The National Centennial.

The Northwest to celebrate the event by the Establishment of a $50,000 Educational Fund.

IT has been suggested that a most appropriate way in which the citizens of the Northwest could unite in the commemoration of the approaching National Centennial would be the establishment of a *free* educational fund for the assistance of needy students in our higher institutions of learning. In accordance with this view and the fact that Chicago is the metropolis of the Northwest, the Executive Committee of the University of Chicago at a recent meeting formally inaugurated a movement of this character.

It was decided to invite the friends of education throughout the country to contribute towards such a fund and, if possible, to raise at once not less than $50,000; that the fund should be absolutely UNSECTARIAN in its character and that its privileges should be open alike to both male and female students. In order to throw the utmost guard around the fund it was determined to place it under the care of a special board of trustees, the following prominent gentlemen having been appointed to compose said Board, and have signified their acceptance of the trust:

His Excellency J. L. BEVERIDGE, Governor of Illinois, Springfield, *Ex-officio.*
Hon. H. D. COLVIN, Mayor of Chicago, Chicago, "
Rev. LEMUEL MOSS, D. D., Pres't University of Chicago, " "
Hon. THOMAS DRUMMOND, Judge U. S. Circuit Court, "
Hon. LYMAN TRUMBULL, Ex-U. S. Senator, "
Hon. W. F. COOLBAUGH, Pres't Union Nat. Bank, "
WM. H. WELLS, Esq., Late Sup't Public Instruction of Chicago, Chicago.

In consideration of the financial difficulties at present surrounding many of our more wealthy citizens usually prominent in encouraging objects of this kind, it has been determined not to seek large donations from a few, but *small contributions from many*, and thus by perseverance on the part of those having the matter in charge to *aggregate* a considerable sum.

The silent, eloquent appeal of young men and women oppressed by poverty, struggling to complete their education, is most pathetic. But of such comes the mental and moral strength of our country. LET US HELP THEM.

The movement has received the warmest commendations of both the religious and secular press, as will be seen by the following extracts:

(*Chicago Tribune.*)
"We commend the movement, as an excellent and charitable one, to the thoughtful and liberal consideration of the citizens of Chicago, and the Northwest."

(*Chicago Times.*)
"Chicago and the Northwest can do no less than extend practical and sympathetic countenance to this project. The gentlemen comprising the special Board of Trustees are known and honored from the Atlantic to the Pacific. * * * It is an endeavor to furnish to those deserving students who do not happen to own rich fathers, an opportunity to acquire something higher than a common school education."

(*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*)
"We are most happy to endorse this enterprise as one eminently worthy the co-operation of our citizens. If carried out in accordance with the magnitude and importance of the object in view, it will most certainly merit the warmest commendation of Chicago and the Northwest."

(*Chicago Evening Journal.*)
"We hope this worthy enterprise will meet with the utmost success, and that ere long the Northwest may have in this city a fund similar to those in some of the more enterprising Eastern Colleges."

(*Chicago Post and Mail.*)
"So beneficent an object ought to meet a hearty encouragement from all who can give it any assistance."

(*Interior—Presbyterian.*)
"This certainly is a most worthy and sensible way to celebrate the Centennial, and appeals pathetically to the friends of higher education. We hope to see it eminently successful."

(*Northwestern Christian Advocate—Methodist.*)
"The work of raising this fund has been placed in the hands of Prof. J. W. Larimore, whom, and whose course, we hereby most heartily commend. The beneficiaries are not to be confined to any class as respects sex, color, church, or religious belief. We trust that prompt funds will enable the good work to begin."

(*Standard—Baptist.*)
"We bespeak for Prof. Larimore the generous and ready co-operation he will need, and which he may so justly claim, both on his own behalf and for his work's sake."

(*Advance—Congregational.*)
"The idea is a good one, and we heartily wish it the greatest success."

(*Alliance—Independent.*)
"This is a most worthy cause, and deserves the hearty co-operation of the friends of education in the Northwest."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. LARIMORE, Secretary.

Report of a Special Committee, Adopted by the Board of Trustees of

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

May 8th, 1886.

We believe it should be the policy of this Board of Trustees to pursue a careful and business-like course, attempting no compromise of just liabilities, heretofere or hereafter incurred;

We further believe that the work of raising the funds necessary to redeem and re-establish the University can be accomplished within one year, and that the plan herein suggested is in accord with a decided public sentiment in favor of prompt and earnest action.

We, therefore, adopt the following declaration as to our future policy:

First—That all contention between the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine, and the University, be entirely discontinued, and that the University give to the said Insurance Company all proper assistance in securing the application of the property pledged by the University to the payment of the claims of said company and use its best endeavors to obtain a discontinuance of all suits affecting the title to said property.

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Fourth—That there be raised by subscription for the University. first, the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), to be paid on or before the first day of August next, with which to meet the item of rent above mentioned; second, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), payable on or before April 1, 1887, to be used as follows:

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All subscriptions to this fund to be expressly conditioned upon the whole sum being subscribed, and payable upon the certificate of this board that the whole amount is subscribed by responsible parties.

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Sixth—That the management and control of the educational work of the University be under the charge and supervision of the President and Faculty of the University; that the management of the finances, and fixing the compensation of the Faculty, and employes of the Uuiversity shall be under the control and direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; sueh committee to keep regular and faithful record of all their transactions, which shall be read to the full board at their next regular meeting; the Executive Committee to be composed entirely of members of the Board engaged in general business.

Seventh—That, while a majority of the Trustees are to be of the Baptist denomination as required by the express provisions of the special charter, we believe it to be for the largest success of the institution that the working membership of the Board should be essentially representative citizens of the city of Chicago of well-known interest in educational work, without special regard to denominational lines, so that the University may be what we believe it was originally intended, a University with its denominational majority so fixed as to prevent contention, but undenominational in its work and teaching, and in every sense an institution of learning, commanding the support and patronage of all citizens of the Northwest.

Eighth—That this Board does hereby pledge itself unreservedly and unalterably to the maintenance of the University of Chicago in its present location, and the redemption of the property originally donated to it by its benefactor, Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, and in so doing we insist that there should be on the part of every officer and member of the Board and Faculty unqualified loyalty and devotion to this purpose.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO:

WHEREAS, it is proposed to discontinue all litigation and redeem the University property upon the basis of paying the full demand of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine, which demand the said insurance company have fixed at three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000); ten thousand dollars ($10,000) thereof to be paid on or before August 10, 1886, and the balance, two hundred and ninety thousand dollars ($290,000), to be paid on or before July 1, 1887, said University to have the use and possession of said property until the said first day of July, 1887, upon the condition that in case said two hundred and ninety thousand dollars ($290,000) is not paid, said insurance company shall retain said ten thousand dollars as and for rent for said premises during the further occupancy thereof by the University as aforesaid, and

WHEREAS, said Insurance Company proposes in case the full sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) is paid as aforesaid, to donate to the University the balance of its decree over and above the amount of its said demand, and

WHEREAS, a certain plan for the future management and business control of said University has been adopted, which plan is set forth in a report of a special committee, adopted by the said Board on the 8th day of May, 1886, (a copy of which report is printed on the back hereof), and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, a citizen of Chicago, believes that the establishment and maintenance within the city of a University in which shall be taught all branches of learning, and which shall be open and accessible to all citizens who desire to give their children a liberal education, will promote the intellectual and material wealth and greatness of our city,—

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and of each subscription hereto, I do hereby agree to pay the sum of ..... dollars ($.....) on or before August 1, 1886, to A. J. Wise, trustee; such money to be applied to the sole use of paying the first installment of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) above mentioned, provided; and this subscription is made upon the express condition, that the full amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) is subscribed, and is payable, as aforesaid, upon the certificate of the Board of Trustees that the whole amount is subscribed by responsible parties.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

D. G. HAMILTON, Chairman.

94 Washington Street, Chicago, May 18, 1886.

DEAR SIR:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the following statement:

Thirty years ago the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas donated ten acres of land near the southern boundary of the city of Chicago, to be used for educational purposes. The University of Chicago accepted his generous gift and soon after secured subscriptions for the necessary buildings, sufficient in amount to cover the cost of their erection. The panic of 1857 rendered it impossible, however, for many of the subscribers to make their pledges good, and a few years later the distractions of civil war caused an abatement of public interest in its prosperity. The University, therefore, became involved in an ever increasing debt, and it is now so situated that but for the forbearance of its principal creditor, the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine, it would soon be compelled to relinquish the property donated by Judge Douglas, as well as all the improvements thereon since made.

In this crisis in its affairs, the Trustees of the University have received a proposition from the President of the Insurance Company fixing the amount of its demand at 300,000, and offering to donate to the University all excess of the decree in its favor above that sum; provided that ten thousand dollars is paid to it on or before August 10, 1886, and that the further sum of two hundred and ninety thousand dollars (without interest) is paid by July 1, 1887; the University meanwhile retaining possession of the premises.

The Trustees have accepted the proposition, and believe that an earnest effort should now be made to relieve the University from debt and place it in a position in which it can take a high rank among the leading Universities of the land.

Chicago, which is renowned throughout the world for its enterprise and energy, for its leadership in nearly all affairs of general interest, and for the public spirit of its citizens, ought never to permit it to be said that the only University in the city was allowed to die. This city should not only be the business center of the Northwest, but should also be its metropolis in all matters, and the home of its most important educational and literary interests. The young men of the Northwest who desire a broad and liberal education should be induced to pursue their studies here and the alumni of such a college as the University of Chicago can be made will be a power in the land, and their interest in the city in which they received their education will be a strong element in its future prosperity.

Chicago cannot afford to have it understood abroad that its interest is confined to material affairs, or that the means of culture and of literary life are here belittled or ignored.

The acceptance of the munificent gift of Judge Douglas casts a certain degree of responsibility upon the community for whose welfare this donation was made. If it is now allowed to be lost, the institution which should be the best and most enduring monument to his memory will not only perish, but a cloud will rest upon those of his fellow citizens who thus allowed his benefaction to come to naught.

It is the belief of the committee that it would be a fatal mistake to allow the University to drag along from year to year, barely managing to survive from one year's end to another, and having no provision or reasonable hope for the future. If among those who should be interested in the prosperity of a University in this city there is not sufficient interest to place it upon a firm financial basis, and give it an opportunity to take rank promptly with the best in the land,

its further continuance would be useless. If, however, as we believe to be the case, there is a general interest in the advancement of our educational work, the aid that is necessary can best be given now, and under conditions which will insure that the contributions shall not be called for unless the full amount is pledged; that not one cent shall ever be diverted or alienated in any way, and that the donors can rest assured that their contributions will be of permanent value, and will continue for unnumbered generations to perform the work for which they were given.

Any help which it may be desired to give to the University must therefore be given this year or not all.

The maintenance of the University in its present location is not only required by justice to the memory of Judge Douglas, but is also advisable for other important reasons. The land alone, without buildings of any kind, would now bring in the market more than the sum demanded, while the buildings could not be erected to-day for less than one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. In addition to this financial reason, the interest in their "alma mater" of the three hundred alumni of the institution who are scattered throughout the Northwest, is an element of strength and future prosperity which cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

The conditions under which aid is now asked are set forth in full in the appended declaration of the Board of Trustees as to its policy, and it is believed that they will meet with general approval.

Denominational differences are not involved in any of the branches of a general education, and we invite special attention to the position taken by the Board of Trustees upon this subject.

This statement of the condition and plans of the University is sent out in order to call attention to the subject, as it is the purpose of the Committee having the matter in charge to invite representative citizens of Chicago to take an active interest in its affairs, accepting positions in its Board of Trustees, and thus allying themselves with the few who are endeavoring to sustain it.

We need not only financial assistance, but also general co-operation and counsel in the future management of the University.

With this general statement of the case, the matter is commended to your earnest and careful attention.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE RAISED BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1886, and you will readily see the necessity of prompt action.

The Committee ask the favor of an interview or further correspondence with you on the subject, and in the meantime will be pleased to receive any suggestion or subscription that you may desire to make.

Yours very sincerely,

D. G. HAMILTON, Chairman.
CHAS. W. NEEDHAM,
GEO. C. WALKER,
A. J. WISE,
E. P. VINING,
Committee.

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CIRCULAR.

CHICAGO, 1860.

DEAR SISTER:

At a Convention called for the purpose, and held in this city April 10th, 1860, a Ladies' Baptist Education Society was formed, with a view to assist Young Men studying for the Baptist Ministry in the University of Chicago. The Constitution provides for Auxiliary Societies, to be formed by the ladies interested in the object throughout the North-West. Every such Society may represent itself at the Annual Meetings, by appointing three Delegates for that purpose, who shall be members of the Parent Society, and enjoy the same privileges as other members; also, the Presidents of Auxiliary Societies are *ex-officio* members of the Executive Board. A form of Constitution for an Auxiliary Society is hereto appended, which may be adopted, either in whole, or in part, wherever the ladies may choose. It is sent, not with any thought of dictating in the organization of branch Societies, but in order to secure uniformity, and a correspondence between the Constitution of the parent Society and those of Auxiliaries. You will see that it provides for a quarterly remittance of the funds raised to the Treasurer at Chicago. This is important, as the payments to be made by the Board will occur at those intervals, and it will be dependent, in a great measure, upon the Auxiliary Societies for means to meet its obligations. The Treasurer is MRS. L. A. WILLARD, of this city. The Annual Meeting of the parent Society will be held on the day preceding the Commencement of the University in each year. The form of Constitution which we subjoin, provides that the Annual Meetings of the Auxiliary Societies shall occur in the last week in June, that they may precede that of the parent Society. If no such Auxiliary has been formed in your place, will you please interest yourself in securing one?

It is probable that there will be no other organization, with this view, in connection with the University. An active and general co-operation in this, is therefore the more desirable. It is to be remembered besides, that about two-thirds of all the young men who have entered the ministry in our denomination for the last quarter of a century, have needed, and received aid of this kind. The proportion will probably not be less in time to come. That God grants approval and blessing to such efforts as we propose, may be inferred from the success of our brethren in the State of New York, who for more than forty years have been vigorously engaged in the work. During the first thirty-two years, there were educated at the Hamilton Institution 1,200 ministers, three-fourths of whom had been beneficiaries. Over forty of them have labored in heathen lands. One of these reports 1,600 converts baptized by him; another, in this country, 1,700, and another over 2,000. Under the labors of the 1,200 ministers referred to, there have been, it is estimated, about 2,000 revivals of religion, and 150,000 converts.

Can we, dear sister, do less than all in our power as Christians, to aid in a work so evidently in accordance with the Savior's last command?

We earnestly solicit the co-operation of ladies in the Baptist Churches and congregations of the North-West.

Please reply to either of the undersigned.

MRS. J. A. SMITH.
MRS. J. B. OLCOTT.
MRS. L. WILSON.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

1st. This society shall be called the *Ladies' Baptist Education Society of*———auxiliary to the Ladies Education Society of Chicago.

2nd. Its object shall be to raise funds for assisting Young Men studying for the Baptist Ministry.

3rd. It shall consist of Ladies who pay 10 cts. monthly into the treasury of the Society.

4th. Its officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be chosen annually by ballot.

5th. The Society shall hold its meetings monthly. The annual meeting shall be held on ——— of the last week in June, at which time the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be rendered, and delegates appointed to the annual meeting of the parent Society.

6th. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society, and attend to its correspondence. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the Society—remitting the same to the Treasurer of the parent Society *every three months.*

7th. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society.

THE

University of Chicago,

Secretary's Office,
THE UNIVERSITY, } Chicago, Ill, ... 18

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Dear .....

Permit me to remind you that the ..... of your note, given to the University of Chicago ..... 186 for $ ..... and payable ..... from date, with interest annually at ..... per cent., will be due ..... 186 amounting to $ .....

By sending us this amount when due, you will confer a special favor, as we rely on the prompt payment of the sums due the University in order to carry forward this great enterprise.

The delay of even a few days in sending what is due, occasions us serious inconvenience. Please send the amount either in a Draft, a Post Office Order, or in money, enclosing it in this printed envelope, which I send you to be returned to me. I will immediately send you a receipt for the money and endorse it on your note, and return you the note when it is paid.

Yours very truly,

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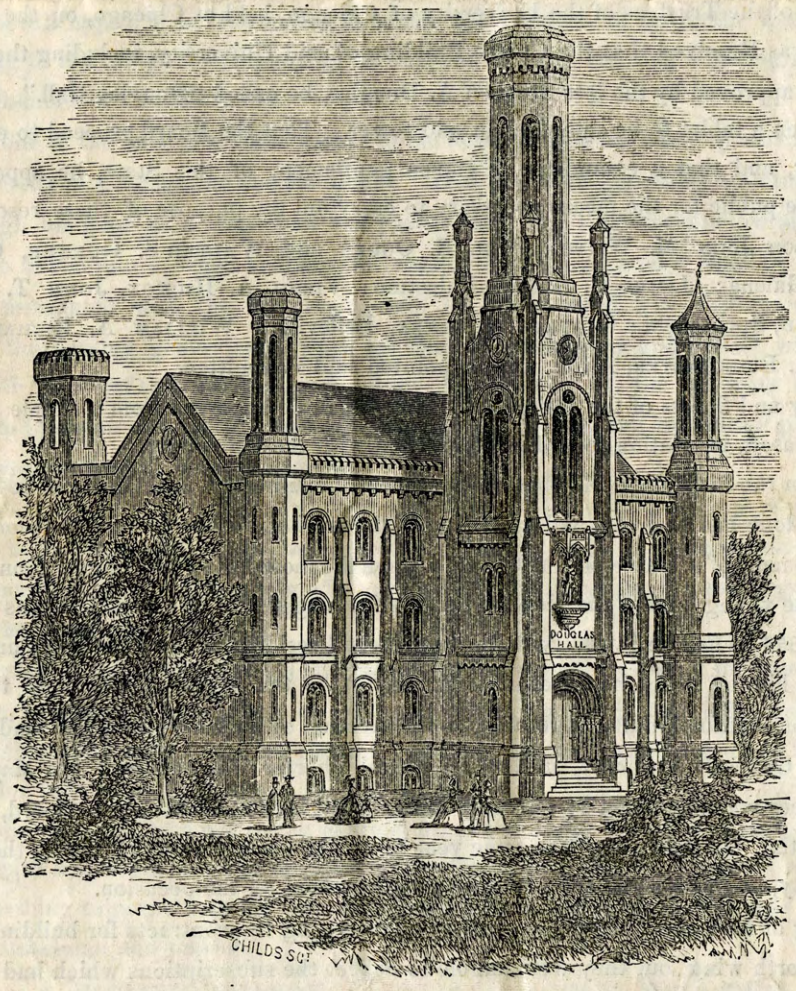
Corres. and Fin. Secretary.



DESCRIPTION OF DOUGLAS HALL.

Front - - - - - - - - - -	122 feet.
Depth, - - - - - - - - - -	91 "
Height of Building, - - - - - -	68 "
" - of Tower, - - - - - - - -	156 "

DOUGLAS HALL.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the University of Chicago, held at Chicago, on the eighth day of June, 1861, it was Resolved that the Centre Building of said University, including the tower, according to the plan approved by the late Stephen A. Douglas, be called "Douglas Hall." That that name be inscribed upon a tablet to be embodied in said tower. That the Board proceed to erect said Building and Tower, and that a committee of eleven gentlemen, of this State, be appointed to make an appeal to the public for the means necessary to carry out the purpose of these resolutions.

And thereupon JOHN M. WILSON, WM. B. OGDEN, and WALTER S. GURNEE, Chicago; JOHN A. RAWLINS, Galena; JAMES C. ALLEN, Palestine; VIRGIL A. HICKOX, JOHN T. STUART, JOHN A. McCLERNAND, Springfield; GUSTAVUS KŒRNER, Belleville; WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, Quincy, and SAMUEL A. BUCKMASTER, Alton, were appointed said committee.

The propriety and fitness of the action of the Board will be apparent from a simple relation of the acts of the deceased, in relation to and in connection with the University.

His interest in the institution will thus be most clearly manifested, and thus will be indicated what he would have done had he lived, and what is now the privilege of his friends to accomplish.

The establishment of a University at Chicago, upon the most broad and liberal foundation, for the Education of the young men of the North-west was first suggested by Judge Douglas in 1854, and in the Spring of 1856 he had an interview with the present President of the University and entered into a contract with him by which he covenanted to convey the ten acres of land now the site of the University, upon certain conditions relating to the erection of buildings upon the land to be donated.

At the next General Assembly, in 1857, a liberal charter was obtained. In May following, the Board of Trustees was organized by choosing Judge Douglas President of the Board, which office he held till his death. On July 4th of the same year he was at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the University, and addressed the vast assemblage present on the occasion.

In the Spring of 1858 the Trustees were desirous of letting the contracts for building of the main building and north wing, but they were unable to collect the subscriptions which had been made in a spirit of liberality in more prosperous times. At this crisis Judge Douglas offered to be one of five to secure a sufficient amount to ensure the completion of the buildings.

The amount thus proposed to be donated by Judge Douglas would have exceeded $40,000 in addition to the donation of the site of the University, valued at $50,000.

Owing to monetary embarrassments this proposition was not accepted, and the main building and north wing are yet to be built in order to carry out the original design.

Gift of Freeport Public Library

The Trustees having commenced building in the Summer of 1858, Judge Douglas, expressing full confidence in the success of the enterprise, generously waived the conditions contained in the contract and gave them a Deed of the land.

The institution is now firmly established, and in a highly prosperous condition. There are nine Professors, including the President of the University—230 students in the various departments. The south wing of the main building, 90 × 64 feet, and four stories high, containing 89 rooms is completed and fully occupied.

The object of this appeal is to raise means to enable the Trustees to erect the main building and tower according to the design accompanying this appeal, thereby erecting a lasting monument to the distinguished founder of the University.

That it was one of the most cherished wishes of his heart to have his name permanently associated with the University of Chicago, no one can doubt. That it was an honorable ambition, all will admit.

And although his fame as a statesman and patriot may for a time overshadow all other claims to distinction, yet in the future, when his plans in relation to the University shall be fully developed, his name, as associated with the University, will be remembered with feelings of gratitude and admiration by the passing generations, when his fame as a statesman and patriot will only be known in common with others of this, the past and future generations, by the students of history.

Statesmen and patriots are the products of every age and nation, but munificent patrons of learning appear in the page of history at long intervals.

His munificent purposes in relation to the erection of the University buildings, were frustrated by the revolution in monetary affairs, and he has left what he desired to do, to be accomplished by others; and, as the committee believe, thousands who mourn his loss will esteem it a privilege to aid in accomplishing what he so earnestly desired.

The importance of such an institution at Chicago, or elsewhere, we do not propose in an appeal to intelligent men to discuss; but we may be pardoned for saying that in our judgment such an institution is at this time a necessity in the North-west, and that no more central position or more eligible and beautiful site for such an institution can be found.

This enterprise is committed not to the political friends of Judge Douglas as such, but to all who sympathized with him in his patriotic devotion to the Union and the Constitution; and who are desirous to do something to perpetuate his fame and express their appreciation of him as a patron of learning, and as a statesman and patriot.

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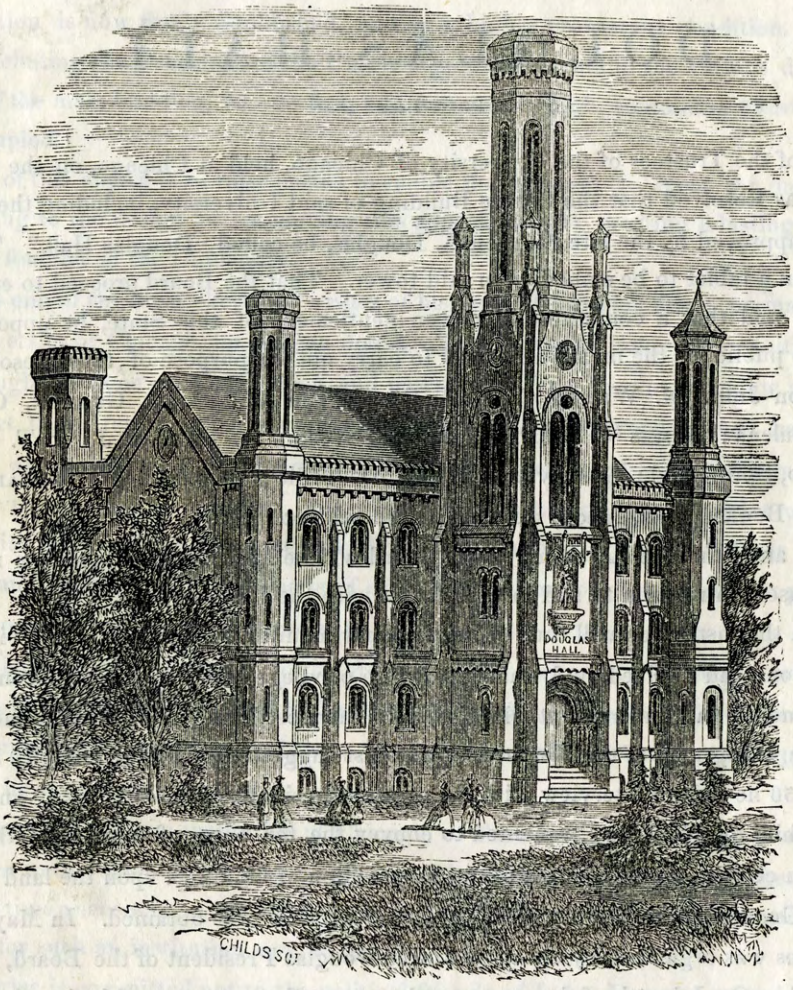
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON.

Subscribers Names.	Residence.	Amount.



DESCRIPTION OF DOUGLAS HALL.

Front - - - - - - - - - -	122 feet.
Depth, - - - - - - - - - -	91 "
Height of Building, - - - - - - -	68 "
" of Tower, - - - - - - - -	156 "

DOUGLAS HALL.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the University of Chicago, held at Chicago, on the eighth day of June, 1861, it was Resolved that the Centre Building of said University, including the tower, according to the plan approved by the late Stephen A. Douglas, be called "Douglas Hall." That that name be inscribed upon a tablet to be embodied in said tower. That the Board proceed to erect said Building and Tower, and that a committee of eleven gentlemen, of this State, be appointed to make an appeal to the public for the means necessary to carry out the purpose of these resolutions.

And thereupon JOHN M. WILSON, WM. B. OGDEN, and WALTER S. GURNEE, Chicago; JOHN A. RAWLINS, Galena; JAMES C. ALLEN, Palestine; VIRGIL A. HICKOX, JOHN T. STUART, JOHN A. MCCLERNAND, Springfield; GUSTAVUS KŒRNER, Belleville; WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, Quincy, and SAMUEL A. BUCKMASTER, Alton, were appointed said committee.

The propriety and fitness of the action of the Board will be apparent from a simple relation of the acts of the deceased, in relation to and in connection with the University.

His interest in the institution will thus be most clearly manifested, and thus will be indicated what he would have done had he lived, and what is now the privilege of his friends to accomplish.

The establishment of a University at Chicago, upon the most broad and liberal foundation, for the Education of the young men of the North-west was first suggested by Judge Douglas in 1854, and in the Spring of 1856 he had an interview with the present President of the University and entered into a contract with him by which he covenanted to convey the ten acres of land now the site of the University, upon certain conditions relating to the erection of buildings upon the land to be donated.

At the next General Assembly, in 1857, a liberal charter was obtained. In May following, the Board of Trustees was organized by choosing Judge Douglas President of the Board, which office he held till his death. On July 4th of the same year he was at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the University, and addressed the vast assemblage present on the occasion.

In the Spring of 1858 the Trustees were desirous of letting the contracts for building of the main building and north wing, but they were unable to collect the subscriptions which had been made in a spirit of liberality in more prosperous times. At this crisis Judge Douglas offered to be one of five to secure a sufficient amount to ensure the completion of the buildings.

The amount thus proposed to be donated by Judge Douglas would have exceeded $40,000 in addition to the donation of the site of the University, valued at $50,000.

Owing to monetary embarrassments this proposition was not accepted, and the main building and north wing are yet to be built in order to carry out the original design.

The Trustees having commenced building in the Summer of 1858, Judge Douglas, expressing full confidence in the success of the enterprise, generously waived the conditions contained in the contract and gave them a Deed of the land.

The institution is now firmly established, and in a highly prosperous condition. There are nine Professors, including the President of the University—230 students in the various departments. The south wing of the main building, 90 × 64 feet, and four stories high, containing 89 rooms is completed and fully occupied.

The object of this appeal is to raise means to enable the Trustees to erect the main building and tower according to the design accompanying this appeal, thereby erecting a lasting monument to the distinguished founder of the University.

That it was one of the most cherished wishes of his heart to have his name permanently associated with the University of Chicago, no one can doubt. That it was an honorable ambition, all will admit.

And although his fame as a statesman and patriot may for a time overshadow all other claims to distinction, yet in the future, when his plans in relation to the University shall be fully developed, his name, as associated with the University, will be remembered with feelings of gratitude and admiration by the passing generations, when his fame as a statesman and patriot will only be known in common with others of this, the past and future generations, by the students of history.

Statesmen and patriots are the products of every age and nation, but munificent patrons of learning appear in the page of history at long intervals.

His munificent purposes in relation to the erection of the University buildings, were frustrated by the revolution in monetary affairs, and he has left what he desired to do, to be accomplished by others; and, as the committee believe, thousands who mourn his loss will esteem it a privilege to aid in accomplishing what he so earnestly desired.

The importance of such an institution at Chicago, or elsewhere, we do not propose in an appeal to intelligent men to discuss; but we may be pardoned for saying that in our judgment such an institution is at this time a necessity in the North-west, and that no more central position or more eligible and beautiful site for such an institution can be found.

This enterprise is committed not to the political friends of Judge Douglas as such, but to all who sympathized with him in his patriotic devotion to the Union and the Constitution; and who are desirous to do something to perpetuate his fame and express their appreciation of him as a patron of learning, and as a statesman and patriot.

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To Mr. Prof. H. A. Horr

At the annual meeting of the alumni association, held June 27, 1878, at the Tremont House, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association proceed to raise by cash subscriptions among its members the sum of $2,000, to be turned over to the university and applied by the trustees upon the payment of the bonded debt of the university, and that a committee of three be appointed, consisting of Fred. Perry Powers, Prof. Edward Olson, and the Rev. E. O. Taylor, to take the matter in charge, collect the money, and turn it over to the treasurer of the university.

Resolved, That the alumni association hereby puts on record its belief that the University of Chicago is no denominational propaganda, but an institution of good learning, under general Christian influences, worthy the assistance of all friends of higher education, and without any sectarian biases that afford any person not a Baptist any reason for withholding aid from it. The Baptist denomination does not use the university to teach its peculiar doctrines, and it shares the management of the institution with persons of other faiths. We, its graduates, commend the institution as one broad enough for all.

Your committee beg leave to lay before you the following facts: The bonded debt of the university has been scaled down by the creditors from $173,000 to $100,000, on condition that it be paid by January 1, 1879. The amount thus far contributed to the payment of the bonded and floating debts is about $14,000. Less than six months remain for raising the sum which will enable the university to avail itself of the reduction offered, and for delivering our alma mater from debt.

A generous contribution by the alumni is greatly desired at

this time. If the university cannot command the assistance of her sons, she can hardly ask help from strangers. A liberal gift from the alumni will not only help materially in the payment of the debt, but it will be a testimonial to the honor of our alma mater which will be of assistance to the gentlemen who are trying to raise money for the payment of the debt, and which will favorably dispose those who are not graduates to give to the institution. From no other source would a gift of $2,000 be so gratefully received, or be so productive of good results, as from the body of the graduates.

The dissensions of the past are past forever. The university has now a new president, Dr. Galusha Anderson, who has never been in any way connected with any party, and whose manners, whose attainments, whose weight of character, and whose unselfishness in resigning a very desirable pastorate to take the presidency at such a crisis as the present, command the hearty respect and co-operation of all friends of the university, however much they may have differed on some points in the past. This is the moment for us all to unite and give Dr. Anderson substantial assistance.

Your *pro rata* share of the gift the association has voted to make will be about $10. We will gladly receive any sum from $1 upwards, and credit you with it on the roll of contributors to be given to the treasurer with the money. We are confident that you will give something, but we beg you to make your gift as large as possible. Please do not make it less than $10, unless you are unable to give that sum. Some members of the association cannot give more than $1, $2, or $5 each, and it will therefore be necessary for every one who can possibly do so to give $15, $25, $50, or even more; and the very meagre incomes of some of our members makes it of the utmost importance that those who can give the larger sums should do so.

It is desired to turn this money over to the treasurer of the university within a month. Please remit as large a sum as you can at your earliest possible convenience. Remember that the question with the university is one of existence, and we, her graduates, should give not simply what is convenient, but all we are able to give.

Please remit by check or postal money order to Fred. Perry Powers, office of *The Times*, Chicago, Ill.

Fred. Perry Powers, '71, Chairman.
Edward Olson, '73.
E. O. Taylor, '68.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

DEAR SIR:

The UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, which was opened but eight years ago, has just completed its central or main edifice, together with the Observatory Tower thereto attached. With the erection of the North Hall, which it is expected will soon follow, and also some small additions to the Observatory, the whole pile will be complete, at a cost of not less than $300,000. The structure is of Athens Marble, massive and beautiful, and is finished in a substantial and elegant style. These buildings, when complete, will furnish the essential accommodations for at least a thousand students, and thus meet the imperative demand of the North-West for an Institution of large capacity, and of the highest grade.

We are about to put into the Observatory, the already celebrated Clarke Telescope, with an object glass of 18¾ inches, and a focal length of 23 feet; being thus, by far, the largest Refractor in the world. This will soon be followed by a Meridian Circle, and other instruments of proportionate dimensions and power. We need hardly say that the opening of this Observatory at this point, is looked forward to as an event of great scientific importance, not only from the celestial explorations to follow, but also from the acquirement of a new base of terrestial observations and surveys, enabling us to determine more accurately our geographical positions, and to furnish correct and uniform time. This latter result will conduce greatly to the prosperity and security of our commerce in general, and prove especially beneficial to the Railroad interests of the West.

The financial condition of the University is in every respect highly satisfactory, but the large expenditure already incurred for buildings, and still to be incurred in order to complete this portion of the work, necessarily exhausts our limited home resources. Hence, we are obliged to seek foreign aid in the endowment of our professorships and library, in procuring apparatus, and in gathering those collections in science, art, and antiquities, essential to such an educational centre.

It is the purpose of the managers of this Institution, to make it a University in the broadest and fullest sense. Hence, while it will hold with rigid tenacity to the long-established and universally-received college curriculum for the education of professional and literary men, it will open wide its doors to the Agriculturist and the Artizan, the Miner, the Mechanic, and the Engineer. Special provision, we believe, is demanded here in the West, for the means of thorough discipline in these *practical* departments of human industry. But in order to carry out the Polytechnic branch of our University, a much larger corps of teachers, than is common in colleges, must be provided. Shall it not be done? Shall we not cease to be dependent upon European schools for the men to lead in all the great enterprises in our land? With the hearty co-operation of the various interests above mentioned, and especially benefited by this department, it will succeed. We believe the investment will pay.

Our present and earnest appeal is to the Railroads of the West to endow their special department—"Civil and Mechanical Engineering"—in the University of Chicago. From the very position of our city, its relation to both East and West, and the net work of Railroads which centre here, this department rises to one of the highest importance. Shall we not educate, here upon the ground, midway in the work, the men who are to extend and complete our lines, and lead us forward in that gigantic enterprise which is to unite in fact, East and West, Atlantic and Pacific, by the strong band of an easy and speedy communication, and an uninterrupted trade! Help us, and we will help you.

Report of a Special Committee, Adopted by the Board of Trustees of

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

May 8th, 1886.

We believe it should be the policy of this Board of Trustees to pursue a careful and business-like course, attempting no compromise of just liabilities, heretofore or hereafter incurred;

We further believe that the work of raising the funds necessary to redeem and re-establish the University can be accomplished within one year, and that the plan herein suggested is in accord with a decided public sentiment in favor of prompt and earnest action.

We, therefore, adopt the following declaration as to our future policy:

First—That all contention between the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine, and the University, be entirely discontinued, and that the University give to the said Insurance Company all proper assistance in securing the application of the property pledged by the University to the payment of the claims of said company and use its best endeavors to obtain a discontinuance of all suits affecting the title to said property.

Second—That arrangements be entered into between the said insurance company and the University, permitting said University to hold said property until July 1, 1887, with the privilege of redeeming said property on or before said date for three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) cash. That the University pay to said insurance company on or before August 10, 1886, ten thousand dollars ($10,000), to be retained by said insurance company as and for rent of said premises during the further occupancy thereof by the University, in the event that said premises are not redeemed by July 1, 1887; but in case said premises are redeemed within said time, then and in such case said ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall be applied as part payment of said three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000), leaving a balance of two hundred and ninety thousand dollars ($290,000) to be paid.

Third—That in case said premises are redeemed as aforesaid, the University accept the proposed donation by said insurance company of the balance of its decree against the University, and that it shall be expressly stipulated and be conditioned that said premises shall not, in any manner, or at any time be encumbered or alienated by the University.

Fourth—That there be raised by subscription for the University, first, the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), to be paid on or before the first day of August next, with which to meet the item of rent above mentioned; second, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), payable on or before April 1, 1887, to be used as follows:

For redeeming property from insurance company -	$290,000
For current expenses, - - - -	10,000
For repairs and improvements of buildings and grounds. purchase of apparatus, etc., - -	50,000
For foundation of endowment fund, - - -	150,000
Total, - - - - -	$500,000

All subscriptions to this fund to be expressly conditioned upon the whole sum being subscribed, and payable upon the certificate of this board that the whole amount is subscribed by responsible parties.

Fifth—That action be taken requiring an annual report to be made by this Board of the financial condition of the University, expressly stating how and where the endowment funds of the University are invested, which report shall be published for the information of all parties interested therein. That an effort be made to secure the passage of a law by the Legislature of this State at its next session, requiring institutions holding endowment funds to make a full report each year to the Probate County wherein such institution is situated, stating the amount of such funds, where and how and upon what security the same are invested, such report to be a matter of public record, the court to have such general control as may be deemed proper to insure the stability of such funds.

Sixth—That the management and control of the educational work of the University be under the charge and supervision of the President and Faculty of the University; that the management of the finances, and fixing the compensation of the Faculty, and employes of the University shall be under the control and direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; such committee to keep regular and faithful record of all their transactions, which shall be read to the full board at their next regular meeting; the Executive Committee to be composed entirely of members of the Board engaged in general business.

Seventh—That, while a majority of the Trustees are to be of the Baptist denomination as required by the express provisions of the special charter, we believe it to be for the largest success of the institution that the working membership of the Board should be essentially representative citizens of the city of Chicago of well-known interest in educational work, without special regard to denominational lines, so that the University may be what we believe it was originally intended, a University with its denominational majority so fixed as to prevent contention, but undenominational in its work and teaching, and in every sense an institution of learning, commanding the support and patronage of all citizens of the Northwest.

Eighth—That this Board does hereby pledge itself unreservedly and unalterably to the maintenance of the University of Chicago in its present location, and the redemption of the property originally donated to it by its benefactor, Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, and in so doing we insist that there should be on the part of every officer and member of the Board and Faculty unqualified loyalty and devotion to this purpose.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO:

WHEREAS, it is proposed to discontinue all litigation and redeem the University property upon the basis of paying the full demand of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine, which demand the said insurance company has fixed at three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000); ten thousand dollars ($10,000) thereof to be paid on or before August 10, 1886, and the balance, two hundred and ninety thousand dollars ($290,000), to be paid on or before July 1, 1887, said University to have the use and possession of said property until the said first day of July, 1887, upon the condition that in case said two hundred and ninety thousand dollars ($290,000) is not paid, said insurance company shall retain said ten thousand dollars as and for rent for said premises during the further occupancy thereof by the University as aforesaid, and

WHEREAS, said Insurance Company proposes in case the full sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) is paid as aforesaid, to donate to the University the balance of its decree over and above the amount of its said demand, and

WHEREAS, a certain plan for the future management and business control of said University has been adopted, which plan is set forth in a report of a special committee, adopted by the said Board on the 8th day of May, 1886, (a copy of which report is printed on the back hereof), and

WHEREAS, it is proposed, as set forth in said plan, to raise the full sum of five hundred thousand dollars to be used as follows:—

For redeeming said property	$290,000
For current expenses	10,000
For repairs and improvements of buildings and grounds, purchasing apparatus etc	50,000
For endowment fund	150,000
Total	$500,000

AND WHEREAS, the undersigned, a citizen of Chicago, believes that the establishment and maintenance within the city of a University in which shall be taught all branches of learning, and which shall be open and accessible to all citizens who desire to give their children a liberal education, will promote the intellectual and material wealth and greatness of our city,—

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and of each subscription hereto, I do hereby agree to pay the sum of ..... dollars ($.....) on or before April 1, 1887, to the Treasurer of the University of Chicago; in trust for the uses and purposes above mentioned, and no other; provided, and this subscription is made upon the express condition, that the full amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) is subscribed, and is payable, as aforesaid, upon the certificate of the Board of Trustees that the whole amount is subscribed by responsible parties.

..... SEAL.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Baptist Ministers Conference of New York and vicinity- held Dec 7. 1874-

RESOLVED, that we have heard with great pleasure from Rev. Drs Ewarts & Morgan of the progress of the Centennial Movement in the Northwest, and of the present condition of the Chicago Baptist Theological Seminary, and University of Chicago, that we commend these two Institutions to our brethren, and in view of their importance to the denomination at large, we should be glad to see the two chairs of the Presidents of the two, endowed by eastern capital, provided it be accomplished without interfering with duty to the institutions of our own state.

John J. Brownee

Secretary.

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National Centinnial Educational Fund of Chicago.

Whereas, The approaching completion of the first one hundred years of our national existence is generally recognized throughout the country as a fitting occasion for commemoration, and

Whereas, There seems to be no more appropriate way in which a City and University can unite in the National jubilee than by ~~connecting with~~ the establishment of foundations for the wider diffusion of higher education, Therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the University of Chicago, ~~will~~ assisted by the Citizens of Chicago and the Northwest, will Endeavor within the next two years to raise a fund of not less than fifty Thousand dollars, ($50,000), to be known as the National Centinnial Educational Fund of Chicago, on the following plan:

I. The object of the Fund shall be to render tuition in the University of Chicago free to all deserving young Men and Women who are without Means to pay the expense

thereof, without respect to class, sect or religious opinion.

2. All contributions to this fund shall, as fast as collected, be paid over to a Special Board of Trustees, to be named hereafter, and shall by them be permanently invested in United States or other reliable securities bearing not less than 7 per cent interest, the interest of the fund only to be used, the principal being forever kept sacred for the object named.

3. Appropriations from the Fund by gift or loan at the discretion of the Trustees shall be ~~made~~ semi annually for the object before specified to Students in the University who shall be certified by the faculty to be of good character, talents and progress in their several studies.

4. If at any time appropriations for the object here named are not called for to the full amount of the semi annual interest on the fund, the remainder may be drawn and used by the ~~said~~ Trustees of the University to increase the facilities for improvement in the said institution in such respects as they Trustees may deem most for the interest of the class of students for whose benefit the foundation is created, and amounts received from students in repayment of loans shall be used in like manner.

5. The Board of Trustees of the Fund shall consist of five persons together with the Governor of Illinois, the Mayor of Chicago and the President of the University as ex officio members, two of the Trustees to be elected by the Trustees of the University.

6. The first Board of Trustees shall consist of the following named persons Judge Thomas Drummond. Hon. Lyman Trumbull, Hon. W. F. Coolbaugh, W. H. Wells, and J. V. Farwell Esqrs.

Resolved 7. That the assistance of the press throughout the country be respectfully asked in aiding and encouraging this movement.

Be it also Resolved

1. That Mr. J. W. Sarimore, Professor Elect in the University of Chicago, be hereby appointed Secretary of the said National Centennial Educational Fund with full power to devise ways and means, employ subagencies and otherwise to prosecute the work of raising the said fund, at a salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500) per annum and traveling expenses, to be paid out of the Current receipts of the said fund as shall all expenses of subagencies

2. That in view of the agency of Mr. Sarimore in originating and securing this fund it is understood and agreed that ~~the~~ until the Chair to be occupied by him is otherwise Endowed

~~as may be~~ Such a portion of the income of this fund ~~interest~~ money received by the University, ~~from this fund~~, as may be necessary, shall be applied in payment of his annual salary of ~~$3000~~ Three Thousand Dollars ($3000) whenever he shall commence active duty as professor, the remainder, if any, to be paid into the Treasury of the University.

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3. Mr. Larimore in carrying on this work shall do so under the general direction of the Chancellor of the University so as not in any way to conflict with his plans for raising money for other purposes.

National Endowment Funds