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JOHN F. HURST Chancellor.

Fort Wayne, Ind.,

November 17, 1896.

Rev. Samuel Biler D.D.,

Washington D.C.

Dear Bro.:— More than One year is past since I was appointed to Organize and develop the Medical Department of the American University, but have not been able ^{to do} any thing in the way of securing funds. In fact I did not think it advisable to press the matter on account of the financial depression, but think now that we must go to work and do something in this direction. I have thought of ~~coming~~ to Washington City some time in Dec.; and of going to Senator Brice and pressing the matter and find out just what he will do for us.

When will you be at home? and when will it be most convenient for you to have me come? I do not want to come unless I can find you at home, as I am confident that we can do better with the Senator when we see him together.

I cannot see any thing for us in the Nebraska property. I saw Mr. Wood a few days ago and he said he would pay the Two Thousand Dollar Mortgage, if we would accept the property and assume the other obligations.

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Since the election of Wm. Mc. Kinley it may be that we can realize from Five to Ten Thousand Dollars out of it in a few years, but I fear the risk is too great to undertake it, but am willing to leave it to your judgment and do not wish to influence you. I said to Mr. Wood that I did not believe that the University would be willing to assume the obligations, but we feel under obligations to him for making us the offer, and if we had money that was not required in putting up our buildings that we would probably accept it.

Write to me and let me know when you think I had best come to see you.

*Yours truly
C. B. Stemen*

P.S. Since writing the above I saw Mr. Scott who holds the mortgage of two thousand dollars and he says that Mr. Wood had written him about placing that amount on some other property and that he had agreed to do so in the event of his making any arrangements with the University. Mr. Scott informs me that the property is quite valuable and in ordinary good times would be worth from thirty to fifty thousand dollars, he believes the lot itself worth what Mr. Wood wants us to assume.

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