

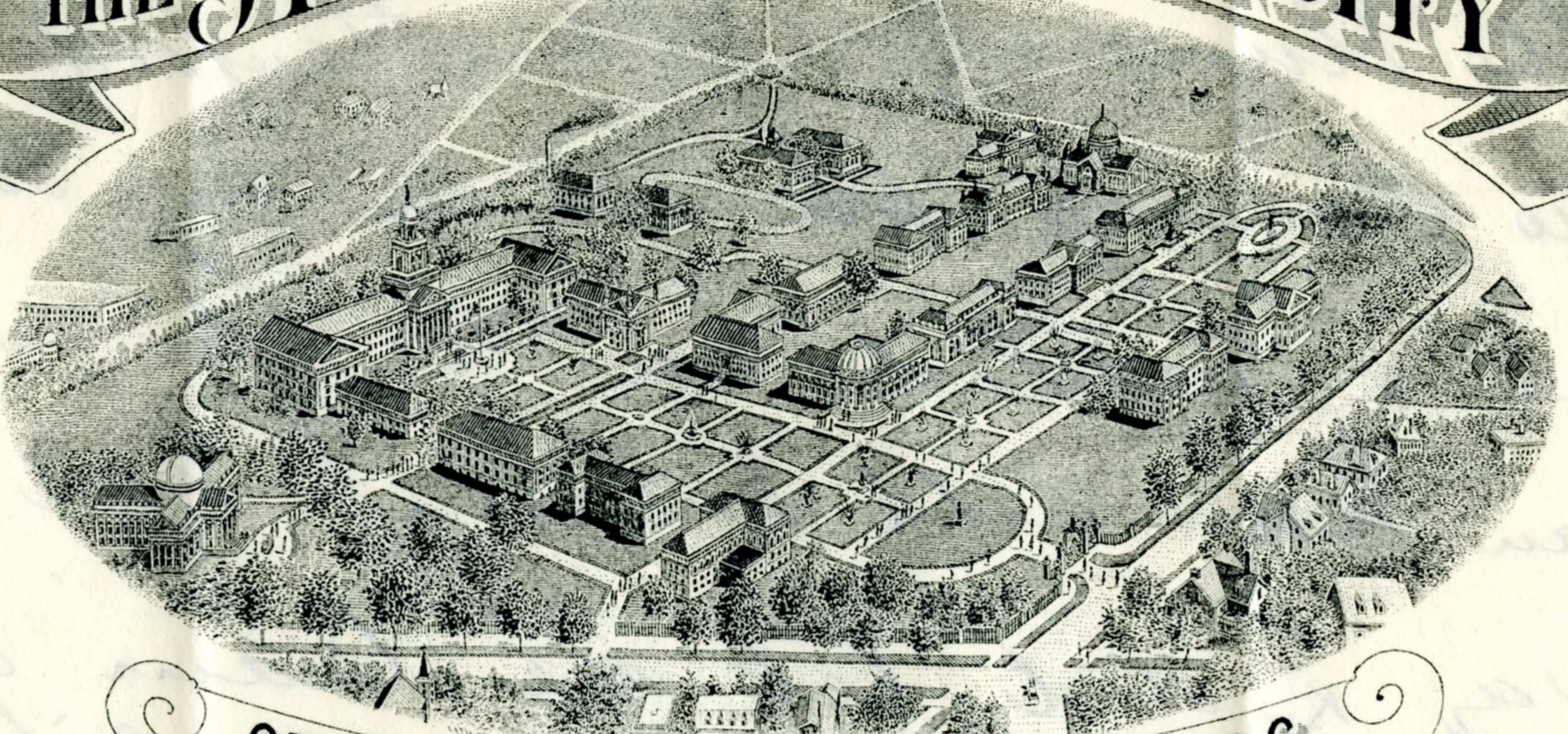
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My Dear Dr. Davidson

Box 156, Ocean Grove
Early June, 1904

We closed up the Conference at midnight on the Saturday after you left - At the evening session very nice resolutions were passed, unanimously, with regard to the University - I did not get the last issue of the daily as we left on Monday too early to get it, but I have no doubt you have or will see it - I did not get to Catalina Island, I was sorry, after your description, but did not think it best to tire ourselves out by going out of our way in any direction - We came home direct the way our tickets read, making brief stops at Palo Alto, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Manitou, Denver & St. Louis, where we stopped three days at the fair - At Palo Alto I called upon Mrs. Leland Stanford, Mrs. G. J.

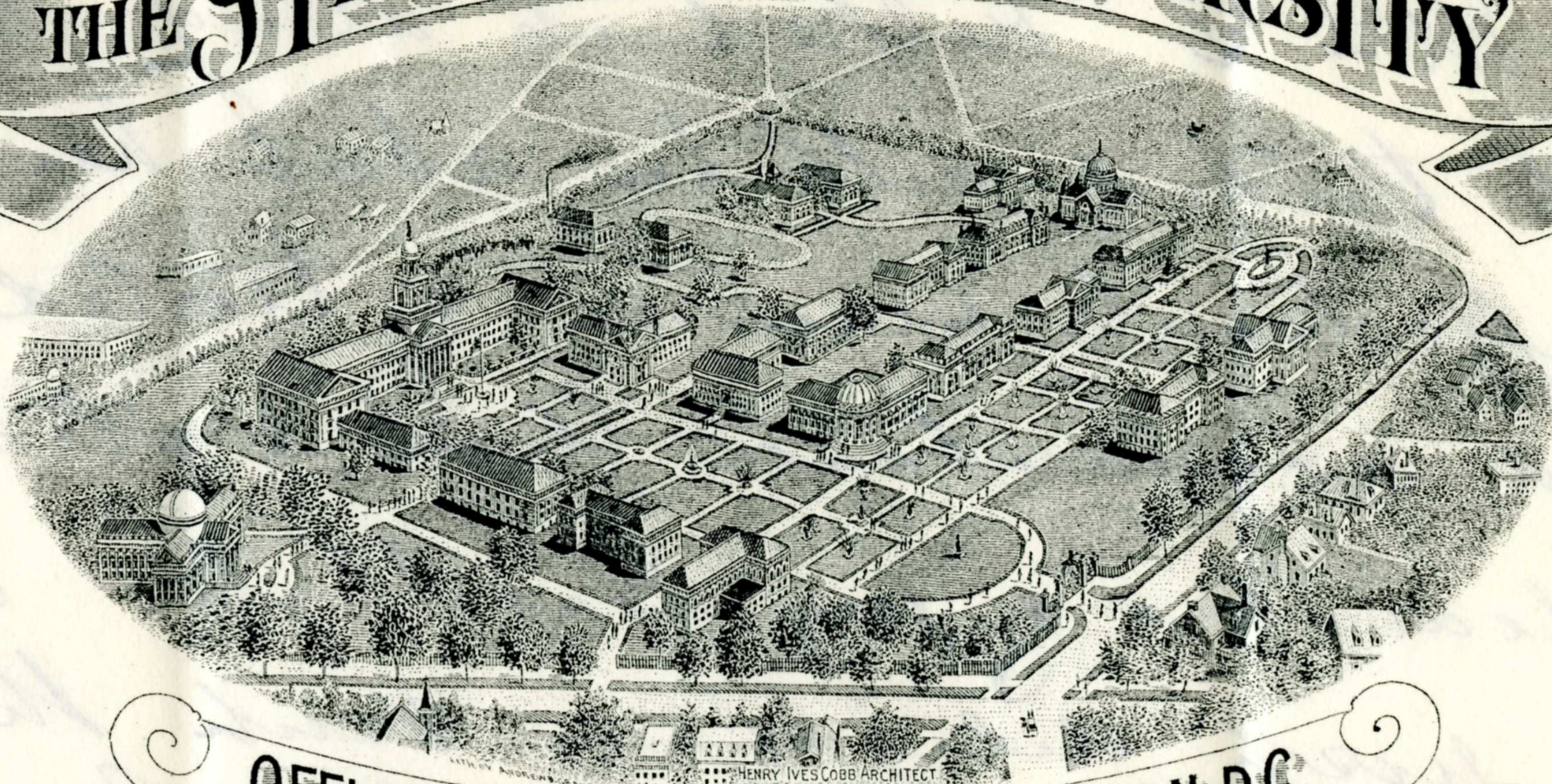
spent the afternoon there, after thoroughly inspecting the University. Mrs. Stanford personally came to the carriage which my wife was awaiting me & invited her to the house. So we spent an hour with her - I had difficulty to get away & did not let me train go. She made us so welcome - I had a fine opportunity to tell her all about what we are trying to do at Washington & she told us all about her plans at Palo Alto. I felt the importance of handling the case with great delicacy, lest I should spoil a good chance to have her take an interest in us & I did not want her to think that I had made a special journey after money from her. She did say, however, without my asking her, except to intimate that help at this juncture in the affairs of the General Conference (she said she had read of the Conference action) would be very far reaching in its influence throughout our Church & the Country & that we needed a million or two just now to give us a start. She said "She had personally given thirteen millions to their university & it had cost the estate some twenty-five millions & that she had turned over the entire estate to the Trustees & was living on her income so that she

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was no longer able to give me anything
& then she smiled & said "I suppose if
I should give you ten thousand the Trustees
would say that a woman of my means ought
to have given a million." I assured her
that it would be a magnificent opportunity
for her to do us a lasting good & that the
Trustees would be grateful to her for anything
she might give. She asked a great many questions
about Mr. Klaus which lead me to ask her if
it would be agreeable to her to correspond with
her further about it & send her some documents
after I got home. She said "She would be
much obliged to me if I would & she would
be glad to hear from me in writing as soon
as I got back. So to-day I am sending her
all the documents I think to be necessary & a long

letter & I sincerely hope to land a good donation
from her - Mrs G helped it along privately. In
Mrs Stanford talked with her about her own plans
in a very affectionate manner & treated her more
like an old acquaintance than a stranger calling
her "My dear Miss & my dear that." Altogether
we had a most delightful visit there -
I suppose nothing has come yet from Gov. Crane
so I will go & see him & his brother next
week & see what I can get there & also
go to Boston & other New England places -
I have no doubt you found it difficult
to meet those heavy taxes & I will do
my utmost in all directions to get you
quick relief - Had the General Conference
acted more promptly in its action in regard to
us I have no doubt there were men there who
would have helped us but as it was left in the
greatest uncertainty until the last June when the
action of the Conference would be it would have
done more harm than good to have asked
them for money - As things now are they will be
more likely to look favorably upon us but they will
have to be visited as best I can get word of them
We are quite well & hope you & yours are -
Very truly
Wm A Cutler