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Dear Sir:-

Your kind letter of July 17th and also copies of the University Courier are received. I have looked them over with great interest. Thank you for sending them. I shall be pleased to exchange with you for our publication which is issued during the ten months of the school year.

From the enclosed map of the United States, you will see that through the action of state legislatures and the National Congress, Physiological or Scientific Temperance is now a compulsory study in 39 States, all the Territories and the Naval and Military academies, Indian and Colored schools in the United Schools.

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our land may be freed from one of the great dangers that now menace it and its free institutions.

The vast sum of legislation already enacted on this subject ensures that the few States without such laws will soon respond to the petitions to enact the same. A good school literature has been prepared. While the battle with some of the poorer sort of books is not yet entirely over, it is on the way to be settled.

But the great need of today, which is still unmet in any degree, is trained instructors of the great army of common school teachers who are now imperfectly able to handle this subject. How this can be accomplished is the constantly recurring question. What is there to prevent your Christian University, founded by money consecrated to the work of lifting humanity Godward, from having a Department, not only for "research on this subject", but for such practical, pedagogical training of teachers of teachers in this subject as is now so much needed and demanded by our times?

Very sincerely,

Mary H. Hunt,

(Enclose Map.)