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November 1, 1907.

Rev. D. B. Johnson, D. D.,  
Greencastle, Indiana.

My dear Brother:

Yours of October 28th has just reached me and I hasten to answer. Your letter has the right ring and I am glad to receive it. You have the proper conception of the American University. I don't wonder that you believe in the wisdom of its purpose and the possibility of its completion. It is the greatest work in which our Church at this moment is engaged and its completion would bring to us more honor than anything we could possibly do; in my judgment. It will indeed be the cap-stone to our great educational system.

I wrote you fully in my last letter, outlining what I thought might be done, growing out of our conversation together, when we met at Greencastle. I am glad your plans are advancing so satisfactorily. I think it would be very wise for you to visit Washington and thoroughly study the entire situation. Then you will know how to present the matter in your public and private appeals. Such a visit, I am sure, will furnish you an enthusiasm which will send



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you out to make a great success of the work. I hardly think you could undertake it with hope of much success, unless you did study the matter thoroughly here at headquarters. We shall be very glad to have you here as our guest, and go over matters thoroughly with you. You speak of a possible visit to Washington between November 21st and December 1st. I think that during these days we could find it most convenient to have you here. Dr. Hamilton, our new Chancellor, will likely be in Washington during the time covering these dates. I can plan to be here, and from my representations to Dr. Hamilton concerning your proposed plan for work and the splendid commendation given you by the various parties I met in Greencastle, lead him to join most heartily with me in inviting you to have some share in this work under the plan proposed. And a conference together for a day or two would mean much more in shaping matters definitely than would many letters. What we are anxious for, however, is that this work shall be commenced by you just as early as possible. We are inaugurating a new campaign and desire to have our workers in the field, presenting our claims. I hope you can come during the time indicated, but if you must delay until the holiday week, as you suggest, we can doubtless plan for that time. I am not so certain, however, of the presence in Washington of Dr. Hamilton at that time.

Write me fully, ask any further questions, and let us get together just as soon as we possibly can. This, I believe, will be a splendid thing for you and also will be a great thing for us, for I am fully satisfied in my own mind of your worth to a movement of this character, and I believe its addition to your present schedule will give you something which you will find valuable and helpful. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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