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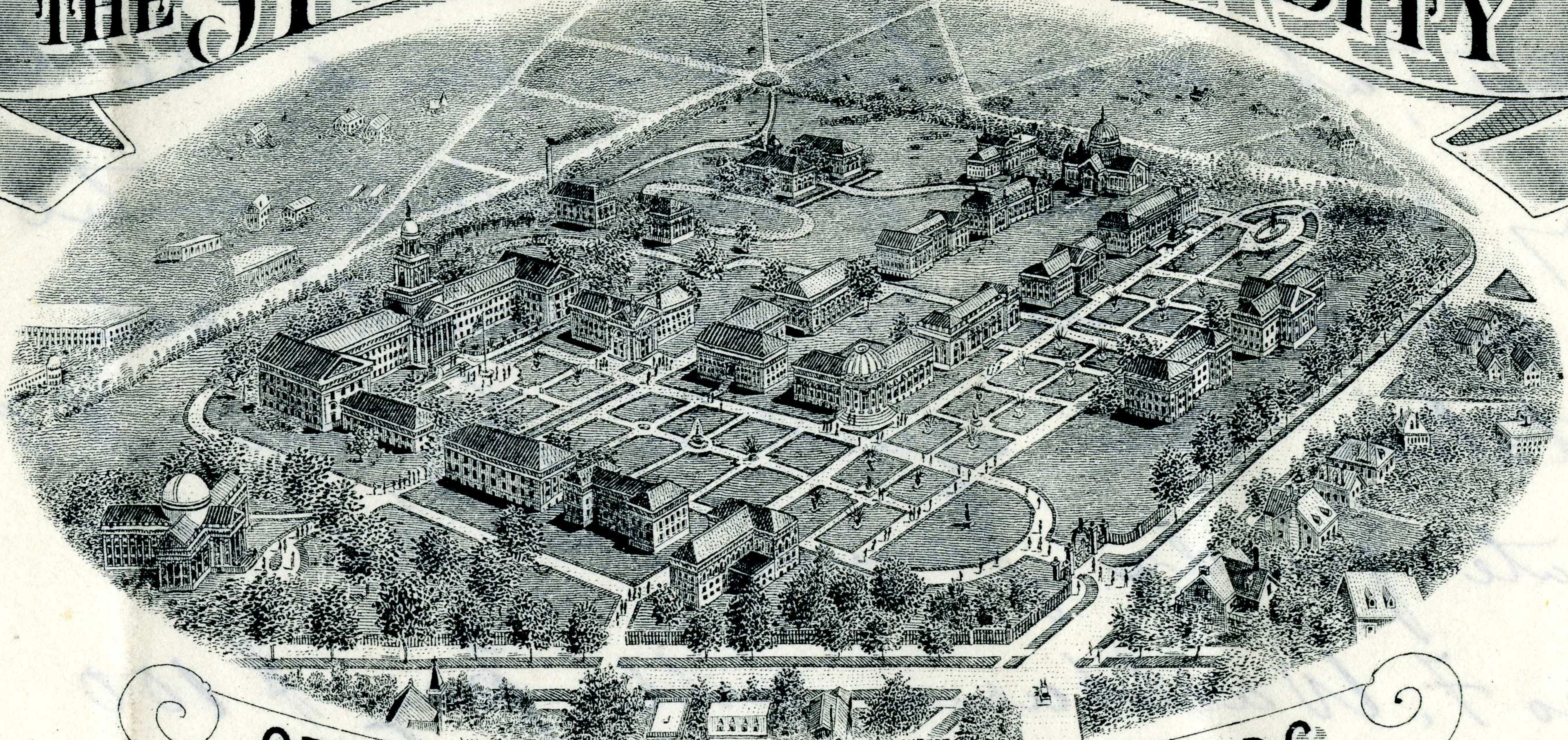
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Rev. W. L. Davidson D.D.
My Dear Sir

79 Broadway
Ocean Grove N.J.
Dec 5th 03

I was truly sorry to hear of your sad journey to Kansas City & the unfortunate calamity that befel you financially - It was a journey sorrowful enough without such misfortunes. But truly, as you say, "troubles never come singly." That has been our sad experience. I do trust the Good Lord will bless & comfort you - I have just returned from a pretty hard trip into New England. It snowed and rained all the time I was there but I felt the necessity of keeping at it in spite of the weather & was in a measure repaid for I received some encouragement at all the places I called & I am sure some good results will come of the trip - Mr. Welley will give me \$500 on account Jan 1st and the balance during the summer, this was

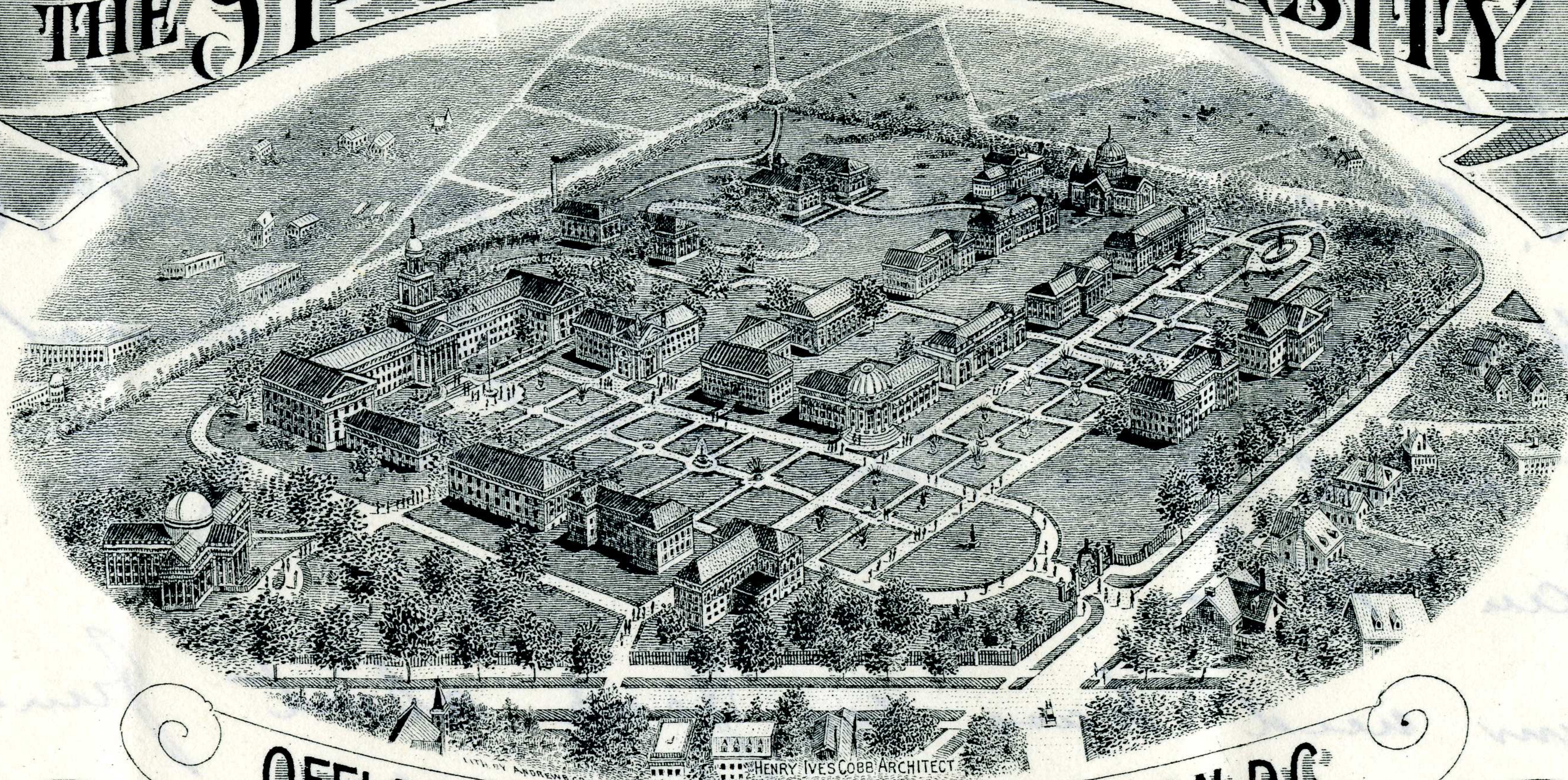
the very best she could do - She went to Albany
to try to get her brother to consent to pay the thousand
out of the estate, at once, but she said, he thought it best
not to pay any money out of the estate until the legal
time ^{expired} ~~allowed~~ which will be six months yet but at my
urgent solicitation she agreed to pay me \$500 out of
her own private funds January 1st but did not have it
before - Mr Geo F. Washburn will pay \$100 on his
subscription on the 15th - He is planning to come to the
Trustees meeting - He promised me faithfully to send
it to me in time if he found anything to prevent
his coming which he does not now expect & will not
allow to happen if he can help it as he much desires to
come - He says every time I come to Boston he will
give me a hundred or two until he has paid \$1000.
This ^{\$100} will be towards current expenses - ^{I think he will consent to let it all go that way.} Mr E. N. Dummer
was sorry he could not give me anything this week
but he says he certainly will give us a left early next
year - Dr Marcy says he wants to do something for us
next year he is a great friend of Mr Worleson & at his
advice I refrained from visiting Mr Worleson just yet,
as he says it is best to let him have his own time & not
hurry him & some day before long he will surprise us with
a good left - He says he has talked the matter over
with Mr Worleson & that our prospects are very good. The
fact is they are such close friends that I did not
dare to do otherwise than accept his advice but I think
he can be seen in Washington before long - I saw him there last time
at the Arlington - He will be there
in the winter soon - I was heartily glad to see
me - He has been very sick for many months & has lost

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70 pounds in weight - (2) He cannot walk yet or leave his room, but he sent for me to his room & it was difficult for me to get away without stopping too long to weary him he was so interested in what we were doing at the University & he asked all about it. Without actually asking him for anything I told him of our struggles along the line of "general expenses" & he said "after a few weeks when I am able to attend to business & get out to the office again I will see what I can do about helping you". He seems quite encouraged at the improvement he has made in the last few weeks & fully expects to get around again & I am inclined to think he will. - It was a good thing I called he much appreciated it & asked me to call again which I will try to do before long - Mr. Whiting was not at home - I am writing to him - I shall have to go to Boston again before long Mr. Washburn wants to help me to reach some friends there & he has given me a good string of names, but does not think

It is advisable to go just now on account of the effort
being made to restore the defalcations in the Conference
Claimants \$70,000 loss -

I saw ^{in New York} S. S. Childs, Stephen Merritt & M^r Kloppsch of
the Christian Herald, they will all give something. M^r
K asked me to send him some literature & to call upon
him again Jan^y 15th -

I think you need have no fear about funds for Jan^y 1st -
I have cash to the amount of \$1100 promised by them
Dixon 500^(12th), Washburn 100 by the 15th & M^r Welley \$500 Jan^y 1st -
Besides I have a great work before me & expect to see between
now & next Saturday - J. P. Morgan, Archer Brown Peter Fisher ^{in New York},
the Robbings & some others at Trenton with Gen^l Rusling,
then go to Philadelphia & see Gen^l Kessler, F. W. Sumner,
St. Greene, Jas. Elverson, Chas. Scott & some others there,
then go to Baltimore to see Gen^l Gary, Mrs. Hawley,
Jno. S. Hush & a lot of others there & get to
Washington by Monday 14th -

By the 17th Jan^y we can have M^r Kents \$10000
& by that time I think we can rather get M^r
Swifts money, or at any rate find out what it is
going to be. I am quite certain it will not be
below twenty-five thousand & may be a great deal
more - So I think the outlook is pretty good -

You can rest assured of one thing that I am doing
all I can & I believe we are sowing the kind of
seed that will produce a good ingathering very soon -

P.S. Write to Bingham House
Philadelphia, I shall be there
on Tuesday next -

Very Sincerely,
John A. Cuttidge