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Pittsburgh, Pa.,
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T. D. Collins, Esq.,
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Dear Brother :

Bishop Hurst and I are here looking after the interests of The American University. I send you a paper which contains a speech of Bishop Hurst's which will give you the latest facts. Please look it over. The Hall of History is completed and paid for. We are now trying to build a building for the State of Pennsylvania. We want to make it the largest and finest of them all, an Administration Building, to cost \$400,000. Last night a lady, whose name for the present we must withhold, sent us a pledge of \$25,000, on the following terms, namely : \$5,000 when the corner-stone is laid; \$5,000 when the roof is on; and the balance when the structure is completed. It will be three years before this will be accomplished. We have your written pledge for \$10,000. Now, would you not be willing to make it \$25,000, on the same terms, changed to suit your convenience, so you would not be required to pay over \$5,000 any one year? Our thought is that when we get this building up we can open it for students.

It must be the greatest and noblest university in the world. Connected with it we expect to have a Missionary Training School, where our missionaries will learn the languages in which they are going to preach, before they go away.

We must lay siege to this old world with a power never known before. God is opening the doors everywhere.

We have a public meeting here Wednesday evening next. Send me a letter or a telegram which I can read at that meeting, concealing your name for the present, because we know that to reveal it would subject you to great annoyance from begging letters, but help us now. We will suit the payments to your convenience. We are trying to get \$100,000 right away. We will not begin the building before one half the money is pledged. Please let us hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. McCabe.

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Mr. Washington Duke,
Durham, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have most pleasant recollections of my call upon you at your home last fall. I told Bishop Hurst in detail of your words and your promise to talk over the matter of The American University with your sons? The Bishop has again and again referred to our conversation. It is a gigantic task to which he devotes himself, our American University. He feels every step of the way that he is moving in the appointed paths of God. Words of such noble encouragement as yours confirm his faith, make him feel assured of its near accomplishment.

We have graded our grounds this winter and spring, expending Ten Thousand Dollars, a special gift for this purpose. We have a large sum pledged for the Pennsylvania Hall of Administration and the Ohio College of Government. I send you, in this mail, a lithograph of our site and the proposed buildings. The Hall of Administration is to the left, and the tower indicates the building. The College of Government is central, and is designated by the dome and circular porch where the two wings join.

Permit me to call attention to the building adjacent, and to the right of the College of Government. It is to be one of the smaller buildings, built of marble, but one of the most perfectly beautiful on the grounds according to the plans of the Architect. May I suggest that you take under consideration the erection of this edifice and call it the Washington Duke College of American Institutions. It would cost about One Hundred and fifty Thousand Dollars, perhaps less. Washington is the place for the study of American Institutions. Our young men will become only noblest citizens, when they understand ~~our~~ our government. Such a college as I ask you to consider would bless every city and town of our own country, and those from abroad would throng to its halls for instruction concerning our country, which God founded in his own grand purpose.

I will send you along with the lithograph a copy of our appeal.

With best wishes for your health,

I remain, yours sincerely,

Secretary.