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Rev. S. L. Bice D.D.

My dear Bro:- Your letter of the 26th just received by this evening mail and I will answer at once. My opinion has been that the medical department of the American University would be "at the head of such institutions" in this country. In fact it must be in advance of any other university in original research, the laboratories must be the best, and the teachers must be authorities in their several departments. I have strong convictions that it will take a number of years to organize the medical departments, before students can be received and in order that this may be judiciously and properly done it occurred to me that you would want to select a dean whose duty it would be to secure funds and in connection with yourself and Bishop Hurst, to select men for the several departments, and get them interested in securing from their friends the funds necessary for this special work. I am not able to donate any very large sum of money, none in fact, but if I held a position of authority I believe that I could secure some large donations. I have a few very warm personal wealthy friends who are much interested in my welfare. I may confidentially name a few of them. One is senator Columbus S. Bice. I contributed small sums for his education

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and he has never forgotten me, always sends me an annual pass over the railroad that he is the president of and I believe that if I was in the proper position I could secure from him a very liberal donation. Also Senator John Sherman who says that several times in Ohio I assisted greatly in his reelection to the U. S. senate, and also the Hon. Don. Cameron from Pa. The Hon. Charles Mc. Bullough, son of the Hon. Hugh Mc. Bullough, is the president of our board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne College of Medicine and if you desire you can write to him and inquire of any executive ability in organizing and conducting a medical college, and he is quite wealthy and is looking forward to doing something great at some time, and as he is much interested in Washington City, it having been the home of his father and he being the executor of his father's estate I believe that he could be induced to make a good donation. I have been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Co. since 1876. and I am certain that they take (that is the office) a great interest in me, and would give us their influence and some would give us money. I have been the president of the National Association of the Local Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church on three times and among the fourteen thousand Local preachers we have some men of wealth. I may say this that although the Fort Wayne College of Medicine is located

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in a small city of fifty thousand inhabitants yet when a committee was appointed to arrange the curriculum for a four years course of study for the American Medical College Association, the committee consists of five deans. I was selected one of that committee, and it has been stated by some, that the college of which I have the honor of being dean has done more for the elevation of the standard of medical education than many of the great universities and larger medical colleges in our larger cities. I fear that you will think me egotistic but I know that you know me and that you will pardon me for the statements that I have made. I would be delighted to give the remainder of my life to the building up and establishing of the Medical Department of this great American University, and as stated before it will require a number of years before it can be ready for the reception of students. I am sorry to hear of your illness and trust that you will soon be well again. I trust that you will pardon me for writing this long letter, and if you have the time I should be glad to hear from you again. May the good Lord abundantly bless you and yours and all who are connected with you in this great work, is my daily prayer.

Yours truly
C. B. Stemen