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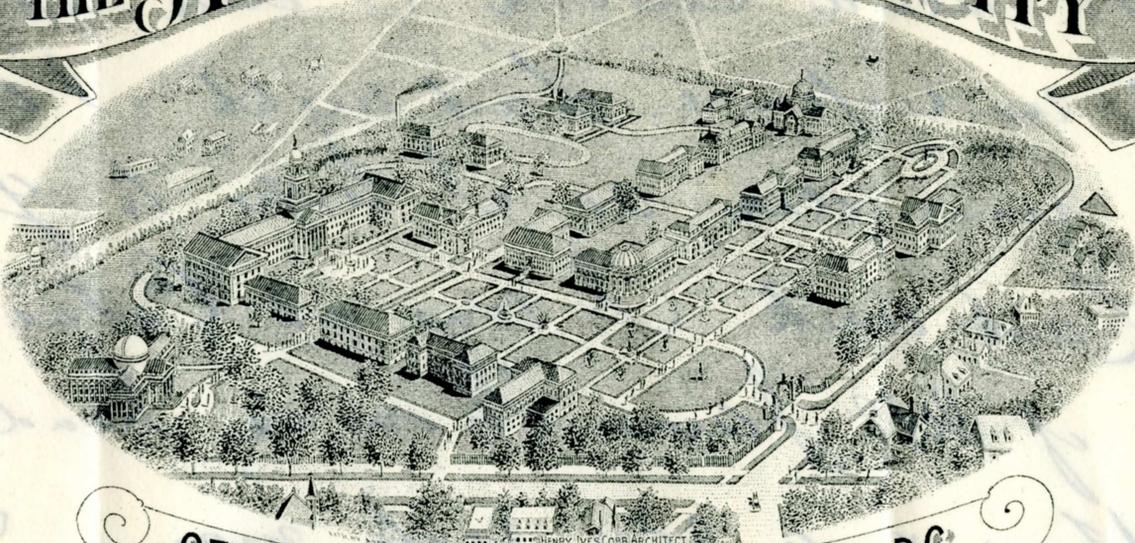
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My dear Dr Davidson

Sept 23/04

Received your kind letter on arrival here from New York last night - I am in daily expectation of some checks promised & hope to receive them before the week is out, if so, will forward at once -

Yesterday I had a very nice personal interview with the Vice President Morton in his office & after listening to a recital of our plans he requested me to write up the facts & send them to him from Washington & he would then see what he could do about it. He was very pleasant & I am very hopeful of results - He naturally supposed I would return to Washington, so he said "write me when you get back to Washington" so I send you copy of letter I wish to have type written & sent, sign my name to it & let it go as soon as possible - also send corner stone & power pamphlets & I hardly think I would send any other pamphlets

W. Washburn & W. E. H. Deane of Boston

both told me to write a reminder in August
& they would send checks I did so but have
as yet had no response. Last night I wrote each
me a nice reminder so I hope to get a speedy
reply ^{this time.} Last week I was at Catarangua Pa
at the home of Mr James Thomas head of the
Iron Works there & a very rich man - He listened
with interest to what I had to say & said he
would give us something but added "I am not
quite ready to do very much & you would not
be satisfied with a small gift so I shall have
to ask you to wait my convenience." Under ordinary
circumstances the proper thing to do in such a case
is just to wait but I realize how much we need
present help & we have had several such cases die
before they did anything & so I related to Mr Thomas
the experience I had had with Mr Swift & Mr
John Hurst & I asked him to give us some
present help & then wait a while, if need be,
for the larger gift. He said, "well you give me
your address & I will talk the matter over with
Mrs Thomas & let you hear from me in a few
days" - I am anxiously awaiting that letter -

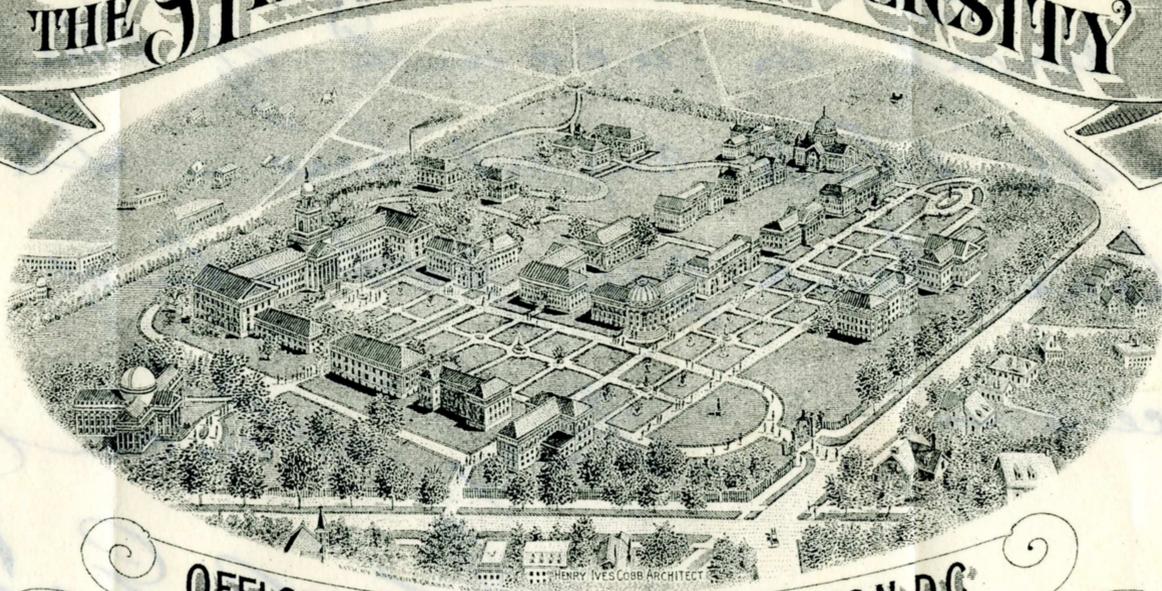
I have seen Mrs Willey recently & she
said "Her brother was getting Mr Stearns affairs
in shape to settle them up (she has just been dead 2 years)
& he will send you a check as soon as he gets ready."

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I impressed upon her the present needs of the University & solicited her aid & she promised to look after it for us. She was just about to leave home however. In St Louis & further West & will be gone about a month, so that is now that matter stands - I have some very important cases at Pittsburgh, Chicago & Wmونا, including Mr Swift & the Hortons but cannot go until I get my salary check - I have been considerably incensed this month & had to borrow some money from the bank - I hope our Treasurer will soon be back - Please send me receipt for the \$1000 check from Mr Kessler, I did not get any when I sent it in - Thankful you are all well - Best love to you all - Arthur is back at Columbia I have some other cases developing but

This letter is long enough & I must get
it in the mail in account of the Martin
letter so will stop right here - Should be
glad to hear how you got along at the
Conferences -

Very Sincerely
John A Gutteridge

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