.”



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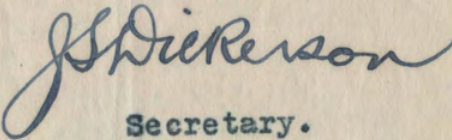
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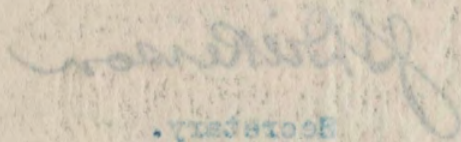
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