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### Preface

This collection of letters by Dr. Edward P. Robertson is the first draft of a hazy idea that I'll attempt to explain in this short preface.

Dr. Edward Peter Robertson was the first president of Wesley College in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He was hired by the board of trustees of Red River Valley University in Wahpeton, North Dakota in 1899. After a few years in Wahpeton, he and the board decided that Grand Forks, North Dakota offered better opportunities for an institution of higher learning, and he successfully oversaw the moving of Red River Valley University from Wahpeton to Grand Forks, where he rechristened it, Wesley College, in 1905. The reasons for this move are both complex and simple. Robertson felt that there was a better chance for the college to attract students and raise the necessary funds to operate if it were closer to the center of the state's population which was largely concentrated in the Red River valley. From early on, Robertson recognized the importance of raising money from donors for Wesley College to succeed, and this understanding would shape his presidency and legacy.

This is not to suggest that he neglected the intellectual and spiritual aspects of running a Methodist College. In fact, the other reason that he founded Wesley College in Grand Forks was because of a remarkable arrangement he struck with the President of the University of North Dakota, Webster Merrifield. Merrifield and Robertson agreed that Wesley College would offer housing and courses for University of North Dakota students in religion, music, and elocution and expression and that these courses would count for credit at UND.

In 1908, 1909, and 1910, the first of three buildings at Wesley College opened, Sayre Hall, Larimore Hall, and Corwin Hall. The first two were men's and women's dormitories respectively and the third offered space for the music program and university offices. It is no exaggeration to say that in its first two decades, Wesley College moved from strength to strength with programs regularly enrolling as many as 400 students at various levels. They also maintained the attention of loyal and generous donors who ensured that the College had more than tuition and housing fees alone could provide.

The 1920s and early-1930s, however, were more difficult times. The agricultural crisis of the 1920s was bad for North Dakota, Wesley College students, and local donors. This did not discourage Robertson from securing funding from John Milton Hancock for the construction of what would become Robertson Hall which opened in 1930 and which completed a plan for the Wesley College first conceived in 1905.

The same year also saw Robertson's retirement from the office of President of Wesley College, but the onset of the Great Depression and the worsening of the College's financial situation, meant that his services were more needed than ever. Almost as soon as he had retired, the 70-year-old Robertson began to canvass his long-time donors for the increasingly urgent needs of the College. Unfortunately, many of these families suffered from the same economic woes as so many Americans and could no longer afford the same generosity that they had shown in the past. More troubling still is that some of the long-time supporters of the College had begun to question whether this undertaking would survive.

Frank Lynch, one of the more devoted supporters of Wesley College, withdrew his support and then agreed to donate more only if Wesley College could raise some funds first. Unfortunately, the details of this agreement remain a bit obscure (although some or another document may well emerge from the archives illuminating the agreement in detail). It appears as though Lynch offered Wesley College \$150,000 in his will for an endowment in addition to \$25,000 which he would make available immediately if College's could manage to raise the necessary funds to pay its debt of \$60,000 and to cover operating expenses. Using this offer, Robertson began a letter writing campaign to raise the needed funds.

The letters published here come from the Wesley College Papers (UA63, Box 1) currently housed in UND's Chester Fritz Library's Department of Special Collection's University Archives. They all date from the year 1935 and document Robertson's efforts to raise money on the basis of the Frank Lynch offers and to manage or eliminate the College's debt. They reflect both Robertson's determination and passion for Wesley College as well as a kind of congenial and person style of writing. The letters reveal the economic challenges of the time, extraordinary acts of generosity and compassion, and even some of the mundane obstacles that face anyone attempting to do good. They also lay bare Robertson's occasional frustrations, disappointments, and genuine concern surrounding the fate of the institution to which he devoted his life.

More than that, they're touching to read.

This publication is part of the Wesley College Documentation Project which is a multidisciplinary project to celebrate both the history of Wesley College and its unique place in the history of the University of North Dakota. In June of this year, the four major buildings of Wesley College are slated for demolition, but it is our hope that documenting these buildings and the Wesley College story will keep the College's memory alive.

As I noted in the onset of this document, this is a draft publication which will hopefully develop over time and be joined by other works that tell the story of Wesley College. We hope the story of this college and the characters who shared its vision offers enduring perspectives that continue to have meaning today.

Special thanks goes to the ten students who have worked with me on this project and the staff of UND's Special Collections and UND's Facilities Department who have facilitated our research throughout.

William Caraher

Associate Professor  
Department of History  
University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

7618- Fountain Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Jan. 10th. 1935.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

After a three days absence from the city I returned yesterday to receive your very kind letter of Jan. 2nd. and thank you for your expressions of good wishes for the coming year, and wish to say that all your letters to me contain a message and word of optimism which I would not like to be without.

I think we are all suffering in like manner during this time of New Deal experimentation and none can accurately forecast the future. We may get some benefits from the attempts at reform and the "purging out and cleaning up" of a lot of irregularities and rottenness ~~and~~ in politics and business and that in itself may be worth all the agonies of which the people are scourged while going through what we call the depression, None are exempt from what we call losses and it takes a lot of nerve and stamina to see it through and come with a smile.

Here in California property losses have and are the chief order of the day and ex-bankers, lawyers, and men from <sup>all</sup> ranks of society are found working with and alongside of, the forgotten and down and out man from the common walks of life and the pick and shovel with the S. E. R. A. stipend are the common property of all. An attempt is being made to see that everybody is clothed and housed and fed, and to continue to pile up National and State debts seems the only way to meet the situation thus far. Maybe this is all wrong, I don't know.

I am in my usually good health. Seemingly not breaking down in any way and am trying to take a hopeful view of the future and to keep my name unspotted in all affairs. My income is practically nothing, but a little turn now and then keeps me fed and partially clothed with a quarter to spare now and then when collection is passed at church.

The timber situation is about as bad as it could be. The price of best cedar logs is around \$10. per M with little or no demand and most mills closed down. When we made our contract with Demaresq the same quality of logs was in active demand at \$26.00 per M. Dumarsq has proven to be a good man and is willing to do what he can to keep the licenses paid up altho he has lost a mint of money rather than throw us down and pull out entirely. Dumaresq thinks and hopes that the demand will pick up about about mid-summer and I admire him for his optimism. With kindest regards to yourself and much-better half, I am, Sincerely

A. J. Sayre

1935  
February 14th, 1935.

Rev. George A. Warner, D.D.,  
317 E. Sixty Street  
Santa Ana, California.

Dear Dr. Warner:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to Doyle Watt of Seattle, which will serve as basis for you to gain what I have in mind.

I am also inclosing copy of a letter I am writing to Frank Lynch. I am writing these on my own initiative upon warrant of my long acquaintance and partnership with Dr. Lynch. I am thinking that you might find it possible to visit San Diego again and have conversation with Dr. Lynch over Wesley College.

I feel keenly that Dr. Lynch is making a mistake in holding back support that is so expansive in terms of courage here. There is no question that Wesley College is to be the abiding life investment of Dr. and Mrs. Lynch if they carry through. He is not keeping back this money because he needs it for something else, but as a matter of policy to compel others to come into a supporting way. I think we are going to have that support, but lack of bread and butter deprives one of strength to carry on with effect. What is needed here now is courage and new energy to realize upon the possibilities of new interest on the part of the people of Grand Forks and North Dakota.

I think you can understand this and you will be able to help Lynch to see it. The terms of his offer require that all monies paid in shall go to cover debt. That is good so far, but it absolutely deprives the College of maintenance. Also you can see that his offer covers a period of years and means much less each year than he used to give, if we count back a few years to get the average of that this \$25,000 implies.

I trust all goes well with you and your family, and your good people.

EverySincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but The Chief of Chaplains, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Refer to No.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS  
WASHINGTON

February 22nd. 1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Doctor Robertson:

I was glad to have your letter of January 21st. Thank you for your kindly thought of me and Mrs. Burling. I am glad to report good health and an enjoyment of the good things of life far beyond my deserving.

I have noted with some degree of sympathetic concern the untoward times of the State in which I spent some fourteen years of ministry. I wish I were a rainmaker or a legislator and the fortunes of North Dakota would be much improved. Unfortunately, I am neither. I am not even a good bet as a financier. I have, with others, lost heavily during the past few years. I might as well have given my savings to Wesley. In that sense they would have at least been saved.

I have not forgotten the benefits I received from Wesley and the U.N.D. I do know that I worked hard to get them and denied myself and my family many of the necessities of life in order to finance my budget on the meagre salary I was getting from the student charge at Inkster. However, the sacrifice paid big dividends and I do not grudge the effort.

In spite of my straightened circumstances I am planning to return to my native land in May to see my sister and other relatives and also to take Mrs. Burling to the home of her ancestors. For this I have had to save and the trip will take a few dollars.

For this and other reasons I cannot now address myself to your invitation to contribute to the budget of Wesley College. Perhaps later on I may be able to do something altho I fear that my little will not be much help if things are as serious as you suggest. You need someone with a few hundred thousand dollars. The few dollars that I might give will not produce a flicker in the affairs of Wesley.

I am glad to know Dr. Wallace is carrying the Presidential honors with dignity and efficiency. He is a splendid man. I wrote him a few months ago asking him to convey my greetings to the North Dakota Conference. I suppose he did.

I am not looking for publicity in the U.N.D. alumni magazine. I still pay my dues as a member of the association. I am not

sure they are interested in the doings of those who have not risen beyond the ranks of the mediocrity.

I am enjoying Washington and my position as Executive Officer to the Chief of Chaplains. It is an important and responsible position. I carry the rank of Major. We direct from this office the activities of the regular army chaplains and the reserve chaplains called to active duty in the C.C.C. Camps. We correspond with some fifteen hundred of a personnel. I am very busy.

I know the names of those men in Washington you mention in your letter. I contact Senator Frazier sometimes. He gave my son Morris an appointment to West Point. (You know I lost him in February '33.)

You speak of Dudley and his generosity. I am glad to know of his success. He is a good preacher with no mean intellectual attainments. He has dollars for my nickels. I hope to see him again some day.

I hear from Pardee, Burden and Chester occasionally. They seem to be doing well and are a credit to their Alma Mater.

Sorry I cannot control politics altho I find myself in the midst of a lot of such continually. We of the army are almost forbidden to enter this field. We hear all, see all and say little.

Again let me say how glad I was to hear from you. Mrs. Burling joins me in sending greetings to you and Mrs. Robertson and we hope some day we may meet again and talk over old times.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

*Edwin Burling*



FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF GRAND FORKS, N. D.

ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 745

W. V. O'CONNOR  
RECEIVER

March 19, 1935.

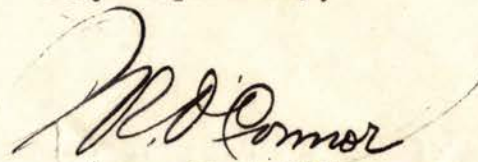
Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
c/o D. J. Robertson,  
Whitefish, Montana.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I was in Washington when Mr. Edmunds forwarded me your telegram of March 14. I immediately called Frank by phone and he approved it at once. I then went over to The Reconstruction Finance Corporation building and presented your case to them. I did not receive their approval until after I left Washington. I told them to phone me at my son's office, but I left before the approval came. After I left for home, my boy wired me that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had also approved your proposition. I received a telegram at McKeesport, Pennsylvania - that is why I wired from there.

Hoping that we will be able to conclude the compromise as you suggested in your telegram, I am

Very respectfully,



W. V. O'Connor  
Receiver.

WVO JK

April 30, 1935.

Dear Friend Hancock:

I am sending you a copy of the pledge of Frank Lynch. A supplement of specifications will reveal the Lynch mind. I was editor of the documents but under strict dictation as to the ideas to be set forth. I am happy to say that I was in accord with the outline of policy specified.

Dr. Lynch has \$150,000 in his will for Wesley College. After the enclosed was signed I said to him that I should like him to put that bequest sum into an offer to make the same available on condition that another \$100,000 be raised from others for the endowment of the college. I think he will do it if we succeed in raising the \$75,000 this season, and thus cancel the present deficit of near \$60,000 with good sum over for operating expenses. This \$25,000 is extra.

We have not published the Lynch offer but expect to do so as soon as we get a good basis in assurances of support of certain leaders of the city. We are making progress. We have one promise of \$5,000 and other intimations of intention to assist. The RFC will discount the interest on the mortgage - \$3,600. I think the Chamber of Commerce will become enlisted.

We shall make appeal to the alumni, and I have some cordial assurances of cooperation of some of the leaders in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. I wish we could get an active committee to sponsor the cause in the New York area.

We must find some donors who are willing to come in at the first and get the plan into operation. There is urgent need. I am wondering whether it would be convenient for you to lead off. I believe the effect upon the total enterprise will be more quickening if it shall become the policy of contributors toward the \$75,000 to pay in full and depend upon a succession of donors to follow the example till the whole is raised. The reaction of parties here upon reading the Lynch offer is quick and happy. A few have some money. Personally I feel deeply grateful to Lynch for hanging a new rainbow across the future, and your telegram made me happy. Offer suggestions.

Cordial greetings to the family circle.

Sincerely,

*Robertson*

FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

FOR GRAND FORKS COUNTY  
COUNTY COURT HOUSE

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

May 24, 1935

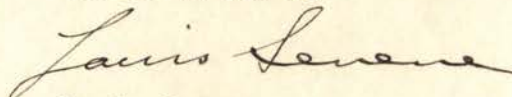
Dr. E. P. Robertson  
408 Hamline  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I have received an answer from Mr. E. A. Willson, FERA Administrator for North Dakota, regarding your inquiry for relief labor to work on buildings and grounds in Wesley College. The following is a quotation from Mr. Willson's letter:

"In reply to your letter of May 17, it will be impossible to use relief labor to work on the buildings and grounds in Wesley College. The work regulations strictly prohibit performing any work on private property, even though that property may be used for public benefit as in the case of Wesley College being used by University students."

Sincerely yours,



Louis Serene  
County Administrator

LS:L

May 24th, 1935.

Rev. George Hugh Smyth, D.D.,  
Hitchcock Memorial Church,  
Hartsdale, New York.

Dear Doctor Smyth:

I find occasion now to remind you of your expressed enthusiasm for Wesley College, and your volunteered promise to be good agent in its behalf.

During these years of depression Wesley College has suffered in measure like other institutions of the sort, and we found our college facing a real crisis. We have now a new perspective of hope.

I am inclosing a statement that will make clear to you what I mean. This man, Frank Lynch, has been a trustee of the College ever since I came to its presidency, thirty six years ago. He is the largest contributor to its maintenance. We have had from him \$229,000 towards current expenses during the years past, and he has \$150,000 provided for in his will. The \$25,000 mentioned on the inclosed is extra, and is not to come out of the bequest.

I am writing to some of our outstanding alumni and honorary alumni in the hope that the new developments in business may reveal opportunity for helpfulness at this time. In giving now it imparts impulse to others. If you can give on your own behalf it will be appreciated.

I may say that the local Jewish Rabbi is giving courses in Hebrew History. There is no support for him yet provided through the Jewish people. It would be a very fine contribution if some rich Jew of your acquaintance would be enlisted to recognize this opening made for a Rabbi to teach in connection with a State University, and receive credit for his courses. By being in the employ of Wesley College he is entitled to this recognition by the State University.

The overhead expense to Wesley College in providing the School of Religion building for teaching rooms and offices is not a small item in our budget expense. There should be near \$1000 contributed for overhead on account of this new department. I do not mean that the employment of the Rabbi adds that much to the actual budget expense to the College, but the inclusion of the Rabbi should bring to the College a share of the support of the overhead, as well as the salary for him. It would be of interest to a good Jew at that distance to be told that two of the Wesley College graduates were

Rev. George Hugh Smyth, D.D., -2-

Jewis Rabbis, and have found their work in Wesley College very helpful to them in their ministry.

I repeat what I have said above that I wish you would take this matter upon your heart and make it your own cause, for we surely need what help we can get to achieve victory, and give to Wesley College a new birth.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

May 24th, 1935.

Mr. Walter Matchek, Director,  
Institute Civic Affairs,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Walter:

I am inclosing a letter recently received from your old time friend A. J. Sayre. I think he would appreciate greatly having a letter from you giving a very minute description of your present employment, and personal circumstances.

I saw Mr. Sayre a few weeks ago in Los Angeles. He is quite well, and of the same old time happy spirit. He is in modest circumstances now, and has maintained his fine integrity and his optimistic outlook.

I am inclosing also a pledge form which is self explanatory. This thought has come to me, and which I pass on to you without assuming to urge it upon you for I do not know what your present financial circumstances may be. I am going to offer the suggestion that you take responsibility for the refitting of Sayre Hall up to the measure of what you feel you could contribute. We can work it out so it will count in the present campaign.

During this past few years of depression the income for Wesley College has been so limited that we have not kept the buildings up in the fresh condition that we always took care to do in the years past. The walls of Sayre Hall throughout should be repainted, and some renewals made of furniture. Tell me what you think about this, and how much you could afford to contribute. I think it would be very gratifying to Mr. Sayre in a personal way to know that you were a partner with him in Sayre Hall.

Do not allow this suggestion to give you pain if you find you cannot respond as you would like. Feel perfectly free to write me as you may feel warranted. I am always interested in your fine career and achieving work.

Convey my greetings to Mrs. Matchek.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

May 24th, 1935.

Supt. Dallas Belcher,  
Argyle, Minn.

My dear Dallas:

You will be interested in the inclosed. It is intended to bring tears to your eyes, and something from your pocket.

During the past few years Wesley College has suffered from the drying up of sources of income due to the depression. We have an indebtedness of \$56,000, and were beginning to feel that we were facing a near crisis.

I went to San Diego in March to see our old friend Frank Lynch from whom we have had \$229,000 in years past and who has in his will \$150,000 for the College. The \$25,000 named in the present offer is not to be taken from the \$150,000 bequest.

You were always a warm hearted Wesley College fellow, and I feel sure that you will be glad to respond to this call if your circumstances will at all permit.

Kindly let me hear from you. I do hope you will find it possible to respond in a helpful way.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

May 25th, 1935.

Mr. O. Trageton,  
134 N. Gramercy Place,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Trageton:

I am sending you the inclosed form that we have prepared for the general canvass to meet the offer of Mr. Lynch.

We have not yet made public announcement of his offer as we thought it well to wait the opening of the growing season. The fields are now becoming green, people are hopeful, and we should soon begin our general canvass.

I have just written to Edward Patmore, asking him to get in touch with you and advise me on the matter of plans to reach the constituency tributary to Los Angeles.

It is quite clear that we shall require the heartiest cooperation of all our good friends in this undertaking. I do not mean that we must burden them to affliction in the measure of their gifts, but rather that we do need support and general enlistment of our friends for such measure of help as they can afford to contribute. I shall appreciate having advice from you to assist me in the wisest course.

President Wallace and his executive committee have asked me to give my time to this undertaking. I have been talking with people in town to make them acquainted with the whole proposal before public announcement should be made. One man readily volunteered a subscription of \$5000, which of course gave us a thrill. We may not be flooded with subscriptions of that size but I do hope we may have general enlistment, and I think we shall. When you say your prayers keep Wesley College between you and Heaven.

Convey my greetings to Mrs. Trageton. I remember the very delightful dinner occasion in your home.

I am wondering whether it would be your pleasure as a local committee to use our material and send out from your own names, a recommendation to the mailing list there that they respond by sending checks to yourself or Patmore. That might make it more intimate locally. Think of it in terms of the advantage to Wesley College, and what would be consistent with the sentiment of you and your associates. Give me the benefit of your advice.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.



May 25th, 1935.

Pibrico Jointless Firebrick Co.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I inclose letter just received from Mr. Ellefson of the Associated Creditors, who have your account against Wesley College for collection. I inclose also a copy of my letter to Mr. Ellefson, and a copy of the offer and agreement of Frank Lynch, upon which we are now making plans to initiate a general canvass for funds.

You will note in this offer of Mr. Lynch that discount granted on sums classed as debts of the College will be accounted as payments under this agreement. To act on that suggestion would be a better solution than the one Mr. Ellefson threatens.

Mr. Lynch has contributed during the years past \$129,000 toward the yearly support of Wesley College. He has \$150,000 in his will, and now makes this gift of \$25,000 conditioned as stated. During the past years it has not been convenient for Mr. Lynch to keep up his usual contributions to the College, and this is a part of the explanation of the present difficulty in meeting obligations. I went to see him and found him more happily situated, and ready to take up again the active support of Wesley College. I should like our creditors to know the spirit in which we are aiming to conduct the affairs of the College, and the generosity of men like Mr. Lynch, who have made the College possible.

If you have know North Dakota for the past five years you do not need explanation of the embarrassment through which the College has been conducting its work. The College management has suffered more than the creditors during this temporary period of inability to maintain the business of the College on the high plain of efficiency of the years past.

The reason I am writing at length is that we covet the good will and understanding of all those with whom we have done business.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

May 25th, 1935.

Willis Supply Co.,  
Duluth, Minn.

Gentlemen:

I am writing you in behalf of Wesley College, of which I was President for thirty-two years, and until four years ago. During the years until the drouth covered North Dakota the College paid bills promptly, and was proud of its credit standing.

There has been no bit of carelessness regarding the obligation to you, and I hope you will retain the kindly feeling toward the College. It now looks like we were facing a new day, though the dawning may be a bit slow.

I am inclosing a form which explains my reason for renewed hope. You will be interested to know that this man, Frank Lynch, has contributed \$129,000 toward the maintenance of Wesley College during the years past, though for several recent years it has not been convenient to him to assist as largely as he had been doing, and that is part of the explanation of our present deficit.

You will note in the inclosed that Mr. Lynch allows any discount from bills owed by the College to count the same as a cash contribution. I am wondering whether you would like to join our friends in a token of good will at this time, in such measure as your business obligations will permit.

I am President Emeritus, and have been requested by the President and Executive Committee of Trustees to give my time to this canvass. I cannot promise you payment of your account immediately, but it is on the list to be cared for in due time.

I hope we may retain your good will and confidence, as we appreciate the fairness with which you have treated your claim.

Yours very truly,

EPRA  
Inc.

May 25th, 1935.

Yale Paint Co.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Inc.

May 25th, 1935.

Mr. Howard W. Patmore,  
Registrar's Office,  
University of Southern California,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Howard:

I have not written you since I left Los Angeles, but I have had you in mind many times.

Upon consultation with our local people we thought it wise to wait for the opening of the spring before making a public announcement of Mr. Lynch's offer and attempting a campaign to realize on it.

I have been having personal interview with important people of this city, and have found a cordial attitude. One man very readily volunteered a subscription of \$5000.00, and others have encouraged me to expect fair cooperation. I have not attempted to get definite pledges, but more to visit with man and wife over the total situation, with view to preparing them for the right measure of contribution later.

Before leaving Los Angeles I phoned you asking you to consent to be named on a good-will committee for that region, which of course you were good enough to permit. I also had conversation with Trageton, with Dr. Lloyd F. Burtchett, and Attorney Oppegard. I was recommended to see Peter Schmidt, but I did not have opportunity. I spoke to one or two others, and must give myself the task of recalling their names, and send them to you.

I am writing now to ask your advice on just the right way to your constituency. My thought is to publish a leaflet or circular letter setting forth more information data than these pledge forms contain. I am wondering if it would not be possible to have a letter to out from your committee to the people of your mailing list, and let their responses come into you personally. Prof. Burtchett was very cordial over the phone and volunteered an offer to enlist people about his campus.

Please think this matter over, and give me your best advice. We shall require the heartiest cooperation of all who wish Wesley College to win out in the present emergency.

My trip north I visited Doyle Watt, and had dinner at their table. They were well and Doyle gave evidence of lively interest in the Lynch proposal. It will require the active enlistment of you people who were more closely identified with Wesley College

Mr. Howard W. Patmore -2-

than the average University people.

I am confident that you will give us the benefit of such time and effort as you can spare from your many duties. I assume that you will consult with Trageton, Oppegard and Smyth as opportunity comes your way. I think I shall write to each one of them a brief letter so that they will have that preparation for your conversation.

I am inclosing a sample of the form we have prepared.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.



Dr. Frank Lynch -2-

There is one item in your proposal which refers to offers of reductions in salaries, by which you agreed to pay directly to a salary claimant 25% of the claim, provided the whole claim should be surrendered. I think you said that one must surrender one's whole account if one is to take advantage of this offer. Since coming home and having time to test the situation I am finally persuaded that it would be proper and fair for you to modify that proposal so as to allow it to operate for any sum that one having a salary claim might choose to contribute. I find that several, including Dr. Wallace, have mortgaged their life insurance very heavily, and the sum to be surrendered would be too great a sacrifice in view of the responsibility for their families in the future. I am inclosing an amendment which I hope you will sign, and will allow us to use in case any wish to give a smaller sum than the total claim. I think it would be quite generous if one or another could give say \$150, \$300, or \$600, according to the measure of their claim. In case one should give \$300, your \$100 would mean a reduction of the claim by \$400. I am inclined several would take advantage of that, and it would be an aid in many ways for they would feel happier, and their gifts would count toward the progress of our undertaking.

We had a postal from Mrs. Leonard reporting a visit with you good people, and of prospect of second visit for dinner. I know you found them delightful. Pastor Leonard is a worthy son of his father, having his taste for finest things in thought and life. He and Mrs. Leonard are very popular with the church here. They have a heavy task because of the debt upon the church remaining from the added cost of the education building. I tried to persuade against it at the time, but the preacher then in charge pushed it through, and left the church burdened.

I have been impressed with Dr. Linder's statement that the San Diego church has no debt. That is an inviting situation to people whom come into a town to affiliate with a church, after having done their share possibly toward building a church in the town where they have lived.

Mrs. Robertson in in Eugene, Oregon. Our daughter has had a very serious operation, and our son's wife, living in Eugene, has also undergone a recent serious operation. Our daughter's second girl was in a auto accident, and suffered bone fracture, including a crushed vertebra. She has been on her back for twelve weeks, but I think is now permitted to sit in a wheel chair. Our oldest grand daughter graduates from the University of Oregon this June, and is today to have an announcement party. She and her young man thought they would like Grandma come and pour, and Grandma was happy to respond, especially as the mother is in Seattle undergoing deep X-Ray treatment.

I remember the very kind invitation of Mrs. Lynch and yourself that Mrs. Robertson and I visit the Expedition. I warned wife when she left that we might do that provided that I could get on

Dr. Frank Lynch     -3-

rapidly with this campaign, but we are going to have a very serious task and I am not at all sure that we can make haste.

The spring has come on finally, and fields are becoming green throughout this section of the state. The people also have taken on a new measure of hope which should result well if the season continues favorably.

I trust the expedition may be a great success. Please convey my warm greetings to Mrs. Lynch. I wish to thank her and you for the very fine way in which you made my visit pleasant. Your practice of having our friends in at dinner is much appreciated by them, and certainly I thank you heartily for giving me the opportunity to visit with our friends in that way.

I will report to you from time to time on the progress made in our canvass. I am just getting printing matter ready, and will take up the work consistantly from now on. I am inclosing a form which we have adopted. I hope it may meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.



May 25th, 1935.

Imperial Chemical Co.,  
Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Gentlemen:

I am writing you in behalf of Wesley College, of which I was President for thirty-two years, and until four years ago. During the years until the drouth covered North Dakota the College paid bills promptly, and was proud of its credit standing.

There has been no bit of carelessness regarding the obligation to you, and I hope you will retain the kindly feeling toward the College. It now looks like we were facing a new day, though the dawning may be a bit slow.

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I am President Emeritus, and have been requested by the President and Executive Committee of Trustees to give my time to this canvass. I cannot promise you payment of your account immediately, but it is on the list to be cared for in due time.

I hope we may retain your good will and confidence, as we appreciate the fairness with which you have treated your claim.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

May 27th, 1935.

Mr. Harold W. Kadell,  
356 Mira Mar,  
Long Beach, Calif.

My dear Kadell:

I trust you will be interested in the inclosed. In fact, I am sure you will. I regret my inability to get to Long Beach when I was in California some months ago. In fact I was kept at San Diego two and one-half weeks before I came to a conclusion with Mr. Lynch and obtained his signature of the within proposal.

We have not yet given the proposal to the public, but have waited until the spring might open up and help us to forget the five years of drouth. The fields are becoming delightfully green and people are talking in terms of hope accordingly.

A local man very promptly promised \$5000 toward the present undertaking. Others will be fairly generous I think. Mr. Lynch has given \$129,000 to Wesley College during the years past, and has \$150,000 in his will. This \$25,000 is extra. I am confident that if we raise this \$100,000 promptly Mr. Lynch will make a second proposal offering to make available the \$150,000 in his will to become active endowment, provided we add to it \$100,00 or \$150,000 for the permanent endowment of Wesley College. I mention this to indicate that the present undertaking opens out into an inviting perspective.

I am wondering just how to get this matter before the alumni of Los Angeles and other cities in the west, and realize upon the latent good will. Please give me your advice.

I am writing in this same way to Patmore, Oppgard, Trageton and Dr. Birtchett. I am wondering if a letter going out over the signatures of you local leaders might not be more fruitful than individual letters from this office. We could send the material to Patmore as secretary of such a committee. Any suggestion that you have to offer will be welcome. I hope that prosperity may come upon you in such measure that you may find special delight in assisting personally.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

May 27th, 1935.

Mr. G. J. Oppegard,  
756 S. Broadway,  
Los Angeles; Calif.

My dear Oppegard:

I inclose printed sheet that will be of interest to you. We have not made public announcement of the Lynch offer, but are having consultations with important people in this city, and I am writing to others to get something of a basis of intelligence before giving the matter to the public.

I remember our conversation in Los Angeles, and your willingness to act on a committee of reference and good will. I spoke in like manner to Patmore, Trageton, and Dr. Burtchett. They all readily consented to cooperate. I do not know just what can be done, but I am writing to them and to you now for advice. I shall be glad to receive from you any suggestions that you may have to offer.

We expect to publish a leaflet to go with this proposition explanatory of it, and making clear what we hope to accomplish. I may say to you that Mr. Lynch requires that from the monies raised one-third shall go to payment of miscellaneous debts, and two-thirds of it to the payment of the mortgage, which is approximately \$29,000, but something over \$4000 of this will be repaid by cancellation of interest. If we should succeed in raising the whole \$100,000 we would have the debts paid and about \$40,000 to be used in the support of the College.

I remind you that Mr. Lynch has \$150,000 in his will which is not touched by this offer. I have suggested to him that if we succeed in raising this \$100,000 he put the \$150,000 into another proposition conditional upon our raising another \$100,000 or \$150,000 to go with his and constitute permanent endowment of the College. I think he will do this. You see this makes a very important as well as hopeful undertaking that we now enter upon.

I appreciate the very fine spirit in which you have visited with me on the affairs of Wesley College. I hope prosperity will come your way increasingly. Anyway you have large investments in good will, and that will make your old age rich.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

May 27th, 1935.

Prof. Floyd F. Burtchett,  
U.C.L.A.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Burtchett:

I recall your very cordial expressions relative to the offer and agreement of Frank Lynch, of which I inclose a copy. I trust you have saved up your spare change and have kept Wesley College freshly in mind.

I am writing you now to ask your advice upon what may be the best choice of plan for getting this matter before the Alumni of that region. You thought you could enlist several members of your associates.

I am wondering whether a committee located there might not send out a letter over their own names, and make the appeal somewhat more intimate than would be the case if we should send a personal letter to each one from here. Possibly a leaflet interpretive of the proposal, and making some fresh appeal for Wesley College might properly go with this inclosed form. Give me your advice.

President Wallace and his executive committee of trustees have asked me to give time to this undertaking. I know that one can do but a little, but if we can aim to enlist a measure of interest on the part of a great number of alumni in the different centers of the country we may go far.

We have not made public announcement of the Lynch offer, but have counted it wise to await the greening of the fields in North Dakota after these five years of drouth. The spring opens with fine promise.

I have succeeded in getting generous expressions from a number of the people here as a preliminary to the more public canvass that we may make later.

I wish you would consult Dr. Brush, and encourage him to carry out his generous assurance to me of assistance in the not distant future.

Please have in mind the fact that Mr. Lynch has given \$229,000 during the years past to the maintenance of Wesley College, and has \$150,000 in his will. The present offer of \$25,000 does not come out of the bequest but is extra. If we are successful in raising this \$100,000 to pay off the present indebtedness of \$60,

Prof. Floyd F. Burtchett -2-

and have the balance for use of the College, I am very confident that Mr. Lynch will consent to make a second offer of the \$150,000 in his will, and make that available for endowment provided we can put \$100,000 or \$150,000 to it. I mention this simply to indicate that the present undertaking has an opening perspective that is inviting.

I shall await word from you with interest.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

May 28th, 1935.

Prof. E. Leigh Mudge, Ph.D.,  
State Teachers College,  
Edinboro, Penn.

My dear Dr. Mudge:

I am hoping that this letter will find you possessed of increasing riches and subject to a irresistable impulse to be generous.

You will know that Wesley College has suffered greatly during the past five years of depression and drouth. The income practically dried up, and we have had the experience of going into the red to the measure of \$56,000.

Our largest contributor to the support of Wesley College has been Frank Lynch of San Diego, California, who has given in years past, \$129,000 toward the maintenance of the College, but four years ago he cut his contribution from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and two years ago down to \$1000, and to nothing last year. This drop from what has been a yearly contribution of around \$10,000 left a big deficit. Other resources also suffered likewise.

A few weeks ago I went out to San Diego and had an extended visit with Mr. Lynch. The result is inclosed in the form of a proposal which explains itself. We must have the active interest of all our alumni and friends just now. Mr. Lynch has in his will a provision for \$150,000. That is not affected by the present offer. If we can carry the present proposal through speedily I think he will make a second offer to give the \$150,000 provided we raise another equal sum to become permanent endowment. I mention this to indicate that the present undertaking opens out to a large perspective.

I shall welcome any aid you can promise, and I trust you will be able to respond in terms of your generous appreciation of Wesley College.

Sincerely yours,

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May 28th, 1935.

Mr. E. P. Robertson,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

At the time you visited this office I agreed to write you further in reference to the matter which we discussed.

After contacting our Grand Forks manager and also discussing the subject with my associates in this office, we have concluded that we must draw the line somewhere. We could not, with fairness, contribute to one institution and refuse to contribute to others, and as soon as we make exceptions many other institutions would make similar requests. Being a college man myself, I am very sympathetic toward the cause of education, but I also feel that a college should obtain its support from its Alumni and close friends who are especially interested in its progress.

With very kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

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Atten: E.P. ROBERTSON

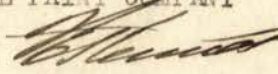
Dear Sirs:

In consideration of the offer made by Frank Lynch and also in recognition of your faithful educational work at the college for a period of over 30 years, we hand you herewith credit memorandum in the amount of \$20.00 to apply on the balance of \$40.00 owing on the account for goods shipped the College June 13, 1934.

With our best wishes for your success in the campaign, we are

Yours very truly,

THE YALE PAINT COMPANY

  
Sec'y. & Treas.

FEK:gd  
Enc/





JOHN M. HANCOCK  
ONE WILLIAM STREET  
NEW YORK

May 28, 1935.

My dear Doctor Robertson,

I have received your letter of May twenty-fourth and the accompanying leaflet. I wish you every success in the effort and I am really hopeful that you will be able to accomplish your desires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Hancock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "John M. Hancock".

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks, No. Dak.

**Wesley College**  
AT THE  
**University of North Dakota**  
UNIVERSITY STATION  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

June 1st, 1935.

Prof. Arthur C. Hargrave,  
227 Rosewood St.,  
Ontario, Calif.

Dear Dr. Hargrave:

I am daring to hope that you still retain a kindly thought of Wesley College which will be quickened into an expression through your fountain pen on a check in response to the inclosed.

A modest gift of \$1000 or less, according to the measure of your prosperity will be greatly appreciated.

We often think of you and always with cordial good wishes.

Cordially yours,

EPR: A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. John D. Woods,  
144 S. Catalina Street,  
Ventura, California.

Dear John Woods:

I am sending you the inclosed that it will reach you just as you are receiving a commission on the sale of a gold mine. I am hoping that somehow it will relate itself to your prosperity as a providential outlet of benevolence that will make manifest your worthiness for increasing prosperity in the years ahead. Now I do not know whether I can make that implied theory fit your orthodox theology or not, but it is an attempt to set forth something that might be true.

Anyway I shall be very glad if the good will that has been in the Woods family for two generations may find expression now in a responsive subscription to help us in reaching the Lynch offer.

Wesley College was really facing a crisis, and is yet for that matter, but with a new vista of hope opening through the Lynch proposal I shall welcome your reply with hopeful expectation.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

# RESPONSIVE SUBSCRIPTION

June 1 1935

In consideration of the offer and agreement of Frank Lynch under date of March 19, 1935, to pay to Wesley College a total sum of \$25,000 provided \$75,000 be paid by others, on terms set forth in said offer, I hereby subscribe to Wesley College the sum of

Credit Memorandum for Twenty - - - - - Dollars, payable as follows: (\$20.00)

Cash herewith \$ June 1, 1935 \$ July 20, 1935 \$ ;

October 1, 1935 \$

Dated May 28, 1935.

~~Date: XXXXXXXX 1935~~ Signed THE YALE PAINT COMPANY  
Address 7016 Euclid Ave., Cleveland Ohio

Surely this generous offer invites quick response from everyone receiving this appeal. Send pledge and check to Wesley College, University Station, Grand Forks, N. D.

TELEPHONE: MEL. 2529

2 EAST MICHIGAN ST.

We have credited your account as follows:

Subscription to Frank Lynch Fund \$5.00

per C.C. Willis

NO RECEIPT RETURNED UNLESS REQUESTED

POWDER EXTERMINATORS  
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the close margin under which we must operate, makes a greater allowance impossible.

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MOP PAILS AND WRINGERS  
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MOP HEADS  
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Hoping, however, that this is satisfactory and that your Fund Drive shall be completely successful, we are,

POLISHES  
METAL POLISHES  
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Very truly yours,  
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DULUTH, MINN. June 1 1935

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Grand Forks, North Dakota

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Gentlemen:

We attach a Credit Memorandum for the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to apply against your present account with us, in response to your request for our co-operation in the Frank Lynch Agreement.

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August 3rd. 1935.

Willis Supply Co.,  
503 East Third Street  
Duluth, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

We have your statement of August 1st, showing a balance on account of Wesley College of \$30.94. I beg to call your attention to your credit memorandum of June 1st, in which you allow \$5.00 from this bill, which would leave \$25.94. Is this correct?

I am inclosing check for \$10.00 on account, and shall hope to send the balance within a reasonable time.

Meantime I wish to thank you for your kindly patience.

Yours very truly,

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President Emeritus

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503 EAST THIRD STREET

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This account dates  
back to Jan. 1935.  
May we have a part  
of it now?



July 19th, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wiff,  
4520 Sheridan Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Friends:

I still have your faces framed in North Dakota,  
and think somehow you must include Grand Forks and Wesley College  
within the range of your active interest.

I am sending the inclosed literature to inform  
you of what is now in the College situation. I am daring to hope  
that the present years growth of crops will revive the manufacturing  
business in such way that you will be looking for an outlet for your  
benevolence impulse. It will give us a real thrill if you find  
yourselves able to renew partnership with us in the near future.

I may explain that the use of the pink paper and  
green ink is the recognition of the University colors, as this  
printed letter has been sent to numerous alumni. I inclose it  
that you may have the explanations it carries.

I trust all goes well with you.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

June 1st, 1935.

The Yale Paint Company,  
Seventy-first Euclid Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I have your kind letter of May 28th, with memorandum of credit inclosed, in the sum of \$20.00 to apply on account of Wesley College.

Please accept thanks for this generous consideration.

We shall keep your item in a favored place  
in our list. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

June 1st, 1935.

Dr. & Mrs. O. M. Moore,  
6923 State Street,  
Huntington Park, Calif.

Dear Friends:

I send the inclosed form to you which is the result of my visit to Mr. Lynch in California.

I am hoping that prosperity may come to you in such measure that it will be your convenience, as I know it will be your pleasure, to support this offer of Mr. Lynch.

I wish you would think over the total situation there and advise me how to bring the matter to the attention of those who have latent good will and who have ability to give to it substantial expression.

I wish to thank you for the fine courtesy I enjoyed from you.

With continued good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Central Soap Co.,  
689-701 Hampden Ave.,  
Minnesota Transfer,  
Minnesota.

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June 1st, 1935.

Monta M. Perry,  
4555 Natalija,  
Van Nuys, Calif.

My dear Monta Perry:

It has been a personal regret each time I have been in California that I have not had the privilege and pleasure of renewing acquaintance with you. I think of you often.

I do not know how you are situated financially, but if you are able in any manner to respond to the appeal outlined in the offer of Mr. Lynch we shall be very glad to welcome the same.

I shall also be interested in receiving some account of yourself and your present situation.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Jesse Rosoff,  
El Paso, Texas.

My dear Jesse Rosoff:

I hope the inclosed will bring tears to your eyes, and your pen into action to write a good check in harmony with the sum that you may fill out on the attached form to help meet the Lynch offer.

I have on file some of your letters of friendly expression and I am daring to hope that you may be in financial condition now to make a responsive subscription. I place the matter on your heart and trust you to guide your pen.

I shall be glad to have a personal word from you as to your present situation and outlook.

Sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Miss Gladys M. Powell,  
258 S. Hudson Ave.,  
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Gladys Powell:

Can you spare some of your generous,  
but hard earned salary, to help us meet the offer of Mr. Lynch  
as set forth in the inclosed? If so just do it now while  
the impulse is upon you, and send us the result.

Give my greetings to your mother,  
and be assured of our continued good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mrs. Geo. Dyke,  
Tulare, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Dyke:

I am sending you the inclosed in the hope that you may enlist your husband to advise you to send to Wesley College a token of good will to help meet the Lynch offer.

You may well understand that the past five years have been very severe upon Wesley College, and we were facing a real crisis. The offer of Mr. Lynch gives a sense of relief and opens a new vista of hope, but we must have the practical aid of all the friends of the College.

I was sorry to miss seeing you when in California a few weeks ago. My trip was one of business under pressure. The inclosed is the result.

Sincerely yours,

NFR:A  
Inc.



June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Chester Perry,  
1547 Fairfield,  
Glendale, Calif.

My dear Chester Perry:

When I saw you two years ago you did own that Wesley College had been of some direct service to you in helping you win favor of election to your present position. I am making that a basis of appeal to your good will to respond to the inclosed proposal to Mr. Lynch.

I do not mean that you must give largely in order to maintain your sense of partnership, but if you can make a gift it will be a token of good will, and greatly appreciated at this time as it will multiply itself, according to the terms of the offer.

I shall welcome your reply.

Cordially yours,

MPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Charles D. Hammel,  
500 Shoreham Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hammel:

Permit me to invite you to note  
the inclosed proposal which explains itself.

I am not now writing to repeat my  
appeal to you or to press for practical expression of the  
good will which you have voiced repeatedly. I want to keep you  
informed, while hoping for the time when renewal of business  
prosperity will make it easy for you to place Wesley College  
on your benevolence list. Of course it would be great if  
that time were now come.

With continued personal esteem,

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

# Wesley College

AT THE  
University of North Dakota  
UNIVERSITY STATION  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Ralph J. Stewart,  
New Ulm, Minn.

My dear Stewart:

This is also written to my friend Vinnie Gjere Stewart. I want both of you to read the inclosed while you hold hands in the good old fashion and remember that Wesley College has had partnership through the years.

The past five years in North Dakota have cue the income of Wesley College almost entirely out, and our situation was becoming critical. I went to San Diego to visit our old frind Mr. Lynch, and the inclosed is the result. He had given \$129,000 to Wesley College during the years past, and has \$150,000 in his will for the College which is not touched by the present offer. If we can carry through this undertaking for \$100,000 speedily I am confident Mr. Lynch will make another proposal to give the \$150,000 outright provided the College secures an equal sum from others. That would mean the permanent endowment of Wesley College. I mention this to indicate how important it is that we make progress speedily in the present endeavor.

I often think of you two, and occasionally hear a word of report upon your business progress. I shall appreciate greatly your cordial cooperation at the present time. I have been asked by the College authorities to devote time to this canvass. I hope you will welcome my thought of you in this connection.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mrs. V. E. Sayre,  
1968 Galbraith Road,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Sayre:

You threatened to send me a check. I do not recall whether it was to be for \$100.00 or \$10.00, but the bigger it is the happier I shall be, but that check in any sum will be accounted a token of good will, and greatly appreciated, especially as it will serve now to help meet the conditional offer of Mr. Lynch set forth in the inclosed.

I was very happy to meet your good friends at the Hayward home on my seventy-fifth birthday. Good wishes for you both.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Vernon Sprague,  
Ottetail Power Company,  
Fergus Falls, Minn.

My dear Sprague:

The inclosed will be of interest to you, and I sincerely hope will have its appeal for such response as your circumstances will permit your generous nature to give.

You will understand that the past five years have been a serious strain upon Wesley College as the sources of income were practically dried up. This meant a new and depressing experience of increasing debt that reached the sum of \$56,000.

This Mr. Lynch has been our largest contributor toward the maintenance, and we have received in the past years \$129,000, and he has \$150,000 provided in his will. The present offer is extra and it does not affect the bequest. I feel confident that if we can raise the present amount promptly that Mr. Lynch will bring the \$150,00 out of his will into a definite offer to make it available, on condition that we obtain another like sum from others, and establish a permanent endowment for the College. The present canvass stands at the beginning of a new perspective of hope.

Letters usually do not have great effect but I am trusting that your generous interest in Wesley College will require this appeal to find expression.

The College authorities have asked me to join in this effort to realize on Mr. Lynch's offer. In looking over the names of the alumni yours attracted me because of your friendly spirit in the past, and your present business standing.

An early favorable reply will multiply itself with others.

Yours sincerely,

BER:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Miss Jean Fraser,  
Shapham Court,  
White Plains, N.Y.

My dear Miss Fraser:

I am inclosing an appeal to you  
in the form of the present proposal by Frank Lynch that I  
am hoping may bring from you a love letter such as we can  
use in meeting his offer.

Allow your good will known through  
many years to permit your pen to write a check and send it  
to me by return mail in whatever sum your circumstances will  
allow.

Cordially yours.

EFR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Anos F. Gregory, Sec.,  
Kresge Foundation,  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Gregory:

I am prompted to write to you again and report the latest major item of interest in the financial affairs of Wesley College as outlined in the inclosed.

You well know that the past five years have been very severe upon the sources of income in North Dakota. In fact, the sources were practically dried up, and the College faced a growing deficit that had reached \$56,000, with no prospect of relief.

I was president of the College thirty-two years, and have been President Emeritus the past four years. I have been requested by the President and Executive Committee of the College to cooperate in the present financial canvass.

This Mr. Lynch has been the largest contributor to the maintenance of the College. He has given \$129,000 during the past years, but four years ago his affairs required him to cut his usual contribution from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and to cut again two years ago to \$1,000, and last year to nothing. Several weeks ago I went to visit him, and found that he had come through the depression and cleared his way to renew his practical interest in the College. The result of our visit was the present offer.

Mr. Lynch informed us that he has \$150,000 in his will which this offer does not effect. I am quite assured from conversation with him that if we succeed promptly with this present canvass he will be willing to bring that \$150,000 forward into a new proposal conditioned upon an equal sum being given by others. I mention this to indicate that the present canvass opens to a wide perspective.

You will notice in the inclosed that Mr. Lynch provides that creditors of the College who elect to contribute part or all of a claim, that said contribution will count the same as cash. I do not know that you have any financial relation as a Foundation with the Kresge Company. The Junior Conservatory of Wesley College is a tenant of the Kresge Building in Grand Forks. Two hundred and fifty boys and girls come weekly to the studios over the Kresge store for their weekly lessons. I am wondering whether there could be some adjustment made by which the claim of the Kresge Company could be taken away by the Kresge Foundation, as a contribution to the College at this time, and so assist toward the success of the present canvass.

The manager of the J. C. Penney Company here is making a personal gift of \$5,000, and we have received some very generous assurances from others. I think of you personally as having some knowledge of Wesley College, and am daring to hope that you will exercise your

Mr. Amos F. Gregory -2-

offices to find a way to a response from the Kresge Company Corporation, if you do not find it possible to intervene as a representative of the Kresge Foundation.

I am writing to Mr. G. B. Tuttle, Treasurer.

I appeal to you to take this matter upon your heart and bring about a response to our petition.

I do not mean in any degree to imply that Wesley College will ignore its obligation to pay in full measure what it owes in the way of rent. Up to recent years all of the Colleges bills were paid promptly every month, and we shall hope to rise to that fine level again through the present endeavor. It is in this spirit that we ask the generous consideration on the part of the Kresge Company effecting the obligation for rent now due. Of course I do not wish to imply that we would limit the interest of the Kresge Foundation by the measure of this sum when the happy days come that you have surplus income.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

P.S. The sum of the rental due to the end of May is \$504.00.



June 1st, 1935.

Mrs. F. A. Jacobson Griffin,  
3261 Live Oak St.,  
Huntington Park, California.

My dear Mrs. Griffin:

I remember my pleasant call at your home some months ago when I had opportunity to renew our acquaintance and discover your continued friendly interest in Wesley College.

I am inclosing a copy of a proposal which I secured from Mr. Lynch at San Diego. It will, I trust, appeal to you as an opportunity to express your practical good will in a way that will multiply itself, and that at a time of real emergency.

Please appoint your husband as my advocate on this occasion to assist you to come to a generous decision. Generosity is not measured by the size of the contribution but by the good will which it expresses in terms according to business convenience.

That is all I ask now.

Sincerely yours,

EFR:A  
Inc.



# GARDNER-DENVER COMPANY



QUINCY, ILLINOIS

CABLE ADDRESS  
GARDNER QUINCY

June 1, 1935.

Mr. E. P. Robertson, Pres. Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 27 is received in regard to the small amount due us from Wesley College of \$9.35 for a purchase made by the college which was shipped from our factory August 20, 1934.

We have read with interest your letter but we do not feel that we are in position to comply with your wishes.

Our company does, of course, make a lot of donations throughout the year and we have in our budget a fund for this purpose but these donations are for the greater part, charity donations or to charitable organizations locally. We do not feel that we could include the small item of \$9.35 for the greater part of this charge represents labor for which, of course, immediate payment must be made to our workmen.

Will you please convey this message to the treasurer of the college and ask him to arrange at as early a date as possible to send us a voucher for the amount owing us on August 20, 1934 invoice.

Yours very truly,

GARDNER-DENVER COMPANY

W. H. Grummon.

WHG/D

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Wm. H. Greenleaf,  
515 Vanderbilt Hotel,  
New York.

My dear William Greenleaf:

I met your father on the street some days ago and got from him your address. I count that within the order of providence, and hope my faith will be supported by the response I may receive from you to this letter.

Read the inclosed when in your best mood, and allow an impulse to find expression through your penpoint on check and on the memorandum attached hereto.

Allow me to recall with gratitude the invitation that came to me from you and Mr. Ogren to address the Alumni gathering in Chicago, on that occasion years ago, which was the occasion of my first acquaintance with John M. Hancock, and I have always associated you with him and the outcome of that visit which you trace on the sheet inclosed, showing his contribution to Wesley College. Emulate him.

How can we get this matter invitingly before the Alumni in and about New York? Several of our good alumni friends in Los Angeles have agreed to be on a committee there, and others have likewise consented to serve in San Francisco and Seattle.

After you write your check and fill out the inclosed blank give me your best advice on how to realize from others, and your promise that you will assist in bringing this canvass to a successful conclusion.

Yours ever,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mrs. Francis H. Gardner,  
U. S. Navy,  
La Jolla, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Gardner:

Of course I am thinking of you as Norma Young back in the student days and in your cordial friendly relation with Wesley College.

I have no knowledge of your present relation to wealth, but I am trusting that your good husband will favor a response to the appeal inclosed herewith.

The five years of drouth in North Dakota have brought about a condition of need that makes this appeal especially urgent just now.

In your reply please make out the inclosed form and also send your remittance for the sum which is convenient. I shall also appreciate having the names of any of your friends of the Alumni in that region whom you know to be able to make some contribution.

In addition to your response to this appeal I shall be interested to have from you any item of news concerning yourself and your surroundings.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Howard Hinton,  
American Cyanamid Co.,  
535-5th Ave.,  
New York:

My dear Howard:

I take much satisfaction in sending you the new proposal of Frank Lynch in behalf of Wesley College. You will note that during the past five years the source of income had practically dried up, and that we were facing a real crisis. We still front a crisis. However, a new perspective of hope has come, as you will understand upon reading the Lynch proposal.

I am hoping that it will be convenient for you now to allow your good will to find practical expression in aid of this new enterprise for the College.

I may say that Mr. Lynch has \$150,000 in his will which is not affected by the present offer. I am confident that he will be willing to put that into a new conditional proposal for the endowment of Wesley College if we succeed soon in realizing upon his present offer. I mention this to indicate how important it is that we get on successfully in the present endeavor. We have not yet made public announcement of the Lynch offer. I have been asked by President Wallace and executive committee to share in the effort to meet the Lynch offer, and very naturally think of you.

I do hope that this letter may meet a welcome with you.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Earl J. Harris,  
Jewel Park,  
Barrington, Ill.

My dear Harris:

I am writing this letter also to my good friend Lydia Kothe Harris. I hope you will sit close together while reading it and hold hands in the good old way.

You will readily understand how the sources of income of Wesley College have been practically dried up during the past five years of drouth in North Dakota, and we were facing a critical situation as the indebtedness of the College reached \$56,000.

One explanation of this was in the fact that the largest contributor to maintenance, Mr. Frank Lynch of San Diego, had been compelled to cut his yearly contribution four years ago from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and then two years ago down to \$1,000, and last year to nothing. This is a specimen of many others.

I have been asked by the College officials to share in the present canvass. I visited Mr. Lynch in San Diego some weeks ago and found him with his business affairs adjusted and himself able to reenlist in the support of the College. I may say that he has \$150,000 in his will which is not affected by the present offer. I am quite confident that he will bring that \$150,000 forward into a new proposal conditioned upon our raising a like sum if we succeed quickly with the present undertaking.

Wesley College has no alumni outside of the alumni of the University, of whom John M. Hancock is the great exemplar. I am wondering just how we might bring this matter to the favoring attention of the fine group of alumni with the Jewel Tea Company. Please give me your best advice. Possibly a select committee of three or five in your area would be willing to sponser our appeal. We have such a committee of willing friends in the alumni gathering at Los Angeles and also at San Francisco and Seattle, all of which places I visited during my recent trip to San Diego.

You can not know how earnestly I hope this letter will find you both in circumstances that may permit practical expression of your generous good will. I shall await your reply with hope.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr Esther H. Halgren,  
1826 North Normandie,  
Hollywood, Calif.

My dear Miss Halgren:

I trust the inclosed may awaken a pleasant thought of Wesley College, and prompt it to come to expression through your penpoint, rightly tracing something on your check book.

You may well know that during the past five years the College has suffered greatly with the continued drouth, and the drying up of the sources of benevolence. We were facing a real crisis, and are yet for that matter, but now we have hope.

If you can find it possible to aid in some measure as your circumstances will allow, we shall greatly appreciate your assistance at this time.

With continued good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Inc.

Wesley College  
1911  
University of North Dakota  
UNIVERSITY STATION  
GRAND FORTRESS, NORTH DAKOTA

June 1st, 1935.

June 1st, 1935.

Rev. Don S. Ford,  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
Whittier, California.

Dear Don:

I noticed in a news item recently that you were again able to occupy your pulpit. That notice implied that you had been a long time kept from your public ministry, at least from the pulpit. I doubt not that your devoted spirit has expanded out to the confines of your parish, and has had continuous effect upon your people.

I do not mean by the inclosed to urge you to make a contribution to Wesley College at this time, for I fear that you have been at expense that may tax you to the limit. I am reporting on the result of my visit with Mr. Lynch. I am sure you will be glad to read his proposal, which is in very generous terms.

I shall be interested to learn of your progress in health, and any news items concerning your ministry, and your family.

Cordially yours,

EFR:A  
Inc.



June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Kishpaugh,  
10 Yale Terrace,  
West Orange, N. Y.

My dear Kishpaugh:

I have been asked by the President and Executive Trustees of Wesley College, to cooperate in working out to a success the proposal of Mr. Lynch, a copy of which I inclose. If we could have a response from all the alumni in measure of even modest ability it would go far toward reaching the measure of Mr. Lynch's requirement.

I think of you as one whose freindly interest in Wesley College is well known, and I am hoping you will welcome this letter as a personal petition to you for a contribution, and as a commission to become a good advocate of Wesley College among the alumni of that region.

I may say that Mr. Lynch has given \$129,000 to the maintenance of Wesley College during the years past, and has \$150,000 provided in his will. This present offer is extra.

If we can realize upon the within proposition speedily I am satisfied that Mr. Lynch will bring forward from him will the \$150,000 into a new conditional offer for the permanent endowment of Wesley College. That surely would be great. I mention this simply to indicate how important it is that we succeed speedily with the present endeavor.

I hope your good wife will be my advocate with you supporting my appeal. I shall welcome your reply with lively interest.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. C. B. Tuttle, Treasurer,  
Kresge Company,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed is the basis of an appeal I am daring to make to you in behalf of Wesley College, the Junior Conservatory of which is a tenant in studios over your store in Grand Forks. In fact, it has been a tenant on that floor through many years before Kresge Company purchased the building. Two hundred and fifty boys and girls go weekly to these studios for music lessons.

During the past five years the income of Wesley College from benevolent gifts has practically dried up because of the drouth throughout this state, and the College has had the painful experience of becoming debtor instead of meeting bills monthly as has been the practice through all the years until this recent time.

I was President of Wesley College for thirty-two years, and have been President Emeritus for the past four years. The President and trustee officials have asked me to share in the present financial canvass. You will note at the close of the second paragraph of Mr. Lynch's proposal that discounts granted on sums classed as bills of Wesley College shall be counted as payments under his agreement. Wesley College owes the sum of \$504.00 for rent to the end of May. I do not wish to imply in this appeal that the College in any degree is discounting its sense of obligation to pay this rental in full, it will probably be able to do so in the course of a few months if so required.

I am daring to ask you to do as some of our other creditors have been doing, allow your generous response to take form of making donation of this rental obligation.

As evidence of attitude toward the present Wesley College canvass I may say that the manager of the Penney Store here is making a personal contribution of \$5,000. Others are generous in lesser sums. All of this is preliminary to public announcement of the Lynch proposal and the canvass that shall follow. I am saying this simply to explain the approach that I am making to you.

I am writing to Mr. Amos F. Gregory of the Kresge Foundation with whom I have had several conversations in years past seeking to the Kresge Foundation in behalf of Wesley College. He knows some of the work of the College.

Mr. C. B. Tuttle      -2-

I may say here that this Mr. Lynch is the largest contributor to the maintenance of Wesley College. He has given \$129,000 through years past, and has informed us of a provision in his will for \$150,000 more. The present offer does not affect the provision in his will; but is extra. If we succeed swiftly in the present undertaking I have reason to believe that Mr. Lynch will make a second proposal to bring the \$150,000 from his will into an offer to turn the same over to the College provided an equal sum to be given by others is obtained, and constitute a permanent endowment. That means that the present endeavor is at the beginning of a new perspective of hope for the future of the College.

Allow me to explain in a word that Wesley College is affiliated with the State University on a plan by which its courses are confined to departments of instruction not included in the State University, and are accepted for credit in the University on a par with the University courses. Money contributed to Wesley College is not used to duplicate instruction provided through tax support. The College confines its instruction to non-sectarian courses in Religion, Applied Music and Expression.

The inclosed leaflet will give you a suggestion of its plan of work.

I trust this appeal will receive your kind consideration.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 1st, 1935.

Mr. Maxwell Anderson,  
New City, Rockland County,  
New York.

My dear Anderson:

I am daring to hope that this letter from the office of Wesley College may have wings to rise to your place of eminence, and find you in kindly mood as you recall your years in Sayre Hall. I have some reason to hope it will be so from my own feeling as I see mention of your name.

During the past five years the sources of income of Wesley College have suffered from the drouth, and the College has had the new experience of inability to meet current expenses. The College was nearing a crisis, and the future gave little promise of relief.

I inclose sheet that shows how generous a select few have been toward Wesley College, including your fellow alumnus, John M. Hancock. You will note that the largest contributor has been Frank Lynch, whose name appears on the inclosed. He has informed us that he has \$150,000 in his will as a bequest to Wesley College. The present offer does not touch that, but is extra. I have reason to believe that if we succeed swiftly with the present canvass he will be willing to bring that amount from his will into a new conditional proposal to create a permanent foundation of endowment for the College. I mention this to indicate the importance of the present canvass.

I shall have great joy in receiving from you such measure of contribution as you may be able to afford, and we shall be glad to receive from you also any personal word of advice or good cheer. It would be fine for Wesley College if you should be permitted to act in a good will way to enlist others of the alumni in that region to contribute toward the success of the Lynch proposal. I shall welcome your reply with lively interest.

With continued good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Inc.

H. H. SERVIS  
VICE-PRESIDENT

E. M. PLUNKETT  
T. GEORGE KING  
A. E. LAUFER

**S. S. KRESGE COMPANY**

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

DETROIT

June 4, 1935


Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 1st, to Mr. Tuttle, has been referred to this department.

We are giving your request consideration and have referred it to Mr. P. J. Holmberg, our Grand Forks real estate agent. We will give you our reply in the near future.

Very truly yours,

  
Real Estate Department.

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AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY  
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA  
NEW YORK

June 4, 1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Wesley College,  
University of North Dakota,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I appreciated the compliment which you paid me in your letter of June 1st in thinking that I could afford to make a donation to Wesley College at this time. I am really sorry to tell you that I cannot do so. I know what a struggle you have had in the past five years and that you have passed a real crisis. I hope that you will have no difficulty in meeting Mr. Lynch's offer, as it is certainly a very generous one.

Do you expect to come to New York in the near future? If so, I will hope to see you at that time.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Harvard Huston*

HH:B

June 5th, 1935.

Mr. C. C. Willis,  
Willis Supply Company,  
2 East Michigan St.,  
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We wish to thank you for your credit memo of five dollars on the Wesley College account. We thank you also for your very cordial note of good wishes, and we hope your good wishes may hasten the success of our canvass.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

June 5th, 1935.

Mr. Harold A. Wakefield,  
LaMoure, N. Dak.

My dear Wakefield:

You will be interested in the inclosed. I hope it will reach you just after you get your check from the treasurer of your school, and that it will be your pleasure to respond in such measure as your prosperity will warrant. I feel assured of the measure of your friendly spirit.

You know well that during the past years Wesley College has suffered from drying up of the sources of benevolence due to the drouth and depression. Mr. Lynch even held up his usual contributions. I went out to visit him some weeks ago and the inclosed is the result. The College meantime had experienced a growing deficit that reached \$56,000. You will notice that the proposal of Mr. Lynch is very fair, and allows us to realize on the contributions of himself and others all the way up from a modest beginning.

If we could have aid from all the alumni it would be a great boost just now. One man here is giving \$5000. I think we shall have a fairly generous response from the people of Grand Forks.

I trust this letter will find you in health and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.



June 5th, 1935.

Mr. Edward K. Thompson,  
C/o Milwaukee Journal,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Edward Thompson:

I think of you as a prospering  
alumnus, and capable of thinking quickly, and acting promptly.  
I trust I will have my confidence justified in the response  
you will make to the inclosed. To comment on it would be  
uncomplimentary to you.

A token of good will in any amount  
within your convenience will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
INC.

June 5th, 1935.

Mr. George C. Swarstad,  
3300-43rd Ave. S.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Swarstad:

I remember very pleasantly your friendly attitude when you were a student here. I do not know how well you have prospered in your occupation. I trust you have done fairly well. Anyway I feel like sending you the inclosed that you will welcome it and the opportunity to send a token of good will to Wesley College, to assist in meeting the Lynch offer.

You may know that Mr. Lynch has been our largest benefactor, having contributed \$129,000 to the maintenance of Wesley College in the years past. He now comes to the rescue at a time when Wesley College has suffered sorely because of the depression and drought throughout the state.

We shall be very happy if you find it possible to contribute what you may be able to spare to assist in the present canvas.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 5th, 1935.

Rev. S. S. Klyne, Ph.D.,  
Fontana, Calif.

My dear Klyne:

I hoped I might reach you when I was in California some months ago. I was with the Heywards in Pasadena, former North Dakota people, for a few days, but we did not have time or freedom to drive out to your place. I learned something of you and your present occupation from a man whom I met that lives at Fontana.

I was in San Diego two and one-half weeks, visiting our friend Frank Lynch, who has been the largest contributor to the support of Wesley College. He was a trustee when I came to the College in 1899, and was chairman of the Board when we moved to Grand Forks to affiliate with the University. The inclosed proposal is the result of my visit.

Some four years ago Mr. Lynch was compelled to cut his yearly contribution from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and two years ago to \$1,000, and last year to nothing. I found him in a happier condition, and he was glad to renew his active interest in the College. I may say he has \$150,000 in his will which this \$25,000 does not touch. I am confident he would put that \$150,000 into a new proposal and make it available on condition that an equal sum could be raised. I mean he will be willing to do this if we hurry and make a success of the present canvass.

I do not know how you are situated. I should be very glad if you find it possible to make a contribution within your convenience, and I shall be glad also to have a personal word from you relative to your health, and any other matter that effects you and your family.

This fall at Conference I am to speak in recognition of the 50th anniversary of my ordination. This fall will also mark the 50th anniversary of my subjection domestically, and the 30th anniversary of the affiliation of Wesley College with the University of North Dakota. Our Conference is to meet at Grand Forks, and I understand I am to speak at the educational banquet as the one speaker of the evening. If you have some good speeches send them

You are one of the men that I remember vividly, and with warm reciation.

Sincerely yours,

June 5th, 1935.

Mr. Dean Leick,  
E.323 Lacrosse Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Dean Leick:

In a recent letter that I received from Mrs. Robertson she reported a very pleasant visit with you and Mrs. Dean Leick. I am sorry that I was not with her to enjoy the visit.

I think from her letter she did not miss the opportunity to talk Wesley College as she says she warned you that you might expect a neighborly visit to allow you privilege of helping in the present canvass to meet the Frank Lynch proposal, of which I inclose a copy.

I assume that you know the alumni that are in and about Spokane. I am wondering if you have a list of them at hand so that you could easily communicate with them. I am wondering, also, if the measure of good will you hold towards Wesley College is sufficient to prompt you to speak a good word here and there to advise a sharing in the making up of the \$75,000 needed to meet the Lynch offer.

I also had pleasant contacts with alumni in Los Angeles, and a number of them gave from five to twenty-five dollars as a sort of an incidental offering before I had the Lynch proposal. A group of them have consented to act as a committee of good will for the present undertaking.

I may go out your way in time to come back with Mrs. Robertson. She does not know that this is in my thought, and I only whisper it at the present time.

Possibly you will not need my presence to enable you to measure a proper contribution if the impulse stirs within you to allow it to come to your penpoint, and we can visit afterwards.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 5th, 1935.

Mr. George E. Baker,  
2837 East Vista Street,  
Long Beach, California.

My dear Mr. Baker:

I was present at the alumni gathering when you were elected President for the coming year. I did not have the opportunity to call on you at your office or home in Long Beach.

I saw some of the men after I returned from San Diego, to which city I was on my way when I stopped over for the alumni gathering. Mr. Frank Lynch of San Diego has been the largest contributor to the support of Wesley College. During the past four years he had cut down his contributions from \$10,000 to \$5,000, then \$1,000, and last year nothing. On my visit I found him in happier conditions in a business way and ready to renew his active support of Wesley College. The result is the inclosed, which is also an invitation to all friends of the College to make response in a practical way. I shall be glad if it is your pleasure and within your convenience to assist at this time.

On my return from San Diego I visited some of the fellows including Trageton, Uppegard, Patmore and Dr. Burtchett. They all agreed to be a committee of good will in the endeavor we are making to meet the Lynch offer. I do not know what they can do other than to encourage the other alumni to join with them in giving expression to their friendly interest. I shall be very glad if you share with them in that work of good will.

You will note by the terms of Mr. Lynch offer that any monies turned in now begin to serve the purpose of the campaign at once and by so much will be multiplied by the influence upon others.

I shall be interested to receive your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

# CENTRAL SOAP COMPANY

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June 6, 1935

Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of June 1st.  
in reference to a subscription to your college.

Owing to the heavy demand for subscriptions  
and donations during the past few years, we regret very  
much that we will be unable to subscribe anything at  
this time, either as a cash payment or as a discount  
on amount owing us.

If you will go over your records you will  
find that in the past four years the total amount of  
business you have given us amounts to about \$24.00.

We regret very much, that we cannot make  
any donation at this time.

Yours very truly,

CENTRAL SOAP COMPANY.

*H. P. Anderson*  
Secretary.

GRACE SAYRE, SOPRANO  
TEACHER OF VOICE  
1968 GALBRETH ROAD  
PASADENA

June 9-1935

Dr. Robertson:- We are so sorry to disappoint you  
about that \$100<sup>00</sup>? check - It just can't be done right now  
tho we hope to do something for you sometime, not so big!!

We are just coming to the end of our pay checks for the summer  
- until the last of next October. That is the way the state handles  
our money here. - You omitted enclosing ? about Mr. Lynch  
so we do not know what is was he was about to do. We are

curious. We are wishing the college good luck. greetings to  
Mrs. Robertson & friends of university & you. -

Sincerely Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Sayre

H. H. SERVIS  
VICE-PRESIDENT

E. M. PLUNKETT  
T. GEORGE KING  
A. E. LAUFER

**S. S. KRESGE COMPANY**

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

DETROIT

June 10, 1935

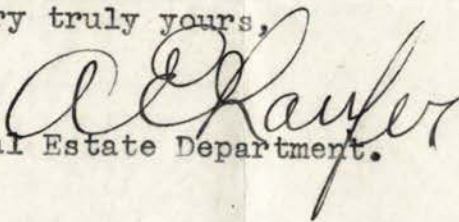
Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
Grand Forks, N.D.

Dear Sir:

We have authorized Mr. P. J. Holmberg, our Grand Forks real estate agent, to discuss the matter of your Grand Forks rental with you, and arrange for a reasonable discount on this. We want this discount to be credited as a donation to your fund.

We would appreciate if you would discuss this matter with him at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

  
Real Estate Department.

AEL:M

Cc: P. J. Holmberg



WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY  
SALEM, OREGON

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

June 12, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Robertson:

Your "nagging" letter doesn't bother me half as much as not being able to go down and see Mrs. Robertson while she is at Eugene. Things are stacking up on me here and I am leaving Saturday for Washington, but I hope she stays long enough so that I may see her when I return.

I am enclosing \$5.00 and am making no pledge, but I may sometime again find a \$5.00 bill rolling uphill.

Hope you are having lovely weather and are as happy as we are here.

Most sincerely,

*Olive M Dahl*  
Dean of Women

OMD:ck

June 13th, 1935.

Rev. W. E. Vater,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Vater:

Dr. Wallace and the trustees have pressed upon me a commission to take responsible relation to the canvass to meet the offer of Frank Lynch, outlined in the inclosed.

In a time of importance like this I think of Walter E. Vater as among those who will be able and willing to count as a volunteer in achieving success.

I shall want to visit Bismarck some time during the season and follow the best advise you can give me. I have in mind as one party Mrs. Casselman ( including the Judge ). They have had Wesley College sympathetically in mind.

I understand Bismarck is booming by virtue of its own merit and by aid of Federal enlistment in behalf of North Dakota through Bismarck.

You will be interested in an item of personal news. I have been invited to give the daily institute address at 11:30 at the Minneapolis District Epworth League Institute, and to conduct a discussion class with the preachers. I shall want your protecting spirit.

Convey my greetings to the ladies of your home.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 13th, 1935.

Mr. William C. Husband,  
Harlowton, Mont.

My dear Husband:

I feel prompted to add word to the import of our conversation over your voluntary promise of a gift to Wesley College for the present canvass. I simply want to say that I had no thought of your giving more than a modest sum for I know you are under heavy expense.

The alumni whom I met out west gave me from five to twenty-five dollars each before the Lynch offer was made. The majority of them gave \$10.00 each. Of course we are glad to have larger sums, but my great desire is to have a general response.

I trust that you and your family arrived home safely. It is always a great pleasure to have you visit us.

With continued good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

June 13th, 1935.

Mr. A. R. Gallenkamp,  
F. W. Woolworth Company,  
Builders Exchange Building,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Gallenkamp:

I have your letter of May 28th. I must admit that I am a bit surprised by its contents.

I thought we were agreed that a chain store unit should be counted a factor in the local community for a community enterprise and not simply an extension of an outside corporation, which has been the basis of criticism of chain stores.

You say the College should obtain its support from alumni and close friends who are especially interested in its progress. I intended to represent to you that Wesley College was regarded by Grand Forks as a community enterprise, having been invited to the city by the Commercial Club. I trust you will allow this matter to remain upon your thought.

I have been invited to address the Minneapolis District League Institute daily June 22nd to 28th. It is to meet at a lake near the city, and I shall hope to call on you.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

June 13th, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Green,  
Leal, North Dakota.

My dear Friends:

I am assuming that you are still at Leal where I have had the pleasant privilege of visiting you, on several occasions and have found you responsive to the representation I made of Wesley College.

I am writing now simply to advise you of the most recent new proposal for the College contained in the offer of Mr. Lynch. Some day I shall hope to call on you to visit over the matter.

I may say that Mr. Lynch is the largest contributor to the maintenance of the College. During the years past we have had from him \$129,000 towards budget support. He has \$150,000 in his will which is not affected by the present offer.

You can well understand that the years of drouth have meant a severe strain upon the College through the drying up of sources of income. In fact, we were facing a real crisis. Thanks to Mr. Lynch there is now a perspective of hope. We shall require the hearty cooperation of friends of the College to assure success in the present endeavor.

I am hoping that the time may seem opportune for you good people to become partners in the present undertaking. The return of North Dakota to its habit of producing green fields warrants a degree of optimism, which I assume is shared by the good people of Leal.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

June 13th, 1935.

Mr. A. E. Laufer,  
Real Estate Department,  
S. S. Kresgee Company,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 10th instructing me to call on your agent, Mr. P. J. Holmberg, to learn your decision in regard to a donation to the Wesley College fund.

I have this day called on Mr. Holmberg, and have a memorandum from him of discount of \$184.00 on present account to July 1st, and \$156.00 by discount of rent from July 1st, 1935 to July 1st, 1936, making a total credit of \$340.00, which we may count toward the funds required to meet the offer of Mr. Lynch. Thank you.

I may properly add as an item of information, that the Conservatory of Music of Wesley College, including the Junior department, is counted as an educational service, and has never been accounted a commercial enterprise. The College has invested over \$50,000 in promoting education in music above what has been received by fees from students. Your gift fits into that sort of benevolent program.

We shall hope to take care of your account as soon as cash funds become available through the present canvass.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

W. C. HUSBAND  
Attorney at Law  
HARLOWTON, MONTANA  
June 15, 1935

Mr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
University Station  
North Dakota

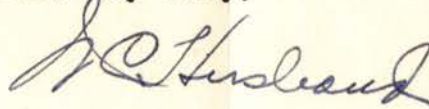
Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 13th has been received, and I was glad to hear from you, although I had not forgotten my promise and fully intended to send you a check for \$10.00, which I am sending herewith.

I wish that I could help a little more, but having financed three children in school last year and two this year, and at a time when the going is rather tough for professional men in a small town, I am not able to do any better than this and carry on with my subscriptions to the local church and other charitable institutions of Montana.

Hoping, however, that you will be successful with the Lynch offer, and that Wesley College will continue to grow and flourish, and with kind personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,



WCH:JL  
Encl.

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COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

June 15, 1936

Reference BWP-C 2726  
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Wesley College  
Grand Forks, No. Dak.

Gentlemen:

The account of \$3.19 which we have referred to you several times previously has been closed out on our books. We have been very glad to do this in accordance with your letter of May 27. We always want to help where we can and if this action of ours is of any assistance to you, we want to do it.

When you require our products in the future, we hope that you will call on us and if you are satisfied with our material, give us the preference in your orders. Thank you.

Very truly yours

THE GARLOCK PACKING CO.

B. W. Possee  
Manager



**S. S. KRESGE COMPANY**

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

DETROIT

June 17, 1935

Wesley College  
University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Attention: Mr. E. P. Robertson

Gentlemen:

Confirming the arrangement made with you by our agent, Mr. Holmberg, regarding the payment of your rental, as a donation to Wesley College; -


You are to pay October 1934 rental, in the amount of \$63.00 in full, to Mr. Holmberg. This payment is to be made immediately.

There will then be due from you, eight months' rental at \$63.00 per month, from November 1934 to June 1935 inclusive, or a total of \$504.00. Upon payment of \$320.00 towards this account, our agent will give you a receipt for rent paid in full, the difference of \$184.00 to be considered a donation to your college, for which you are to give our agent a receipt.

Beginning July 1, 1935, and for a period of twelve months thereafter, your rental is to be discounted from \$63.00 to \$50.00 per month, the difference of \$13.00 per month to be considered a donation to your college.

With best wishes for the continued success of your college, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Real Estate Department.

AEL:M  
Cc: Mr. Holmberg

June 18th, 1935.

Mr. W. K. Treumann,  
Clifford Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

I inclose check for Eight Dollars (\$8.00)  
made out by Prof. W. H. Moran, to me, and endorsed by  
me to the Grand Forks Abstract Company.

Please apply this check on account of bill  
for abstract of title of Lots 16-17, Blk. 6, made out in  
favor of Mr. Moran.

The account was charged to Wesley College,  
but Mr. Moran voluntarily paid one half of it.

Yours very truly,

NPR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$8.00

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President Emeritus

June 18th, 1935.

Larsen Brothers  
1324 Walnut Street  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dear Larsens:

You will be interested in reading the inclosed. Please notice what Mr. Lynch says at the close of the second paragraph, that any discount granted on sums classed as debts of Wesley College shall be counted as a cash payment under this agreement.

I notice that the College owes Larsen Brothers \$25.20 from last year. This is so old now that you have forgotten all about it, and it will be a joy to you to contribute this sum. You will have the thrill of generosity without any sense of loss.

We are getting very generous responses, and I know you will be glad to come in on this if circumstances will at all permit as I hope they will.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

June 18th, 1935.

Imperial Chemical Company,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Gentlemen:

The inclosed is copy of a letter I sent to you, to which I have not been favored with a reply.

I do not wish to convey the idea that the College is in position to pay the balance of the account provided you should make a discount, but we are getting all accounts listed in this way as a part of our general canvass. I may say that responses have been very kindly.

I do not wish you to think that your account will be treated with any less consideration if you do not find it possible to contribute, but I shall appreciate having a reply from you in as generous terms as your situation will permit.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

June 18th, 1935.

Mr. W. C. Husband,  
Harlowton, Montana

My dear Husband:

Thank you for your good check with  
your letter of June 15th. We appreciate this very much,  
and also your cordial spirit. In the years ahead you will  
be rich and then this hope will find expression in terms of  
your increased wealth. The present is an excellent beginning.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A

June 18th, 1935.

Garlock Packing Company,  
Palmyra, New York.

Attention: Mr. B. W. Possee, Manager

Dear Sir:

I have your kind letter of June 15th granting us credit for the item of \$3.19 which Wesley College owes your firm.

Thank you also for your kindly words of interest.

It has been many years that we have been ordering products from the Garlock Packing Company but I have never known an instance of disappointment in the product. Doubtless the practice will continue.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

**Wesley College**

AT THE  
**University of North Dakota**  
UNIVERSITY STATION  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

June 19th, 1935

Mr. W. G. McMenemy,  
Clerk of Board of Education  
Thompson, North Dakota

Dear Mr. McMenemy:

I am simply writing to you, as clerk of the Board of Education, to say that I have not yet received check for baccalaureate address. I understood I was to receive \$15.00. I hope it will be your pleasure to send me a voucher as I am soon to leave home for a week.

I enjoyed my evening with your school audience, and the audience seemed to be very cordial.

I thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

*E. P. Robertson*  
President Emeritus

EPR:A

The school board never paid for baccalaureate address and at the last meeting a motion was made not to pay the above.

*W. G. McMenemy*

June 21st, 1935

Dr. Frank Lynch  
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Lynch:

I have your kind letter of June 12th. I assure you that I appreciate the invitation of you and Mrs. Lynch for Mrs. Robertson and myself to visit you during the Exposition.

Mrs. Robertson is now in the west visiting our folks who have been through hospital experiences. I expect her home in about a week. I have spoken to her about the prospect of a trip to San Diego later in the season, and I shall hope that we can find it possible to come.

We are not making a big noise over the campaign but it is gradually growing in the minds of the people, and I believe we will come through successfully if the year does not experience a severe setback from present prospects. The men here are very warm in their expressions of appreciation of your renewed leadership in the College financing.

I agree with you that the words "Any discounts granted on sums now classed as debts of Wesley College shall be counted as cash payments under this agreement" carried over to paragraph four seems to make the way simple and clear for special settlement with salaried people, but it does not explicitly say that upon surrender of a donation by a faculty member a check will be given by you for one third of such surrender, said check to go directly through Wesley College to the person, as was done in my case. Dr. Corn, for instance, has made a surrender of \$1000 on the understand that he is to receive a check for \$333. Dr. Wallace has reported this donation to you and made request for your check, which has not yet been received. It seems to me this is the only way to give practical effect to Paragraph Four, and will be an inducement to obtain consent of other donations from those having salary claims even though they can not afford to don the total amount. In fact, many of the other creditors, such as the merchants, are donating a part of their claim, and not all, so this would be in accord with that practice. It works the exact ratio of reduction of reducint the College debt by a gift of three fourths to your one-fourth, only it makes it direct to the facult person concerned without waiting for the total settlement process. I agree with you that it was not necessary to sign and return the slips I sent you. All that is required is for you to adopt the practice by responding to Dr. Corn's donation and to others of



Dr. Frank Lynch -2-

like nature if I secure them.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard are home, and are enthusiastic over the reception of courtesies extended to them by you and Mrs. Lynch. He says he has some movies of you and I shall hope to see them in the near future.

Ever sincerely,

EPR:A

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June 23rd, 1935.

Mr. V. L. McCutchan,  
Moroccocka,  
Peru, South America.  
c/o Cerro de Paso C.C.

My dear McCutchan:

You will be surprised to receive this letter from me but I hope your surprise will give rise to joy, the joy of being able to respond to this appeal, and the act of doing so.

You were mentioned to me by a mutual friend as one to whom I could write for assistance to meet the generous offer of Frank Lynch, a copy of which is inclosed.

You may know that North Dakota has suffered five years of drouth in the midst of a general depression, and that Wesley College has suffered the drying up of sources of income. The fields of North Dakota are again green as in former years, and Mr. Lynch's offer comes at a time when there seems to be a reviving spirit of hope. We have had from him \$129,000 in the years past, and he has \$150,000 in his will which is not affected by the present offer. Next to Mr. Lynch, John M. Hancock, University Alumnus of 1903, has been the largest contributor to Wesley College. The Robertson Hall shown on the inclosed card at the south end of Sayre Hall, was erected in 1929 by a gift of its total cost of \$46,000.000 from Mr. Hancock and family. He had given \$5,000 toward budget expenses before. He promises \$1000 in the present campaign effort. He is a good example for the prosperous alumni of which you are reported to be one.

I do hope that you will welcome this personal appeal and will find it within your convenience and pleasure to respond in such manner as other demands upon you will permit.

In your reply any personal word you may write in explanation of your present work and prospects will be received with interest.

Sincerely yours,

EFR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

June 22nd, 1935.

Mr. E. Burt Knapp  
Kirkland Lake,  
Ontario, Canada.

My dear Burt Knapp:

I think of you often even when I do not write to you. I see your father occasionally and did visit in Harry's home in Minot at times when he was still there. Your family is one with which I have been acquainted since I first came to the state. I dedicated the church in Lisbon in 1904 when Mr. Easterbrook was pastor there. He was a student with us in the College at Wampeton. It was in the College also that I first knew Harry.

We think of you here as one of the outstanding alumni in successful achieving in your chosen line of business, both providentially and in a financial way.

It is only natural that I turn to you at this time when we are seeking to realize on the very generous offer of Mr. Lynch. During the past five years of drouth Wesley College has suffered greatly in the shrinkage of income and was facing a crisis. The offer of Mr. Lynch opens a new vista of hope, but we must have the assistance of all our friends to realize upon it.

I may say that Mr. Lynch has given \$129,000 in the years past, and has \$150,000 in his will which is not affected by the present offer. Next to Mr. Lynch, John M. Hancock of the University class of 1903, has been the largest contributor, his gifts having been \$5,000 toward budget expense and \$46,000 for the erection of School of Religion Hall at the south end of Sayre Hall. It is a duplicate of Corwin Hall. Mr. Hancock required that it bear my name, so we have Robertson Hall. The name is rather a heavy burden upon it.

The University campus has developed remarkably since you were here. The trees of Wesley College campus are also large and vigorous. The splendid rains of this spring have brou a refreshing throughout the state. I assume that rains do not do much to do with the regions where you get your crops of ore. I ' that your crops are abundant, and that it will be your pleasure convenience to sahre the same with Wesley College at this time.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

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President Emeritus

June 22nd, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Green,  
Leal, North Dakota

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Green:

I was thinking I had written to you recently in behalf of Wesley College, but I do not find a copy of such letter, and am making sure to get word to you by writing a second.

Leal has not been in the pathway of my travels in the present years, and I have not had the pleasure of a visit with you for what seems like a long time. but I have thought of you often and have recalled your cordial attitude towards Wesley College, when that was the subject of our visit.

I do not expect you to make reply to this letter or to the inclosed appeal. I am sending the matter to you simply for your study and consultation together. I shall hope it will come to you with the meaning of a providential opportunity for you to render service to the youth of North Dakota through Wesley College and the University to which center there will be successive generations of young men and women assembled and passing out to live achievement.

I trust this letter will find you in usual health, and enjoying the greening of North Dakota fields.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

Phone 2436

# THE IMPERIAL CHEMICAL CO.

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Aberdeen, South Dakota

June 25, 1935

Wesley College.  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. E. P. Robertson

We are in receipt of your communication of May 25th and June 18th. In regard to allowing a special discount on your account, we are not in a position to allow a large discount owing to the fact we have a good many accounts of this kind. We are willing to settle for \$100.00, providing we may have our check by return mail.

Mr. Robertson nearly every morning we are requested and obliged to give small donations in some form.

Our Salesmen have only made small wages during the last two years and they must be paid. During the past two years we have had to borrow money to carry on our business.

Should this proposition meet with your approval, forward us a check for \$100.00 by return mail to balance account.

Thanking you for past favors, we remain

Respectfully yours,  
IMPERIAL CHEMICAL CO.

*I. S. Hunter*

Secretary.

LSH:BN

June 28th, 1936.

Mr. W. G. McMenamy,  
Clerk of Board of Education,  
Thompson, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. McMenamy:

I have your reply to my note of June 19th in which you say the school board never paid for baccalaureate address and had voted not to allow compensation to me. As your School Board is final court of appeal in matters of this sort I have no disposition to press the matter.

Permit me to say, however, that there are two sides to the question. I have been in educational work in North Dakota for thirty-six years. I have given numerous baccalaureate addresses and commencement addresses throughout the state. In every instance I have had the preliminary agreement with the superintendent of schools. This is the first time I have had the experience of the School Board disallowing an understanding arrived at in advance with the superintendent.

I somehow had in mind that your custom was to allow \$15.00. I supposed I was correctly remembering a statement made by Dr. Corn, that he received \$15.00 for a baccalaureate address. I have understood it to be a very common practice among schools of the state to make a special item of this sort as a modest compensation to a local pastor or an invited minister, since the service rendered is a community service under the auspices of the school and not distinctly a parish pastoral duty.

I have been in the ministry now for fifty years. I have never asked a dollar for a visit to the sick, for burying the dead, or for baptisms. In some cases parties have handed me money, but that has been seldom, and that never with any intimation from me that it was expected. I feel quite otherwise about a service such as giving a baccalaureate address before a public school audience.

The ministry is a profession by which one gets his living, and when he renders professional services to a community it is not assuming too much to expect a modest compensation. To be sure, I am serving the limited parish of the Methodist Church in Thompson at a yearly salary of \$800.00, and am glad to do it. Also if I had been asked to give the baccalaureate address free I would have done so, though I believe the custom followed by many schools to pay a modest compensation is preferable.

I had no advance intimation that there was lack of understanding between the Board and the Superintendent. I rendered the service in good faith, and am glad I was invited to do so even if your Board should exercise its control over the finances to refuse the compensation.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Copy to Mike Trydahl  
Alma Thompson.

Plaza, N. Dak.

June 28, 1935

Wesley College.

Grand Forks,

Dear Sir:

I have a real good looking  
crop on your quarter. I  
broke up almost all of the  
ground and as it looks so  
nice feel we ought to have  
insurance. I will pay all  
the hail tax myself next  
fall. When you get your taxes  
let me know the amount. Sign  
this slip and return to my before  
I can get my insurance.

Will it be all right to  
tear down that shack and re-  
build into a grain bin. The

shack is leaning as it is  
liable to fall over any time.

I can not get insurance  
without the owner's consent so  
please sign & return as soon  
as possible.

Yours truly,

J. E. Johnson

June 28th, 1935.

Mr. T. S. Hunter, Secretary,  
The Imperial Chemical Company,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I wish to thank you for your very cordial letter of June 25th. I regret that I can not inclose a check with this acknowledgement, but I do hope we may begin to receive money on our canvass within a few days, and that we can satisfy you by early remittance. I am very sorry that I can not do so today for your letter is kindly, and I sympathize with you in your problems, as well as invite you to sympathize with ours.

The simple fact is we have not yet advanced with our campaign to the point of actually receiving money, but have made preliminary canvass of friends and all accounts, such as yours, with view to getting the matters outlined ahead of us.

We will keep your account in a favored position and may dare to hope that you will allow your generous offer to stand for a short time.

Yours very truly,

NPR:A



July 2nd, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Leach,  
Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Dear Friends:

We think of you often, and always with warmth  
of heart.

I trust you will be interested in reading the  
inclosed. The offer of Mr. Lynch brings a suggestion of a new  
day after the strain of the years of drouth. One half of this  
\$100,000.00 will be required to cover a deficit resulting from  
the drying up of income during the past five years. The total  
gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lynch during the years past amounts to  
\$129,000.00, and he has \$150,000.00 in his will, which is not  
affected by this \$25,000. If we can get past the present cirsis we  
should be able to get out in the open for the years ahead.

You had some sudden change in the church at Wahpeton.  
I think it is fine if Mrs. Legrone can carry on the work.

I am preaching now each Sunday in a little church  
at Thompson, twelve miles south of Grand Forks. I prefer not to  
retire while I am in good health.

This fall will mark the fiftieth anniversary of my  
ordained ministry, the fiftieth anniversary of our wedded life, and  
the thirtieth anniversary of Wesley College in affiliation with the  
University. The Conference is to meet in Grand Forks, and I am  
expected to give an address in recognition of my fifty years in  
the ministry.

Mrs. Robertson is out west among our people, and  
has been away for the past month. I think she will be home the  
last of this week. We shall hope to make an auto trip to visit  
friends in South Dakota. If we do we shall certainly plan to  
visit you good people in Wahpeton if you are not away to your  
retreat from hay fever.

I shall be very happy if you find it to be  
your pleasure and convenience to assist in the present canvass  
to meet the Lynch proposal.

Every sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

CHURCH LOMING NORTH DAKOTA  
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIVISION

President Emeritus

Wahpeton, N. Dak.

July 2nd, 1935.

Mr. T. E. Sieman,  
Plaza, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have consulted our trustees here, and they do not feel like taking on the guarantee of the cost of hail insurance. The College would have to stand all the risk of possible failure of crop of other causes than hail.

If you can raise the money to advance for the insurance I am sure the College trustees will have no objection to giving the technical authority to insure, but this document which I return would make you the agent of the College, and not acting as the principal.

Since you pay cash rent you are really the principal, and not the agent of Wesley College. If you want insurance I hope you can find some way to get it other than by this formal obligation on the part of Wesley College. I wish I could say something more in line with what you want, but I have stated the case as we see it at this end. I am glad you have a good prospect of a crop. If the crop matures and you get good profit for the year you will be able to pay up last year's rental along with this year, and may want to buy the land. I congratulate you on the good prospects. All the profit is yours, and I shall be glad if you have a big profit.

Yours very truly,

HFR:A

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President Emeritus

July 2nd, 1935.

Mrs. A. M. Hewson,  
Wimbledon, North Dakota.

Dear Sister Hewson:

I do not know whether this letter will find you at Wimbledon, but I trust it will find you somewhere, and happily situated.

When I last visited you we talked about a possible gift to Wesley College. You know that was in the mind of your good husband, but was not fully arranged before he passed on. As I have it in mind from our last conversation you also shared the thought of remembering Wesley College.

You will see by the inclosed that now is the time to make your contribution multiply itself through the plan that we are working under from Frank Lynch. It would give us great joy if you could arrange to come in on this with a fairly generous contribution.

If you are still at Wimbledon and would like to talk the matter over with me I would be glad to meet you there or in Valley City.

Feel free to write me whatever is in your heart.

Ever sincerely,

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President Emeritus

EPR:A  
Inc.

July 2nd, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Nickel,  
Dickinson, North Dakota.

Dear Nickel Friends:

I am sending you the inclosed to let you know what new has happened in the field of Wesley College. I do not suppose that fortune has increased in your direction, but I want you to be informed of the opportunity and need here so that you may include Wesley College in your plans if you should have anything extra to dispose.

Payments on former pledges will count in this canvass, and you will notice that Mr. Lynch has made the terms of his offer very generous and flexible. We have had \$129,000 from him in years, and he has \$189,000 in his will, which is not affected by the present offer. It is exceedingly important that we have the aid of all friends just now to carry over this canvass to complete success in the nearest possible future.

Possibly you can think of some one who has money and might not bar me from a visit.

I often think of my pleasant home with you for the many times you have taken me in. I count it one of my very best homes in the state because of the genuine friendship, to say nothing of those doughnuts.

I am serving as pastor of the little church at Thompson, twelve miles down the highway, and find it interesting. I am also busy with this College work. I must try to job enough to keep me until the day of my passing on.

Blessings on you both.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

July 3rd, 1935.

Mr. Alec Harris,  
Grafton, North Dakota.

My dear Mr. Harris:

You will be surprised to get a letter from me as I have not had the experience of being among your intimate acquaintances.

Several of your friends have mentioned you to me, and I have noted in each case the fine estimate of you held by them. I have been assured that you would treat me with kindly courtesy if I should seek a personal visit with you to represent the mission of Wesley College.

I was in Grafton recently and made inquiry for you, but did not meet you. Some professional agents of colleges urge that it is not well to write to a party in advance of a visit, but I have a feeling that you will welcome the inclosed material, to give you some idea of the work of the College, that we may have that much in common when I may have the privilege of a personal interview.

I may say for myself that I came to the College at Wahpeton from southern Minnesota in the fall of 1899. I was President in Wahpeton for six years before the College was moved to Grand Forks to affiliate with the State University upon invitation of the University. This is the first instance of agreement for cooperation between a State University and a Church College to include the mission of both in one educational opportunity for the young people. By coming here Wesley College does not undertake to teach any of the courses provided in the State University on tax support. We do not get any tax money in Wesley College, but must rely wholly upon volunteer contributions. Four buildings of the College have been erected by gifts of residents of North Dakota, and former residents.

This Mr. Frank Lynch was a trustee of the College when I came to it as President in 1899, and has continued to the present time though he lives in San Diego. During the past years we have had from him a total of \$129,000.00 in contributions towards maintenance of the College, and he has \$150,000.00 in his will, which this \$25,000.00 does not affect.

I do not know whether you have some other cause on your heart or not, through which you are hoping to expand your benevolences to the generations ahead. It may be you are thinking in some way of acting for your brother who passed on ahead

...of you recently.

Mr. Alex Harris -2-

of you recently.

I am trying to put in words a hope that you will welcome a presentation of Wesley College on its merits, and allow yourself time to think upon it to discover whether it may not be an agency through which you would like to carry on among the student youth of North Dakota through the years ahead. I trust I am not appearing to you to presume too much in writing to you in this way. I assure you that my intent is entirely kindly, and I have no other thought than that you will be the one finally to make selection of the ways in which you will give expression to your benevolent purpose. I am only asking that Wesley College have a chance with you. I shall hope to visit you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

President Emeritus

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July 3rd, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Noark,  
Dickinson, North Dakota.

Dear Friends:

I am sending you the inclosed College matter that you may know what is the latest in College affairs.

This Mr. Lynch is President of the Board of Trustees of Wesley College, and has been a trustee ever since I came to the College thirty-six years ago. We have had from him \$129,000 for the College in the past, and he has \$150,000 in his will which this \$25,000 does not affect. If we can raise this present sum speedily we may hope that the future will open out with good prospect.

I do not know how affairs are with you. I do know that your hearts were enlisted in behalf of Wesley College. If now you have any measure of your benevolence funds that you could spare, the same will be very welcome, and will tend to multiply through the gifts of others.

I shall be interested to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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President Emeritus

EPR:A  
Inc.

July 3rd, 1935.

Mr. Arthur L. Haugen,  
9208-35th St. S.W.,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Haugen:

I recall your very cordial words spoken to me when I was in your office some months ago. I hope you are making a study of my Lynch Campaign Fund matter, and that it will have effect to bring something more than tears from you.

I have not much confidence in letter writing on a matter of this sort unless there are people at the center who will take active interest in prompting others to respond. You could render a real service in this matter. I think Boyle Watt would cooperate with you very heartily, and you can doubtless think of others. It is a long way out to Seattle and I cannot go everywhere, but I do hope we may have a good response from your group. Please see to it.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus



July 3rd, 1935.

Mr. Wm. J. Hunter,  
801 First St. N.W.,  
Minot, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

We sent you the printed matter for the Wesley College Campaign a few days ago. We have sent the same to all the alumni at Minot whose addresses we have.

Experience with letters leads me to put a low estimate on the voluntary returns unless there are some people to take an active interest to jog others to action. I have some reason to think you might take an active interest in prompting others to respond. I would suggest that you talk with Ben Johnson, who was here at the time of the alumni meeting.

We need the help of every one at this time, and your effort will multiply itself in many ways.

Convey my greetings to Lady Hunter.

Cordially yours,

ERP:A

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President Emeritus

July 3rd, 1935.

Ben. A. Johnson,  
Minot, North Dakota.

My dear Johnson:

I hope you liked the printed matter we sent you on the Lynch Campaign Fund. It will require more than sending these letters to get the \$75,000, but I do hope we may get a fair response from the letters.

Permit me to suggest that you make it a subject of conversation with the other alumni, and prompt them to action. I am writing in this same way to W. J. Hunter, who was not here at the alumni gathering, and you were. I count you responsible to see this thing through at Minot, in line with your cordial words at the time of the meetings.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

July 3rd, 1935.

Hon. C. L. Young,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Young:

I am inclosing some material that will be of interest to you, and I am hoping this letter will reach you at a time when affairs have been going well with you.

The past five years had cut down the income of Wesley College to a measure that threatened the life of the College. I went out to San Diego and put the whole matter before Mr. Lynch, with the result of the inclosed.

Mr. Lynch has contributed \$129,000 to the College in years past, and has \$150,000 in his will which this offer does not affect. If we can make this present canvass a quick success I am quite confident that Mr. Lynch will put the other \$150,000 into a new offer conditioned upon a like sum being secured from others. That will give us an opportunity to go with confidence to big ones.

It is important that we get going on the present canvass. All subscriptions of the past that may come in at this time will count toward meeting Mr. Lynch's offer. I have not your note before me, but in principal it was \$250.00, and interest to 1929 had reached \$55.00. I suppose now it is something over \$300.00. I wish it were \$3,000, and that you could spare the sum.

I do hope that you can find a way now to join us in this effort. I know your heart is wight, but I cannot use that organ in this canvass. I could use your check and leave your heart where it will do the most good.

Gordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

July 3rd, 1935.

Mr. Karl Farup,  
Park River, North Dakota.

Dear Friend Farup:

I trust you will get something of a pleasant thrill in reading the inclosed. It means the re-enlistment of Mr. Lynch in the active financing of Wesley College. We have had from him in the years past \$129,000, but during the recent four years he found it inconvenient to keep up the annual payment, and that is half of the embarrassment that Wesley College has expressed during the last five years, in which a debt of over \$50,000 had appeared to challenge the future of the College.

Mr. Lynch has \$150,000 in his will which this \$25,000 does not affect. His business affairs are now in better shape after taking losses.

I do hope we may have the active support of all old time friends. Support in good will, and in such measure of cash contribution as financial circumstances will allow.

I am not writing this letter with thought that you will make immediate reply, but that you will have the matter in mind to think upon. Of course if you should have ready impulse to send a good check I would be last to suggest delay, but I am hoping to visit the towns in the north within the next few weeks, and of course would expect to have my customary visit with you, and a special visit over this proposal.

Convey my greetings to lady Farup.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

July 5th, 1935.

Mrs. Grace Sayre,  
1968 Galbreth Road,  
Pasadena, California

My dear Mrs. Sayre:

Your letter of June 9th has just reached me. I am glad to note that you have your mind fixed on \$100.00, and I am quite confident it will come in time for our present canvass.

I am inclosing a printed statement of the Lynch offer, and a printed letter that we are sending out to alumni generally, as well as to others. I am also inclosing a return envelope for your convenience, and in the hope that it will prompt you to fill out the pledge subscription blank in the sum of \$100.00, and make a payment of a modest sum upon it at this time, just to give us the sensation of a friendly touch.

Mrs. Robertson has been west for a month, visiting our daughter Lois and son Carl and their families in Eugene, my sister at Renton, and a granddaughter at Spokane, and her father, our oldest son, at Whitefish. She is now at Whitefish on her way homeward.

Our daughter had a very serious operation in May, but she is seemingly sewing along very well. Our son's wife in Eugene, had a rather serious operation also. Lois' second daughter, Mary, was in an auto accident which resulted in a crushed vertebra that kept her on her back for about three months. She is up and around now by wearing a steel brace. The oldest of the three girls graduated from the University of Oregon in June, and had an announcement tea to signify that she and her young man intend some day to set up a democracy. The youngest daughter graduated from high school, and our son's son graduated from the University High School, so wife was in the midst of a rush of things.

In the meantime I have proven myself a model housekeeper, both as to cooking and as to keeping the house clean, also doing washing and ironing. I am getting some name in our neighborhood for I have been out painting the house shortly after four o'clock in the morning.

I must not give you so much news that it will confuse you and lead you away from that little task of filling out that subscription. Thank you.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

P.S. I note what you say about Dr. Rueliger. He certainly has had a test of endurance;-a wonderful man. Convey greetings to your gentleman friend.

Cranton, N. Dak  
July 8<sup>th</sup> - 36 -

E. P. Robertson, Grand Forks,  
N. D.

Dear Sir  
your letter received  
and contents noted and in reply  
would say

I lost all the money I  
made farming in closed Banks  
- and what I inherited  
came very useful to me  
at this time

Don't depend on me for a donation  
yours truly  
Cley Harris

July 5th, 1935.

Dr. Clarence Bateman,  
Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Dear Dr. Clarence Bateman and  
Mrs. Dr. Bateman:

You took note from the material recently sent you that we are in a campaign for Wesley College. We were facing a crisis, and up near to it. This proposal opens a new vista, but we must have the active boosting of all the friends of Wesley College.

We will send our printed matter to the alumni list in Wahpeton as soon as we get the list from the University. Please talk it up.

I hope you are in a position to respond on the inclosed. You can assume more than you may be able to pay just now, but we must have your active talk and interest.

I often think of you both, and always with good wishes. Please let me hear from you to cheer us on in this effort.

We are finding a friendly attitude on the part of many people.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
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President Emeritus

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July 8th, 1935.

Mr. Edmund O. Belsheim,  
5633 Kenwood Avenue,  
Hyde Park Station,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Belsheim:

Please do me the favor I am about to ask, and please understand I am sincere in simply wanting to discover the effect upon our alumni friends produced by reading the campaign literature recently sent to you. To make sure that you have it in hand I am inclosing duplicates.

I am confident you will be frank and sincere. Tell me therefor, just exactly what impression the reading of it made upon you. Did it prompt you to want to give? Have you talked with others, is there some measure of interest in Wesley College among the former students of this joint campus? Should we expect a general response from this one letter, or must we follow it up with something more? If so, of what sort should the second message be?

I have confidence that your answer to this question will be an index to the mind of many others.

Thank you for an early response.

Sincerely yours,

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President Emeritus

EPR:A  
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**Wesley College**  
AT THE  
**University of North Dakota**  
UNIVERSITY STATION  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

July 8th, 1935.

Mr. Lawrence B. Slater,  
350 McCormick Bldg. Lions Inter.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Slater:

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Sincerely yours,

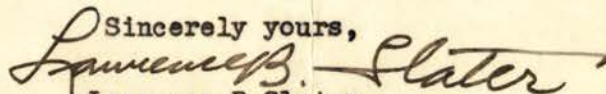
  
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Your campaign literature presents the cause in a very effective manner, and of course we know the campaign is most commendable.

However, our personal budget leaves no room for us to assume additional obligations even though we would like to contribute in this case. We have responded to many appeals of various sorts in the past few years, but at the present time our personal resources will not allow it.

With best wishes for your success, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
  
Lawrence B. Slater

July 8th, 1935.

Mr. Durward E. Balch, Attorney  
Dickinson, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Balch:

Please do me the favor I am about to ask, and please understand I am sincere in simply wanting to discover the effect upon our alumni friends produced by reading the campaign literature recently sent to you. To make sure that you have it in hand I am inclosing duplicates.

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Sincerely yours,

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President Emeritus

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JAMESTOWN, NO. DAK.

July 9, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I have your letter relative to Mr. and Mrs. Al Arneson and I will contact them and see just what their set up is, and find out if some adjustment cannot be made.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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R. R. Wolfer



# THE NORTHWEST NURSERY COMPANY

E. C. HILBORN, GENERAL MANAGER

VALLEY CITY, N. D.

July 10, 1935.

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SUPT. OF NURSERIES

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Wesley College,  
University of North Dakota,  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I appreciate your letter of July 8th with all the confidence it implies. So far as I can see you have stated things very nicely indeed and I could hardly see how the appeal could be made any better. If I make a comment or two it is only with the thought of giving you my reaction in case you should make a second appeal.

Only two points strike me that might have been done differently and I am not sure that these comments are justified. I do study form letters a great deal for I have to use them in my work and as I was chairman of the American Nurserymen's advertising committee for a five year period through their big campaign I do think I have given some thought to circular letters etc.

First Thought. Possibly a well done mimeographed letter upon the letter head for the occasion would have had a little better appeal than the pink printed sheet. In our office we have occasion to use our mimeograph in this way and by using the same type of carbon match up the letters quite well with the address. While people recognize it as a circular letter it does seem to get a better reading than the printed sheet.

Second Thought. It strikes me there was too much of a let down in your aims in the next to the last paragraph of the pink sheet. I refer to the suggestion that one fold up a dollar bill and send it in. That's such a big come down in your appeal that it must weaken your request for better gifts. You might just as easily have suggested \$5.00 as the \$1.00 and I am inclined to think you would have gotten as many responses and would not have weakened your pull for much better gifts.

Whether you get a very big response or not with your appeal you are certainly laying the foundation for a good follow-up and I suspect you will time that with the crop returns this fall.

I am inclosing a personal check of \$2.00 to show my good wishes without offering a host of excuses that I might mention. <sup>for making it bigger</sup> With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*E. C. Hilborn*  
E. C. Hilborn

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**Hanchett, Sproul & Sad**  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
Valley City, North Dakota

July 12, 1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson, President  
Wesley College  
University Station  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I have your letter of July 15th and also have the printed material relative to the Frank Lynch offer. I think this is a splendid offer and that it is well and clearly stated. I also think that your personal word is very well written. It affected me to such an extent that I am enclosing to you herewith as my contribution to this campaign a check in sum of \$5.00.

I am sorry now that I did not make a charge against Wesley College for various legal services which I have performed in the past. Had I done so I could now cancel such obligations of Wesley College to me and thereby have said amounts counted as cash payments towards this campaign. That would help the college by that much more to raise the \$75,000 with which to meet Mr. Lynch's offer of \$25,000.

Very sincerely yours,



LTS/T

July 13th, 1935.

Mr. Andrew Robbie,  
Cavalier, N. Dak.

Dear Friend Robbie:

I visited your town yesterday hoping to have conference with you and Fred Harris on this Lynch campaign fund. Mr. Harris told me to come back later and you two would consider the matter,- this was on a former visit. I suggested to Fred Harris that each of you give \$1,000.00. That seemed to scare him a bit. I don't suppose it would effect you that way.

It was rather a strange trip we had yesterday to Grafton, St. Thomas, and Cavalier in this respect, that at each place the party whom I wanted to see was out of town, but there are good days ahead. I shall hope to run up that way again in the near future.

Meantime, permit me to say a word. We are very anxious to make up an initial sum of \$3,000 to report to Mr. Lynch, which will bring a check from him for \$1,000, making a fund of \$4,000 available, two-thirds of which must apply on mortgage debt, and one-third on other obligations. That would help us relieve the situation at many points.

Mr. Don Whitman of this city is promising \$5,000 toward the fund. I am confident I could call on him for \$2,000 toward an initial sum to be reported to Mr. Lynch. I am daring to hope that you may find it convenient to give part of your intended donation in cash to assist in making up the \$3,000.

I would not want to suggest that you limit your ultimate contribution in measure to the easy money that you may have on hand, for I see big crops growing over the acres around St. Thomas, and we shall need in this effort the utmost that friends can afford to give, to carry this campaign to success.

I am not inviting a written reply to this letter, but am simply making the suggestions to you for your consideration in the family counsel against the day when I may hope to visit you for personal conference.

Ever sincerely,

EPR:A

July 13th, 1935.

Mr. Andrew Robbie,  
Cavalier, N. Dak.

Dear Friend Robbie:

I visited your town yesterday hoping to have conference with you and Fred Harris on this Lynch campaign fund. Mr. Harris told me to come back later and you two would consider the matter.

I suggested to Fred. Harris that each of you give \$1,000.00. That seemed to scare him a bit. I don't suppose it would affect you that way. That I would like you to have in mind is this, that we have not yet made up a statement to send to Mr. Lynch to call upon him for any money on this subscription plan.

Don Whitman, manager of the Penny Store here, is giving \$5,000, and tells me I may call upon him for such portion of that at times as I may need in dealing with Mr. Lynch.

I have dared to think that you and your good partner might pay part of your subscription in cash at this time to help us make up this first statement to send to Frank Lynch. I think I could call on Don Whitman for \$2,000.

Of course we desire your contribution to be as large as you can afford, and not to be limited to the easy money that you may have on hand.

I expect to take a trip to St. Thomas again in the near future, and shall hope to give myself the pleasure of extending the trip to Cavalier for personal conference with you good men.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A



July 13th, 1935.

Mr. Lester T. Sproul,  
Valley City, North Dakota.

My dear Sproul:

Thank you for your very good letter and  
check for \$5.00.

Recalling your generosity in rendering  
services to Wesley College without charging a fee which  
now might challenge Mr. Lynch's offer, and bring some  
cash from him. Permit me to suggest that you put forth  
a little extra effort and actually collect a good fee  
from some client, and have the thrill of dedicating it  
to Wesley College in order to call forth an expression  
of generosity from Mr. Lynch.

I offer this suggestion without my usual  
fee.

Sincerely yours,

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July 13th, 1935.

Mr. E. C. Hilborn,  
Valley City, North Dakota.

My dear Hilborn:

I wish to thank you for your good letter  
and check for \$2.00 inclosed with it.

I had something of the same feeling about  
the points you mentioned, but thought we would test it out  
this way for the present.

I have never known much money to come  
back through solicitation by mail, but such material becomes  
preparation for personal interviews on occasion later.

Thank you again for your consideration  
in making a reply, and your remittance.

Yours very truly.

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July 13th, 1935.

Rev. I. F. Green,  
Devils Lake, North Dakota

My dear Green:

Thank you for your good subscription of  
\$5.00, made payable October 5th.

I shall hope to visit Devils Lake during  
the summer for some personal interviews. I wish you would  
have this in mind, and mark down in a memorandum the names  
of people that we might see with advantage.

Cordially yours,

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QUINCY, ILLINOIS

July 13th, 1935.

Gardner-Denver Company,  
Quincy, Illinois

Attention: F. W. Jacobs

Dear Sir:

I have your reminder of July 11th, 1935, calling attention to the modest account of \$9.35 due you, and inquiring about our financing plans.

I wish to assure you that we are holding your account in a favored position, and as soon as funds begin to come in your account will be cared for.

It has taken time to organize our plans, and we are just beginning to get responses. We shall hope to have funds in hand within the next few weeks to make payments of these smaller accounts.

We shall appreciate your patience.

Yours very truly,

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Gardner-Denver Company  
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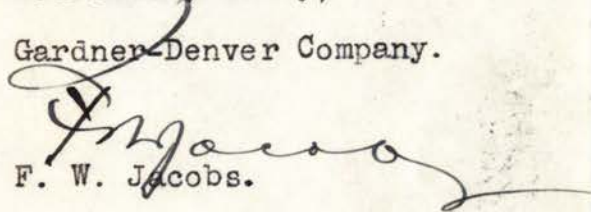
Wesley College,  
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Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:-

The matter of your delinquent August 20, 1934 account of \$9.35 has been referred to this department again today and as we have not received any information from you regarding settlement of this balance for about forty-five days, we are anxious to learn if your financing plans have been carried through and if it won't be possible for you to now liquidate this small account.

Please let us hear from you.

Yours very truly,  
Gardner-Denver Company.

  
F. W. Jacobs.

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July 13th, 1935.

Mr. Charles Apel,  
S.T.C.,  
Kearney, Nebraska.

My dear Apel:

I wish to thank you for your prompt response to our Wesley College appeal, and your good check for \$5.00.

I note the writing on the back of your subscription blank, and shall be glad to extend your greetings to the parties you name.

I wish you had made a brief statement of your present position and work. I think of you often, and shall be glad to learn more definite information regarding yourself and family.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

July 15th. 1935.

Rev. Harley Zeller,  
Noonan, North Dakota.

Dear Brother Zeller:

First, I want to know how our literature affect you as you read it, as I assume you did, when we sent it to you a few days ago. Second, I want to know how intimately acquainted you may be with any of the big men of the mines up there who could give largely if they were so disposed. We must have the help of all friends in the present campaign to win success.

Please use the inclosed return envelope to give me the information requested. Also please add any suggestions you may have to offer.

Extend my greetings to Lady Zeller.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus



July 16th, 1935.

Mrs. G. B. McMillan,  
Hannah, N. Dak.

My dear Mrs. McMillan:

I met the Federal Land Bank agent here a few days ago, and he tells me that loans are still being negotiated. I wish, and wish very urgently, that we might work out something fair to you and to Wesley College by way of a loan on that tract of land.

We talked about this last year, but we did not come to a resulting transaction.

I am wondering whether the rains have increased interest in land up that way and brightened the prospect in general. I wish you would consult with your attorney relative to the Federal Loan, and help reach some sort of a solution. The College has a real claim in that land, and it seems that a settlement could be reached which would be of advantage to the land as well as to the College. It would come in especially well just now to help reach the conditions of the Lynch offer presented in the inclosed.

I will thank you for your kind and prompt attention to this matter with view to coming to a solution.

Sincerely yours,

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Inc.

July 16th, 1935.

Mr. George M. Price,  
Langdon, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Price:

I am sending you a copy of a letter I have just written to Mrs. McMillan. I feel rather keenly that Wesley College has valid interest in this situation because of the definite obligation of Mr. McMillan which he accepted from Mr. Campbell in behalf of Wesley College. That must certainly follow his estate.

Since it is the policy of the Federal Land Bank to have the claim follow the land and not the maker of the mortgage it seems to me that the request we are making upon Mrs. McMillan to negotiate the loan is a very reasonable one. She is the only person that can negotiate a loan upon this land.

You will see by the inclosed literature that we are in a campaign now to meet a crisis in the affairs of Wesley College. Any money that we should realize out of this Campbell estate would count toward meeting the Lynch offer.

Please give this matter your earnest attention and see if it will not be possible to work out a solution.

Yours very truly,

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July 16th, 1935.

Rev. A. L. Lane,  
Valley City, North Dakota.

Dear Friend Lane:

Some days ago I mailed to you the material we are sending out to lay foundation for solicitation in behalf of Wesley College. Our mail went largely to alumni of the University and College.

As a sort of a laboratory experiment I should like to know what effect you felt within yourself from the reading of the literature. Did it invite you, or did it at any point antagonize or fail to invite your sympathy?

Dr. Wallace remarked to me that you had mentioned to him an elderly woman of your flock who has money, and who might possibly be enlisted. I suppose I have met this lady. If you think it advisable I could make a trip over to Valley City as I desire to visit a party near there.

Use the inclosed return envelop to give me any advice that occurs to you.

Cordially yours,

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July 16th, 1935.

Mr. G. H. Johnston,  
Wales, N. Dak.

Dear Friend Johnston:

I am inclosing some material we are sending out to lay a basis for solicitation for Wesley College on the proposition outlined, which explains itself. Of course we shall be glad to have a good big check from you, or a modest one, but I have another idea also in sending you the inclosed.

I would like you to read it over and tell me just what effect it has on you. Whether it invites you to the institution, or raise a barrier here or there.

Tell me also about the crop situation around there, and the prospect for the year as it now appears. Another item of interest to us here at the College. I have been trying to get Mrs. McMillan to negotiate a Federal Loan on a designated portion of land out by the lake which was bought from Wm. Campbell by C. B. McMillan, who assumed Campbell's obligation to Wesley College. What I should like to know from you is the present feeling about land, and whether it has improved any during the summer.

Any volunteer suggestions you may have to offer will be welcome. I shall always be interested also in any news items concerning your young people.

Sincerely yours,

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July 16th, 1935.

Rev. A. R. Jones,  
Wimbledon, North Dakota.

Dear Brother Jones:

I am appealing to you for some information and advice with reference to the good of Wesley College.

I sent you some of our campaign material such as we are mailing to alumni. I should like to know whether you just what effect it had on you as you read it. Did it invite you, if so pleasantly?

Another matter. I have had conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Green of Leal. I do not assume that they are in any way committed to Wesley College, and I am **not** asking you to assume that in any conversation you may have with them. I am interested to learn whether you are happily acquainted with the Greens, and how they are situated in a business way.

Please use the inclosed return envelope to give me the benefit of answers to my questions, and any volunteer suggestions you may have to offer. We shall have a real task to carry this canvass to a success. I find growing good will as I hold conversations with people. I have one promise here of \$5,000.00, and others of lesser sums.

Thank you for early response to my inquiries.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

July 16th. 1935.

Mr. Wm. C. Bacon,  
333 Pine Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Friend Bacon:

I remember my visit with you in March, and how brave I was to dare mention to you that I thought there was an unpaid balance due on room rent from you to Wesley College. You doubted, and I have to confess that I cannot find any record to support my side of the debate. You may have had dealings with the secretary in the years past, and removed the item that I thought I had in mind, but I must have been mistaken.

We let that go, but now I am bringing to you the inclosed in the hope that the appeal will find warm response in the region of your heart, and effective and practical response from the region of your check book.

In your reply to this letter please tell me frankly of the impression the printed material has upon you as you read it, and offer any suggestions that occur to you looking toward an effective follow up. The general experience with letters is that they bring but limited returns. I find, however, that they do lay a foundation for personal interview later, but I can not go all over the country to interview individual members of the alumni however much I might enjoy the visits.

I do want from you an early reply to the questions I ask above for I think your reaction would be a fair index to the reaction of others as they read the literature, and of course we shall be very grateful for a check in such sum as you may be able to give, and grateful for even a larger sum in subscription as might be measured by easy money available just now.

Thank you for any service you can render. I confidently count upon your active good will.

Sincerely yours,

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President Emeritus

July 18th, 1935.

Rev. John S. Wilds,  
618-14th St.  
Fargo, North Dakota.

Dear Dr. Wilds:

I have spoken with Dr. Wallace and he says the Rust people may have rooms in Wesley College Tuesday night as you suggest.

I think it will be O.K. to have them come to Thompson and get supper there.

I note that you say three fourths of the collection will go to World Service credit. I read from your first card that it was one-fourth, which would leave one-half unappropriated.

According to these arrangements with Dr. Wallace the Company will come to the College after the concert in Thompson.

You may send the advertising material directly to Thompson. Address it to Mrs. Lila O'Neale, and I will get it there.

Sincerely yours,

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July 18th, 1935.

Dr. Floyd E. Wolfe,  
Oakes, North Dakota.

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

I am hoping that this letter will find you enjoying increased prosperity, and yielding to increase of generous impulse.

We surely need the quick response to the right sort of challenge.

I trust all goes well with you. Use the inclosed envelope for reply.

I have not a report of the Secretary at hand. I am not certain whether there is some balance to come from you on account. If so, I merely wish to say that such payments would work into the present proposition as a contribution.

Convey my greetings to Lady Wolfe.

Cordially yours,

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July 18th, 1935.

Mr. Alex Harris,  
Grafton, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Harris:

I wish to thank you for your courtesy of making reply to my recent letter. Your experience with closed banks has been widely shared in recent past years by many of the good men of the state whom I have known. I can well believe that what you say is true, that what you inherited from your brother came to be very useful to you at this time. You advise me not to depend upon you for a donation. From long experience in this work I have learned not actually to depend on any particular person for a donation for I can not know in advance what other plans or interests a person may have.

I find it to be universal among men that some cause other than ones personal interest gets a place in the thought and plans. We humans are all not simply individuals, but members of society of civilization, and without this society property would be worthless, and life would be in a desert.

I could not expect you to be interested in Wesley College without your having seen it or made any study of its mission among the student youth of North Dakota. Even if you should make a study of the work of Wesley College it might not be just the sort of institution that you would like to have represent you through the generations ahead. I find, however, that men who have contributed most largely to it and have given to the College the most study, are happy in the thought that their contribution is to work out a mission of this sort.

The first largest contribution we received was from A. J. Sayre, formerly of Harvey, North Dakota, and later of Calgary, and now residing at Los Angeles, California. He is not as wealthy now as he was. He remarked to me in a visit a few months ago, that he wished he had put more money into Wesley College when he had it and could have done it, in preference to investing in other ways which turned out as closed banks have done. He said that he felt what he had given to Wesley College he could not lose.

I am inclosing a sheet which shows the contributions of several who have given most largely. The daughter, and sole heir of Mr. Corwin, visited the College last year. Her father died a few years ago, after losing considerable money in a bank merger. The daughter

Mr. Alex Harris -2-

was looking about Corwin Hall, our music building, which was given by her father, and volunteered the remark that she wished her father had given more instead of allowing it to go into the bank merger and disappear.

I mention this simply to say that every one who has given largely to Wesley College so far as I know is happy over the investment.

Permit me to say one other thing. It has been my custom all through the years to take the volunteer suggestions of friends as a sort of providential hint. The suggestion of you to me by several of your good friends, has in my thought something of this significance. You will not treat it lightly, for through the small voice of friends often comes the Divine voice.

Some time when you are in Grand Forks we shall be very glad to have you visit Wesley College and look it over thoroughly. If I should meet you some day at Grafton I shall appreciate the privilege of a better acquaintance, and an opportunity to converse about the College, and the opening it gives for practical good will.

Sincerely yours,

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July 18th, 1935.

Mr. T. P. Griffin  
Nash Finch Company  
430 Oak Grove  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I trust you will be interested in the inclosed. The pink letter is intended for the University alumni, as the University colors are pink and green. I send it to you to indicate, along with the copy of the Lynch proposal, what we are trying to do.

This letter does not call for a reply from you at present, but is intended to share with you our plans and hopes as regards Wesley College, in which you have a generous investment.

I am daring to hope that the years are bringing to you again the measure of prosperity that will enable you to give expression in a practical way to the good will impulse whose presence you welcome as I know full well.

I expect to be in Minneapolis within a few weeks, and shall hope to see you personally.

Cordially yours,

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Rev. Silas E. Fairham,  
515 First St. S.E.,  
Minot, North Dakota.

Dear Fairham:

I am writing to you as District Superintendent, to share with you some thoughts concerning the present canvass for Wesley College, in the hope that you may thereby be enabled to share our plans with clearer understanding.

I think we sent to you the inclosed literature once before, but I am sending duplicates that you may have the same at hand for review. Please have in mind that the pink sheet with green ink, bears the colors of the University, pink and green, and was prepared largely for sending to the alumni of the University and College.

I inclose a sheet showing some of the contributions of outstanding supporters of Wesley College. You will note that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch have contributed \$129,000 through years past. You will note also, that the second highest contributor is John M. Hancock, not a Methodist, but an alumnus of the University of the class of 1903. His interest was strengthened by the appreciation his daughter and son had for their work in Wesley College while they were students in the University.

For your personal information I may say that Mr. Lynch found it not convenient to contribute as largely the past few years as formerly. You will note that the drop began in 1931. The College received nothing from him in 1934. If his contribution had kept up on the level the the years to 1930 the deficit of the College would have been only about half of what it became, something over \$50,000. Other patrons had like experience, and the College felt the loss resulting from the drying up of the usual sources of income.

It is reason for great happiness that Mr. Lynch finds it now possible to renew his active interest in the College. It is to be hoped that his business experience will be duplicated by the many other friends who will now be in condition to cooperate with him. If the present \$100,000 should be fully raised it would pay off indebtedness, and cover the running expenses and upkeep of the College for the next two years or more.

But you will be looking further ahead than that, and

Rev. Silas E. Fairham -2-

others will ask you questions about the College. You will inform any such that Mr. Lynch has provided in his will a bequest of \$150,000 for Wesley College, and that is not affected by the present offer of \$25,000. Personally, I feel confident that if we could raise the present \$100,000 during this season, Mr. Lynch would be disposed to bring the \$150,000 forward from his will into an active proposition to turn it over to the College on condition that a like sum be obtained from others. Such a proposal would give us a base for approach to the General Education Board of other contributors to College endowments.

What we need now is a modest contribution from every person, and larger contributions from those who have the larger means.

Wesley College is the one institution of the Church in the State. Its needs are modest compared with the needs of a full curriculum college, but these needs must be met, for failure to carry on the work in this situation, and to carry it with strength, can not be forgiven, academically speaking.

I trust you may make it a practice to mention Wesley College in your quarterly conferences, and even in public sermons. Publicity is a first requisite to enlist interest and support, and no one can reach the people of the Church with better effect than the District Superintendent.

Offer any suggestions that occur to you or names of persons whom you think suitable people for us to interview.

Use the inclosed return envelope for reply.

Cordially yours,

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If it is possible for you to renew his active interest in the College, it is to be hoped that his business experience will be of great value to the many other friends who will now be in condition to cooperate with him. If the present \$100,000 should be fully raised it would pay off indebtedness, and cover the running expenses and upkeep of the College for the next two years or more.

But you will be looking further ahead than that, and

July 19th, 1935.

Mr. Charles Templeman,  
Dunseith, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Templeman:

Some years ago a pastor who knew you mentioned you to me with warm appreciation, and advised me to get acquainted with you as a prospective partner in the support of Wesley College. I did visit Dunseith last year but was informed that you were away, and I did not have the pleasure of meeting you personally.

I am sending you the inclosed printed matter to let you know what is now of active interest in behalf of Wesley College. If you and your good lady have not already committed yourselves in full measure to some other cause through which you choose to live usefully after you pass on, I shall be glad to visit you and explain the opportunity for such extention of fruitful service through Wesley College.

This letter does not call for a reply, but I shall welcome any word from you, and an invitation to visit you if you are pleased to extend it, without any cause of advance obligation. Any contribution you might make now will multiply itself according to the plans outlined.

I trust you will not consider me as presuming too much in daring to write you without having the advantage of a personal acquaintance. I have known of you at a distance so long that it seems like I am acquainted. I hope that experience shall be mine actually at some near future time.

Yours sincerely,

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President Emeritus

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July 19th, 1935.

Mr. A. C. Nodine  
833 Morgan Avenue  
Upper Darby  
Pennsylvania

Dear Nodine and dear Lady Nodine:

When I last saw you in Philadelphia you were hoping to have all your benevolence obligations out of the way, and a clear way opened to give Wesley College an exhibit of your good will. This time is most opportune as you will note by the inclosed.

I certainly hope that this letter may find you happy and prosperous, and that it may be within your pleasure and convenience to respond to the appeal which you will note outlined in the inclosed.

Just to remind you of your old time days here I may say that the reason for the pink paper and green ink is that these are the University colors, and we are sending this material to a large number of University and College alumni.

In your reply we shall be glad to learn about members of your family, and also of your affairs generally.

Cordially yours,

President Emeritus

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Mr. Wm. Norton,  
Winona, Minnesota.

July 19th, 1935.

Dear Mr. Norton:

I cannot claim a personal acquaintance with you that would be any good warrant for presuming to write to you. I did have personal acquaintance with your father, and your uncle, and that acquaintance continued active from some years after I came to North Dakota, to enter the educational work of the Church. I closed my six years as presiding elder of the Winona district in the fall of 1899, and was immediately called to North Dakota to be President of College of the church in this state. It was then located at Walpeton, and known as Red River Valley University.

In 1905 we moved the College corporation from Walpeton to Grand Forks upon invitation of the State University to affiliate with it and unite the function of the two schools. On this plan we took the name Wesley College as appropriate to the new situation. On the plan adopted Wesley College does not teach any of the subjects provided in the University, and courses in Wesley College are credited in the University on a par with the University courses. That means that no money given to Wesley College is used to duplicate what is already provided in the State University for the youth here assembled.

On several occasions of meeting your father, and uncle, M. G. Norton, I received contributions in sums from \$100.00 to \$500.00.

The crisis that has resulted from general depression and from five years of drought in North Dakota would be a basis of approach to those men were they now living, for we have certainly had a fasting time and near crisis.

The use of the pink paper and green ink is suggested by the fact that University colors are pink and green and this printed letter was prepared with view to sending it to the University and College alumni. I inclose a copy to you simply as an aid to understanding the offer of Mr. Lynch.

I know this is a long way from you, but if you can find a way to accept this appeal as a providential opportunity for



Mr. Wm. Horton-3-

extending your benevolent interest we shall be glad and thankful.

When I visit the Twin Cities I occasionally make it a point to visit the Dorans. It is wonderful how they hold a place in the affections of countless people.

Sincerely yours,

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President Emeritus

July 19th, 1935.

Mr. Oscar Olson, Employee  
Federal Loan Bank,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Oscar Olson:

I am hoping the inclosed will bring tears to your eyes and the pen to your check book. I need not write you a long letter. Any sum you can give at this time will be most welcome, and will not bar the way of a larger contribution later if you should feel that you can not show your appreciation to Wesley College in full justice at the present time.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

July 19th, 1935.

Mr. Clay Larimore,  
Larimore, North Dakota.

Dear Clay:

I am sending the inclosed to you simply that you may have the information on what we are now undertaking in the interests of Wesley College in which you have been a generous partner.

The pink paper and green ink may not please your artistic sense, but the colors are selected because they are the colors of the University, and this printed letter was prepared to send to the alumni generally.

I trust that you are in usual health, and that matters are going well with you. As I look back through the years it is a long time since first I visited the Larimore Home, and see the clan assembled at meal time, and observed the cultured courtesy of mother, and the courtly manner of father Larimore. The years continue to count with all of us who keep step in the procession.

With cordial personal esteem.

Yours sincerely,

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President Emeritus

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July 19th, 1935.

Rev. A. L. Lane,  
Valley City, North Dakota

Dear Brother Lane:

Thank you for your very cordial letter, and the suggestions it bears. Yours will be a potent voice in the counsels of the Conference in bringing to pass that cordial general support which you believe should come to be.

I note with keen satisfaction your reference to Dr. Wallace, that he has done much in creating a spirit of good will during his administration. The fact is, Dr. Wallace has given himself unsparingly to every interest of the Methodist Church in North Dakota during his many years of service within the state and Conference.

I shall plan to visit Valley City in the not distant future and call on the lady you mention.

Blessings on you and your good people.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

July 19th, 1935.

Miss Elizabeth Gilmer,  
Towner, North Dakota

Dear Miss Gilmer:

As soon as you have retired from the postoffice you have liberty to think out ways to spend your benevolence money. I want you to keep Wesley College high in the list of accepted objectives.

I hope the literature will bring tears to your eyes, and your pen to your check book for some contribution within your convenience.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

July 19th, 1935.

Mr. Thomas M. Chisholm,  
2617 South 21st Avenue  
Cicero, Illinois

My dear Mr. Chisholm:

I am sending to you the inclosed printed matter which was prepared with view to mailing it to the alumni generally. That explains the use of the pink and green printed letter. I hope this will interest you, and that your interest will become active and practical.

I note that you were of the same class as John M. Hancock, and share in memory the beginning of the University. You also have been a partner in interest on through the years.

I am hoping to go east in the course of a few weeks to see some parties in Washington and New York.

If a personal call at your office would enable you to understand more clearly the situation here, and to share more intelligently in the undertaking I shall be glad to respond to an invitation to visit you at your convenience.

We do need the active support now of every alumnus who has some money to spare, and also good will to express. I know you have the good will, and I have heard some intimations that you may also have a fair share of accumulations of your achieving business career. That forms a pleasant picture.

Cordially yours,

President Emeritus

EPR:A  
Inc.

July 19th, 1935.

Mr. J. H. Tompkins,  
Minot, North Dakota.

Dear Friend Tompkins:

I often think of you good people when I am working over affairs in Wesley College. You were among the first people of Minot with whom I became acquainted soon after coming to the state, and I have always counted it an enrichment of my friendships.

At the last meeting of the Trustees of Wesley College the question of your wish to be released from the Board of Trustees came up, and I, knowing your wish, advocated excusing you and electing a young man of this city in your place. He is a high grade man, a Methodist, and is cashier of the First National Bank.

I am not sending the inclosed literature as a solicitation, but simply to let you see what we are doing. We have sent out a large number of these printed letters to University and College alumni. The University colors are pink and green, and that explains the use of the pink paper and the green ink.

I shall hope to give myself another visit at the Tompkins home during the summer if I am out that way. Be assured of my continued and affectionate good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

EFR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

July 20th, 1935.

Miss Clair Thoraldson  
1541 Lincoln Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Clair Thoraldson:

Reports of you that reach me are all to the effect that you are getting famously in your profession. I shall be happy to learn that these reports are well based.

I shall also be happy if your friendly spirit shall find freedom to express itself at the point of a pen in filling out the inclosed, and in making out a nice check.

We certainly need help from every one of our old time friends, and we count you among the most reliable.

Give my greetings to your mothers.

Very sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus



July 20th, 1935.

Mr. John T. Rohwedder  
100 N. 7th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear John Rohwedder:

I am taxing your good will to do me a favor. I am assuming that your interest in Wesley College, and your personal friendship are a sufficient warrant for this request that I am about to make, and I want you to be frank with me for I am investigating and want to know the actual situation.

I inclose printed material that we have sent out to many of the alumni. The response has come from only a very few, and I should like to discover the reason for that.

In general I may say that my experience through the thirty-six years of soliciting for Wesley College has demonstrated that a letter appeal very rarely brings a response. In fact, I have had only a very few in all the years, but I do find that the letters prepare a way often for personal interview. I want you to tell me frankly whether our alumni friends in Minneapolis are lacking in interest in Wesley College, or lacking in funds, or both, or is my experience without special meaning other than usual lack of response impulse to a letter of solicitation.

When I was in Los Angeles I met quite a number of the alumni, and they were cordial and a number of them contributed modest sums. I have had the same experience with them in the matter of this campaign letter. We are at a crisis of opportunity and I wish I knew how to enlist all friends of Wesley College in at least some measure of practical aid. Please write me your own recognition of this correspondence. I will take that as an index to others.

This is not a covert way to steal in on you to get a subscription though a gift will be very welcome, but I do want the benefit of your mind on the questions I have presented. I inclose envelope for your reply. Thank you in advance.

Yours very truly,

EFR:A Inc.

July 20th, 1935.

Mr. A. O. Sather,  
Starkweather, W. Dak.

Dear Mr. Sather:

I am engaged in an exercise of this sort in sending out letters to enlist friends in the support of Wesley College. I could not allow myself to forget you.

I hope the reading of the inclosed will result in warmth about your heart, and the impulse to use your pen. It will not be the first time that you have given cordial response.

Thank you for any consideration at this time.

Very sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

July 20th, 1935.

Dr. Joseph L. Martineau,  
Schubert Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Martineau:

I want you to read carefully the inclosed literature and tell me frankly just what impression it makes upon you. I course it is intended to call forth a contribution, but I do not want you to refrain from writing if you do not feel free to lend practical aid at this time. I do want from you a frank statement of just exactly how the appeal affects you. Does it make you want to give, does it find a friendly response within you, are there any phrasings of it that strike you unpleasantly?

I have sent out a great many of these to alumni, and the response has been meager. That may be due to the well known fact that responses usually are very few to letters appeals. That has been my experience through all the years of my College soliciting. I do find, however, that a letter very often paves the way for a more intelligent interview later.

You may be interested to learn that our daughter Lois, had rather a serious operation lately for removal of a tumor, and then had deep X-Ray treatments later in Seattle. Mrs. Robertson has been out there and reports that Lois came home in very good condition considering everything. Her second daughter had a vertebra crushed in an auto accident some months ago, and is just recently released from the steel brace. Her oldest daughter graduated from the University of Oregon in June, and is to be married the second of August. Her youngest daughter graduated from High school, and our son's son in Eugene graduated from the University High School. Mrs. Robertson was in the midst of all this.

I trust all goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

July 20th, 1935.

The Misses Clara and Ada Flemington,  
Ellendale, North Dakota.

Dear Friends:

I join the two of you in unified interest in Wesley College, and trust that the inclosed will win the desired response within your convenience.

We really need the practical aid of every one of the old time friends of the campus, and we count you both in that list.

Thank you for a helpful response at this time.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER 1902  
(INCORPORATED 1903)

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

TREVOR ARNETT, PRESIDENT  
W. W. BRIERLEY, SECRETARY

July 22, 1935

My dear President Robertson:

Acknowledging your letter dated July 19, addressed to Mr. W. W. Brierley, I would advise that Mr. Brierley is absent on his vacation at present and will not return until about Labor Day. Your communication is being placed with the documents which will receive his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,



A. W. Armour  
Acting Assistant Secretary

President E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
Grand Forks  
North Dakota

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July 19th, 1935.

Dr. W. W. Brierley, Secretary  
General Education Board  
New York.

Dear Dr. Brierley:

I have in mind your kind letter of December 1st, 1934, and note your welcome invitation to call and see you and your new offices when I am in New York again. Thank you. I shall hope to give myself that pleasure, and possibly in August. If you are to be out of the city during August please warn me.

I still see General Education Board on my hope's horizon. Whatever the past records, or fails to record, it is still true that we cannot tell what a day may bring forth. That is true of institutions as well of individuals, and institutions are the organized expression of individuals.

You have been so gracious on occasion of my visits that I know you will be glad if a way opens for you to recommend favorable action in behalf of Wesley College. I am not presenting any petition at this time. I am writing to convey to you the information carried in the inclosed literature.

We are making some progress, and the cultivation of good will. We have intimations of financial support as soon as people can find their way through the uncertainty of the present season. We have had abundant rains throughout most of North Dakota and crop conditions were very promising until recently when the wheat fields are showing an attack of rust. How serious that may be we cannot tell. We shall hope that the loss may not be great.

Meantime keep Wesley College on your prayer list.

Cordially yours,

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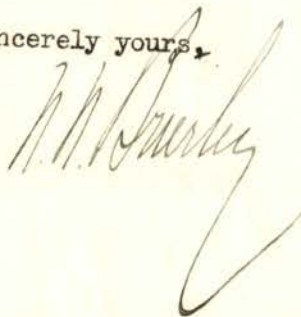
December 1, 1934

My dear Doctor Robertson:

Thank you for your letter of November 24th. I had the pleasure of a visit with Doctor Wallace recently, but, as I explained to him, under the present program of the Board assistance could not be rendered to Wesley College.

If you are in New York some time in the future it would be a pleasure to see you and show you around our new offices.

Sincerely yours,



Doctor E.P. Robertson  
Wesley College at the  
University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

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DURWARD E. BALCH

LAW OFFICES  
**JAMES P. CAIN**  
DICKINSON, N. D.

TELEPHONE 83

July 22nd,  
1935.

Mr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am enclosing you subscription in the sum of \$15.00 to be paid on October 15th.

In answer to your inquiries concerning literature sent out, I am wondering if my position is identical with that of alumni in general, in as much as Wesley College is an institution primarily belonging to the Denomination of which I am a member. However, in so far as I am concerned, it seems to me that your circulars present your need in a very fine and attractive manner and contain the appeal which you wish presented.

I am rather skeptical of the interest which graduates of the University in general hold for Wesley College, for it seems rather to be apart from the University proper. I may be incorrect in this but this is my frank opinion.

I cannot speak for groups considerably older than myself but I do feel for those who finished within recent years that it will be difficult to obtain any response for the reason that employment has been exceedingly scarce and it has been hard for young graduates to get on their feet. Most of them in my experience are not in position to make contributions of any sizable nature.

Yours very truly,

*Durward E. Balch*

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enc.



July 23rd, 1935.

Mr. J. A. Lengby, Executive Assistant  
Great Northern Railway  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Lengby:

I do not think I thanked you for your good offices in recommending me to the favorable consideration of Mr. Harding and the Southern Pacific. They granted me a trip pass from Portland to Los Angeles and return.

I am sending you the inclosed copy of the Lench proposal that you may see what new prospect we have for Wesley College, resulting from my trip.

You may be interested to learn that I was selected as speaker for Railway Week before the Lions Club of this city. I welcomed the opportunity to speak in behalf of the rightful claims of the railroads to fair consideration in view of what they have given to the country, and they are now trying earnestly to do to maintain and improve their services. I had a very sympathetic hearing.

Cordially yours,

EPR: A  
Inc.

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President Emeritus

July 23rd, 1935.

<sup>1</sup>  
Bardner Denver Company  
Quincy, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in sending you the inclosed  
check for \$9.35 to pay the account of Wesley College in  
full.

<sup>2</sup>  
I wish to thank you for your courtesy in  
extending the time of credit.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Chk. \$9.35

President Emeritus

July 23rd, 1935.

Mr. A. G. Bemmels,  
214 Millers & Traders Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Bemmels:

I am sending you the inclosed in the hope that you will be glad to reenlist as an active patron of Wesley College. You expressed a good intention some years ago, which, I believe, was not fully carried out owing to change in financial conditions.

I have heard by radio or through some other source that you have had a good broad smile over prosperity in the past year and I hope that you will now be pleased to share that with us.

The inclosed material was prepared with view to sending to alumni of Wesley College and the University, and that explains the colors of pink and green on the printed letter as they are the University colors.

I cannot count you an Alumnus, but I do like to think of you as having active good will continued, and if now you can find it within your convenience to give some measure of assistance it will be deeply appreciated.

Wesley College was facing a near crisis, but the Lynch offer opened a new vista of hope. It will require heroic effort to realize upon it, but we have found kindly feeling among the people, and we are hoping that conditions will favor a generous response.

Do let us hear from you as favorably as circumstances will allow.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

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inc.

July 23rd, 1935.

Rev. G. A. Armstrong,  
Fargo, North Dakota.

Dear Armstrong:

Thank you for your response to the Lynch offer. Your subscription of \$10.00, with \$5.00 check to apply on the same, has been received.

We hope you may find opportunity to speak a good word to others to increase their interest in the Wesley College appeal.

I suggest that you make note of any parties that appear to you promising, and who are such as we should aim to interview personally.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

July 27th, 1935.

Central Soap Co.,  
689-701 Hampden Avenue  
Minnesota Transfer, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

- I take pleasure in being able to send you  
the inclosed check for \$13.00 to pay in full the Wesley  
College account.

Please accept our regrets for any inconvenience  
this delay has occasioned you.

Yours very truly,

epr/a  
inc. ck.

President Emeritus

July 27th, 1935.

Philbroci Jointless Firebrick Company  
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

We inclose copy of letter we are sending this day to Associated Creditors, together with check made out to you in the sum of \$15.60 in full payment of Wesley College account.

This is the first date that funds were available to pay on the delayed obligations of Wesley College, but your account is the only claim that has reached us through a collecting agency. It is being paid on the same date as others who have been satisfied to deal with us directly.

Accept our regrets for any inconvenience this delay has occasioned you.

Yours very truly,

epr.a  
inc.

July 27th, 1935.

Associated Creditors,  
Rand Tower, 420  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in sending to you the  
inclosed check for \$15.60 in favor of the Philbrick Jointless  
Firebrick Company in full payment of the Wesley College account.

Yours very truly,

ep:ra  
inc. ck. \$15.60

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President Emeritus

July 27th, 1935.

Mr. Clarence Axman  
94 Fulton Street,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Axman:

Will Panavitz handed to me the issue of your paper in which there is a write up of our mutual friend William L. Boyce. I was very much interested to learn of his going to New York. It will save me trips to Syracuse also, as he is on my prospective list.

I often think of you and of your generous courtesies to me when I was in New York. On a certain occasion you took me over to lunch with the big insurance men. I do not forget the friendly token you handed me in the form of a check for \$100.00. The act seemed so natural to you that I fancy it was only one of unnumbered expressions of the sort.

I inclose copy of the offer of Mr. Lynch. He has given \$129,000 to Wesley College through the years past, and has \$150,000 in his will, which is not affected by this offer of \$25,000.

If when you read the inclosed one of your generous impulses should seize you and prompt you to take your pen and check book and write out a practical expression of your good will, the same will be warmly appreciated.

I expect to visit New York by earl fall, and shall hope for the pleasure of a personal visit.

Yours very truly,

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inc.



The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company

ESTABLISHED 1846  
HARTFORD

July 31st, 1935.

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO

WILLIAM L. BOYCE AGENCY  
1201 Empire State Building,  
New York, N. Y.  
Phone PENnsylvania 6-7160

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Westerly College,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks, North Dakato.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

Thanks for your very nice letter of the  
27th instant and for the very nice comments you make,  
and also those from Mrs. Robertson.

We will be especially delighted to have you  
visit us in New York and are looking forward to doing  
it some time this fall.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*  
*W. L. Boyce*  
WILLIAM L. BOYCE  
General Agent

WLB:JP

July 27th, 1935.

Mr. William L. Boyce  
General Agent  
Connecticut Mutual  
Empire State Building,  
New York City

Dear Bill Boyce:

A brother-in-law of Mr. Axman handed me a copy of July 19th issue of The Eastern Underwriters. He thought I would be interested in reading the column devoted to you.

I showed the picture to wife, and she had to take a position suitable for admiration before she could recognize the old Bill Boyce, but she finally declared that she saw him clearly.

We are much interested in your change of base, and hope you will have a new triumph in your chosen field. I am happy in the fact that it will not be necessary for me to take a side trip to Syracuse hereafter, but only up the elevator of that notable building.

I have written Dr. Bryerly, Secretary of the General Education Board, that we still have that Board on the Wesley College hope horizon, and that I shall expect to visit him in response to his cordial invitation so to do.

I wish you a full measure of success in your new relation. Convey my greetings to Jennie Gale Boyce.

Cordially yours,

epr:a

July 27th, 1935.

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Connecticut Mutual  
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Cordially yours,

epr:a

August

Dr. H. Irving Weitzel,  
2771 Boulder Road,  
Altadena, California

Dear Dr. Weitzel:

Thank you for your token of good will  
recently received.

The dollar came through safely, and  
is now at work.

We shall be glad if this dollar leads  
other dollars from the same source.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

H. CHRISTINE FINLAYSON  
SUPERVISOR OF HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION

STATE COLLEGE STATION, FARGO

New York City, N.Y.  
Aug 1 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks N. D.

My Dear Dr. Robertson:

Your letter of July 8. came today with a lot of mail just forwarded to me by my Secretary when she returned from her vacation. I am indeed sorry not to have had it before, not that I have any money to contribute at this time when I am here at Columbia studying, but just to show my good will and interest in your campaign.

Your publicity is very good and I believe it does what you wanted it to do. You probably will need a second letter if this went out in its summer time. I have not been in N. Dak. since June so we talked to no one.

Very cordially yours,  
H. Christine Finlayson

Highland Park  
Methodist Episcopal Church

THOMAS L. BURDEN, MINISTER

619 - N. Ave. 54.

Los Angeles Calif  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 1935

Dear Dr Robertson: -

Yes, we have just moved to the  
Highland Park Church, located near Pasadena.

A good church in a very fine community.

A little less salary, but a more up-to-date  
plant and a larger debt - (16,500). We  
think we will like the church very much.

George Marmer was elected on the first  
ballot. Neither Linder nor Miles Smith  
figured strongly among the candidates, if I  
remember correctly. We have a strong -  
progressive delegation. Marmer without a doubt  
is the outstanding man. Here is the order: -

George Marmer	(Progressive)
Frank Stevens	(Moderately So)
Jesse L. Corley	(Progressive)
Roy J. Smith	(Progressive, mildly)
Walter Ruckman	(Progressive)
Leonard Deschli	(Progressive)

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Methodist Episcopal Church

THOMAS L. BURDEN, MINISTER

James A. Sunning (Progressive.)

Two District Superintendents - One Sunday School  
Executive Secretary. The rest, pastors -

Among the laymen, three definitely  
progressive. Burke - Bogly - and Walter.

Would like to pay a visit to the  
Old Campus, but can't as yet.

Mrs Burden and the children are well and  
send greetings. I just returned from  
the Arroyo Grande Epworth League Institute  
where I taught a class on the subject -  
"Peace on Earth"

I feel assured that you will have a  
fine time with Warner.

With kindest greetings to you all -  
Cordially yours

Thomas L. Burden  
and Family.

Briston, Ontario.  
August 2nd 1935 -

Doctor Robulson.  
Grand Forks - N. Dak.

Dear Mr. Robulson, -

Your letter, enclosing  
the Frank Lynch offer - just reached  
me this week. and to day am  
forwarding to Mr. Price of Longdon  
who is handling this Verby College  
interest in a way which I hold -  
hope we can soon come to a  
satisfactory solution soon -

I am very truly

Wm. McMillan.

P.S. Am leaving for home quite soon  
will not reach N. Dakota until  
latter part of this month as I  
have some calls to make  
en route. W. Mc



August 3rd. 1935.

R. C. Spriggs & Son  
City.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find check for \$10.00  
to apply on Wesley College account to April 1st. 1935.  
which according to your statement was \$18.80. This  
balance we shall hope to send you in due time.

Yours very truly.

EPR:A  
Inc. Ck. 10.00

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President Emeritus

August 3rd, 1935.

Quality Print Shop,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Seifert:

I am sending you check for \$10.00 to  
apply on the Wesley College account of \$16.50, according  
to statement of April 1st.

We shall hope to send the balance in due  
time.

Thank you for your patience in waiting.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

August 3rd, 1935.

Sid Odlaug,  
City

Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find check for \$14.95 in  
payment of Wesley Cole ge account as per your statement  
of April 1st, 1935.

The April 1st statement is to be kept subse-  
quent from subsequent debts.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$14.95

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President Emeritus

August 3rd, 1935.

C. L. Linfoot,  
East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find check for \$10.00 to apply  
on the Wesley College account of \$57.60.

We shall hope to send another check one of these  
days not so far away.

We wish to thank you for your kindness in being  
patient.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. ck. 10.00

President Emeritus

August 28th. 1935.

Imperial Chemical Company  
Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Attention L. S. Hunter, Sec.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I hold your letter of June 28th in which you were kind enough to offer to accept \$100.00 in full payment of Wesley College account of \$122.00, provided said \$100.00 be sent by return mail.

We appreciate your generous offer, and expressed to you the wish that we might comply with your request, but money has not come in as we had hoped for.

I am sending you check for \$25.00 to apply on account, and sincerely hope you will allow it to apply on the account placed at \$100.00. We shall hope to send the balance in due time.

We have kindly appreciated your patience in the past, and shall be grateful for your continued indulgence.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$25.00

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President Emeritus

August 3rd, 1935.

R. B. Griffith Company  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find check for \$5.54 in  
payment of Wesley College account as of April 1st.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Incl ck. \$5.54

President Emeritus

August 3rd, 1935.

Bond Department,  
First National Bank  
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

Some years ago the late George B. Winship purchased through you certain bonds, and gave the same to Wesley College.

We shall appreciate having from you a report on the present market value of these bonds.

\$2000000	Earl Fruit Company
2000.00	City of Cordoba
1000.00	State of Maranhao

We thank you in advance for your kindness in giving us this information, and will appreciate any suggestions you may offer.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

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President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Mr. A. E. Toomey,  
Devils Lake, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Toomey:

We have a record of your good intention toward Wesley College in the form of a subscription of \$100.00, on which you have made payments of interest from time to time.

I am asking that your active good will continue, and that you will be interested in the inclosed offer of Mr. Lynch. Any sum you may be able to pay at this time will count toward meeting the conditions named by Mr. Lynch in his offer.

I am not assuring that we could have it all now, but I do want you to know that we shall appreciate your cooperation at this time in whatever measure your convenience may permit.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus



August 6th, 1935.

Mr. George M. Price,  
Langdon, North Dakota.

My dear Mrs. Price:

In response to my recent letter to Mrs. McMillan, of which I sent you a copy, I have the following reply from Brinston, Ontario, under date of August 2nd. I quote the letter in full:

"Your letter inclosing the Frank Lynch offer just reached me this week, and today am forwarding to Mr. Price of Langdon, who is handling this Wesley College interest in a tract which I hold. Hope we can soon come to a satisfactory solution soon.

I am very truly,

Minnie McMillan.

P.S. Am leaving for home quite soon, will not reach N. Dakota until latter part of this month as I have some calls to make enroute."

I am glad for this expression from her of a desire to reach a satisfactory solution soon, and trust you will act upon it in a way to bring that solution to a final expression.

Thank you,

Yours very truly,

EFR:A

President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Miss Eline Ingvalson,  
Buxton, North Dakota

Dear Miss Ingvalson:

You looked so happy and prosperous when I saw you in Thompson some evenings ago that I have thought it well to call upon you to share that prosperity.

The inclosed explains what I mean. I am giving you the liberty of choice as to the amount, and enough liberty for the most independent among women, and I do hope for a good will expression of a practical sort at this time.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

LAW OFFICES  
**GEO. M. PRICE**  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
LANGDON, N. DAK.

August 6, 1935

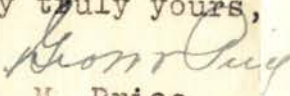
Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Robertson:

Mrs. Minnie McMillan has sent me from Ontario where she has been during the winter and spring your letter to her of July 16, concerning the Land Bank Loan upon the land here in which your college is interested. I assume that you know that the application which she made last fall was refused by the Bank, for the reason as I recall that she had other land without encumbrance, or some such reason.

Mrs. McMillan writes that she expects to be here the third week in August and as I see it nothing can be done about the loan matter until her return. It is doubtful to me if a Federal loan can be made upon this land. With personal regards,

Very truly yours,

  
Geo. M. Price

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August 6th, 1935.

Rev. Thomas Old,  
Barras Cross,  
Liskeard,  
Cornwall,  
England

Dear Thomas Old:

I have no recent address for you, and am not at all sure that this letter will reach you at your present place of residence, but I hope it will.

I hope it will reach you because we shall be glad to hear from you again, and to learn of your present situation, and all about what you are doing. Occasionally in conversation your name has been mentioned to me and inquiry made about you. Some of your friends linger in North Dakota.

It is quite the custom of colleges to follow alumni with reminders like the inclosed. If you feel some warmth about the heart as you read the inclosed offer of Mr. Lynch I shall hope that there will be a prompting of practical good will in the form of a contribution within your convenience. The inclosed letter of green and pink was sent to many alumni of the University. The colors of the University, you may remember, were pink and green. Since that letter was written the green fields of what have turned to brown or black from vast areas under the blight of rust, so that North Dakota is again to be disappointed in its crop prospects, though we have had abundant rains, and that has been a relief from the depressing years of drouth.

In your reply tell me about your church, and your relation to Methodism. One of our graduates, whom you may remember, William E. Dudley, now pastor of Flatbush Church, Brooklyn, is to be visiting preacher to some of the churches in England and Scotland this summer. It would be fine if you could meet him.

I want you to know that we often think of you and always with active good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

August 6th, 1935.

Hon. E. B. Murphy,  
Capitol Building,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I wonder if you have not on record some good intention toward Wesley College that we may realize upon at this time to help us with the canvass on the Lynch offer, of which I send you the inclosed copy.

Any sum that may be within your convenience will be very welcome.

I have been promising myself the pleasure of a visit among my friends in Bismarck, and I may look in on you one of these days, but you need not wait for the personal call. The inclosed envelope will serve your convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Mr. D. C. McLeod,  
Grary, North Dakota.

My dear Mr. McLeod:

Some years ago you made record of your good intention toward Wesley College by a subscription in the amount of \$100.00.

I do not know how prosperity is treating you these days, but I thought you would be interested in learning of the inclosed offer of Mr. Lynch.

It would give us great joy if you could at this time aid by sending check of whatever amount your convenience might permit.

I trust you will be pleased to do this.

I am wondering what Eva's address may be at this time.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Dr. John Graham,  
Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Dear Dr. Graham:

In looking over a record of those who have expressed practical good will toward Wesley College in years past I find your name, and I am trusting your good will continues, and will be responsive to the appeal which the very generous offer of Mr. Lynch makes, and every friend of Wesley College.

I want you to know that any contribution within your convenience will be welcome, and will tend to multiply itself in helping forward the general canvass.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

EFB:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Mr. Howard DeLong,  
Globe Theater,  
Gloversville, New York.

Dear Howard:

I am hoping that the inclosed will bring warmth to your heart, and an irresistable prompting to take your pen in hand and write out a check for Wesley College. Thesame will multiply itself in helping to realize on the Lynch offer. You will agree that this is a very generous and fine offer.

It will require the active good will of all friends of Wesley College the reach the goal Mr. Lynch holds before us.

Please aid now by sending a sum within your convenience, and allow us to place the same to your credit in the present emergency canvass.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus



August 6th, 1935.

Mr. J. A. Bursack,  
Jamestown, North Dakota

My dear Bursack:

I trust the inclosed will bring warmth to your heart, and prompt you to write a check either for a new sum, or to balance the account of that old time pledge of \$25.00, of which \$20.00 of principal remains as a memorandum of your good will.

Seriously, we do gravely need the active good will of all good people of our Methodist constituency.

I trust all goes well with you, and that you will be happy to respond to this request as it will count on the very generous offer of Mr. Lynch.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

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August 9, 1935

Mr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus, Wesley College,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3rd,  
the present market on Earl Fruit Company's  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$   
of 1938 is about 102.

It is our understanding that these bonds  
are quite likely to be called in the near future at  
 $102\frac{1}{2}$ .

The State of Maranhao bonds are worth  
about 13 flat, the City of Cordoba 7s of 1937 are  
worth about 52. The stamped bonds of the same mat-  
urity, which are now 4% bonds, are worth about  $44\frac{5}{8}$ ;  
the 7s of 1937 are worth about 62 and stamped bonds  
are about 53.

Very truly yours,

  
T. A. Hutchinson.

TAH:BO

August 12th, 1935.

Frederick R. York  
3827-2nd Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Friend York:

Thank you for your response in the form of a check for \$5.00. We take it as a token of your good will and appreciate it. If in the future there should be other dollars that would like to follow these please be kind enough to release them.

It would be fine if you would keep Wesley College on your benevolent list for a yearly remembrance.

I trust all goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

August 12th, 1935.

Mr. George M. Price,  
Langdon, North Dakota.

My dear Mr. Price:

I have your letter in response to my  
letter concerning the land.

I did not know that Mrs. McMillan actually  
applied for a loan last fall. Had I known it and been privileged  
to participate in the negotiations I think I could have had some  
influence in the matter with the officials in St. Paul.

I had talked with them about this particular  
loan, and had no objections raised to the proposal.

I hope we may have a new effort made to obtain  
a loan if some other adjustment may not be found more easily.

Yours very truly,

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August 12th, 1935.

H. Christine Finlayson  
Supervisor of Home Economics Education,  
State College Station,  
Fargo, North Dakota.

My dear Miss Finlayson:

Thank you for your good letter of  
August 1st, and your check for \$2.00 as a token of good will.

Your letter encourages me to believe  
that our literature may have had some measure of good effect  
in the mind of many who have not responded. We may call them  
out by a second communication.

We are mailing this letter to your  
Fargo address hoping it may reach you to convey our thanks.

Yours very truly,

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President Emeritus

August 12th, 1935.

Mr. W. L. Boyce, General Agent,  
The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company,  
1201 Empire State Building,  
New York.

Dear Bill Boyce:

Thank you for your very cordial letter of recent date, with its invitation to visit you in New York. That will be an important item to make the prospect pleasing.

My good wishes are with you for a successful venture in your new relation to the insurance world.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

August 12th, 1935.

Rev. Thomas Burden,  
Highland Park Methodist Church  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Burden:

Thank you for your letter of information. Warner is doing fine work in the school. By general consent he is counted about the best visiting lecturer we have had at any one of our summer schools.

You may have learned that our beautiful crop prospects have gone under the blight of rust. At least the wheat is almost a complete loss over large areas of the state. This will increase the task of meeting the Lynch offer.

When you get settled and have a wee balance in your checking account have no hesitation in sending it. You may be assured it will receive a welcome.

With best wishes for your continued success.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

August 12th, 1935.

Mrs. Telford Finnie,  
Emerado, North Dakota.

Dear Mrs. Finnie:

Your gentleman friend left \$2.00 at our house, and informed me that it was from you, and explained about it. It seemed to me that the best disposal to be made of the \$2.00 was to count the same toward the Lynch Campaign Fund for Wesley College, and that is where it is now deposited and at work. I hope this will meet with your approval.

Your husband was to report on a possible sale of the church building. I shall be interested to hear from him about it.

I hope some day to have the pleasure of a call at your home.

I have told Dr. Corn of your husband's invitation to the Corn family to come out to see you, and he was very quick in his response, giving assurance that they would certainly go. The children have grown and continue to be interesting.

Thank you again for the gift of \$2.00.

Yours very truly,

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President Emeritus



August 12th, 1935.

Chaplain Edwin Burling,  
620 Potomac Park Apts.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Burling:

Thank you heartily for your good check in the sum of \$25.00, and the message of good will it bears.

I am wondering if you know the address of Thomas Old. If so kindly send it to me.

You will be interested to learn that Dr. George A. Warner is the guest lecturer for our school of ministerial training this summer at Wesley College. He has proven to be one of the best we have ever had during the years of the school.

I am thinking of going east in a few weeks, and shall be interested to learn if you are to be in the city during the next two months.

With kindest good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

August 16th, 1935.

Mr. James Ford Bell, Acting President,  
Red Owl Stores  
900 N. 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bell:

Some weeks ago I called at the office of your Company and had brief interview with one of your officers upon the matter suggested in the inclosed printed copy of an offer made by Mr. Frank Lynch of San Diego, California, in the interests of Wesley College of this city.

I may say that Wesley College is affiliated with the State University on a plan by which the courses in Wesley College School of Religion, Conservatory of Applied Music and Expression, are accepted for credit in the University on a plan of comity, by which students are permitted to register in both institutions as one. Wesley College does not offer any courses that are provided in the State University on tax support.

The College was invited to this affiliation by the State University in 1905. The Chamber of Commerce in Grand Forks joined the University in extending an invitation, and gave financial support. Wesley College serves all denominations, and is fostered by the local community for the service it renders.

I expect to be in Minneapolis next week Tuesday and Wednesday, and shall plan to call at your office, and hope that I may be granted the favor of an interview.

At the time Wesley College was brought to the University in 1905 the Chamber of Commerce was made up of local business and professional men. Since then the chain stores have come into the field, and we have not yet learned the technique of their ways as successors to the old time local merchants. I am not intending to imply any criticisms, but simply to explain my reason for seeking entrance to the general office in the hope that I shall have a sympathetic hearing by you, or the official who represents you in matters of this sort.

Yours very truly,

President Emeritus

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Inc.

August 16th, 1935.

W. Doyl Watt,  
2525 Second Avenue W.,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Doyle:

I note that the business man of Puget Sound College is a lay delegate to the next general Conference, and will have voice in selecting the bishops who may be elected at that time. The general Conference is to be held in Columbus, Ohio, during the month of next May.

I do not want you to use my name in your conversation with that Tacoma man, but speak in a general sense of a product of the University of North Dakota and Wesley College, both of which you have been closely related.

I am meaning to have you become interest in bringing about the election of Dr. George A. Warner of Santa Ana, California, as bishop. He is a graduate of the University and Wesley College with the class of 1909. That was before your day.

Dr. Warner has been our visiting lecturer here for our summer school for ministers, and has captured all classes and types of the ministers present. He is a man of outstanding ability in California, and pastor of a very important church. He was elected to General Conference at the head of his delegation, and doubtless will be put forward by his associates for the office of bishop.

Make this a particular matter in your thought and conversation with this financial officer of Puget Sound College, with whom you have such close fellowship. Lead him along in the conversation and learn if he has any other man from the coast in mind for the office, especially any candidate from that conference in which he is a lay member. It is quite important that you make this simply a matter of your interest in the University and Wesley College, and that you do not use me as a party to the conversation, except as you use me in your own mind.

I shall be interested to hear from you as soon as you have had the conversation suggested that we may discover interest, or lack of interest.

Our college matter is not moving rapidly, but was growing in the mind of the people until the rust blight came over the wheat fields of the state. Now we shall have to abide our time until they get adjusted

to the new and lessened crop prospects.

I have not heard from alumni of your region, but assume that my first letter is seed planted in good ground. I am trusting you to be party in interest whenever and wherever you have opportunity to speak a word.

Convey my greetings to your mother and to lady Osa Watt.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

August 16th, 1935.

Rev. Louis Magin, D.D.,  
Methodist District Superintendent,  
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Dr. Magin:

Please believe me when I say that this letter is not prompted by anyone else except the writer. I am not offering an apology for writing it, but simply to explain that it is my own thought, and that I am not acting as agent.

We have recently had as visiting lecturer at our summer school for ministers, Dr. George A. Warmer, of Santa Ana, California, who is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, and Wesley College, of the class of 1909. By general consent he is placed at the head of the rather eminent list of visiting lecturers whom we have had during the years. At the head in the sense of completeness of comprehension and correlation of his thought material. I have visited his church in Santa Ana and know that at home he is the same as he was here, a man accepted by the entire community as worthy of confidence and as having constructive purpose which commands his loyalty.

The impression he made here prompted a number of us to speak one to the other in favor of him for Bishop. He had not in any way intimated his thought of that office. I told him what we had been thinking, and he said it had been mentioned to him by others.

I am writing to you as head of the delegation from your conference, but more as personal and confidential friend. I assume that someone, or more than one will be mentioned out of the Coast delegations for the office of Bishop, and if all your Coast conferences should agree upon some one man he would very likely be elected.

I do not know any better equipped man in the entire church within my acquaintance, and I am passing this judgment to you for your consideration as you look over the field in the process of selecting bishops at the next general conference.

I was very happy to see that you were elected at the head

August 17th, 1935.

Mr. Don Whitman,  
City.

Dear Don Whitman:

I am about to write a sermon with you in mind as an audience and the philosophy of life as a theme. My high appreciation of you and real affection for you are my warrant for trusting you will give serious consideration to that which I shall try to set forth.

I am thinking of the stewardship of life, and all the factors that enter into life's achieving are in the measure of the stewardship that one receives from the heavenly Father who is the author of life, and all that sustains life.

There is only one Don Whitman in Grand Forks. He is not to be compared with anybody else in what he does or should do, but is to be measured by what he is in comparison with the possible Don Whitman. I am not ready to say that such comparison might not warrant a rather high mark of achieving, but I do mean that only such a way of measuring obligations is valid under the effect of the stewardship of life.

I did not intend to get into a debate with you when I visited you last. I was prompted to go to you by a feeling that was mine, that somehow I might share with you a feeling that has come to me with the increasing force lately. I have discovered quite a number of men through my years in the ministry, which is a task of discovering people and helping them to measure themselves against possible definite pattern.

The preacher we have had here for the summer school of pastors is a graduate of the University and of Wesley College. In many respects the leading Methodist minister of California. He caught and held every man of whatever type of mind among the ministers. In one of his talks he made a special point of the fact that no man was to be measured in comparison with another man, but only in comparison with his own possible self in making appraisal of his response to definite summons. I had been thinking in that very same way about you since our last conversation, and Dr. Warner's remarks had an outstanding effect upon me to strengthen my own convictions in that way of measuring what a man might require of himself.

Mr. Won Whitman -2-

I went to your office intending to suggest to you that you come out some day and go through Wesley College, its past work and its prospective mission just as you would go through a J. D. Penny store, and give us the benefit of active partnership based upon your own understanding of the total meaning of Wesley College and its mission. What I said to you that day is true to fact, that you have ventured largely into a number of enterprises that appealed to you. If I had taken the large measure of you that I now have, and if I had been successful in presenting Wesley College to you as I believe its merit warrants, it might have been that Wesley College now would be well advanced in the way of substantial endowment. I do not mean that such endowment would all come from you, but I do mean that I have gone on in a sort of single handed way during the years past, and have brought money in from outside the city without having enlisted a hearty partnership among men of the city. Of those men you have a distinctive place. I do not count myself as having any credit in bringing you to that pre-eminence, but I do feel free within my vocation as a christian minister to pass on to you a conviction that has grown within me and which I believe to be of higher origin than my own mind.

I might have sought opportunity to say this to you personally, and you have never failed to give me full liberty to speak to you, but somehow I feel that I want to put it in this formal way, and allow you to read it and meditate upon this by yourself. If I am correct in my insight and measure of you, and if my interest is of definite warrant, I may rely upon it that the same Spirit will speak to your own mind and heart. This is the way that I am thinking about you, and my hope is that it will become the way you will think about yourself.

Every sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

August 19th, 1935.

Dr. W. H. Witherstine,  
City.

Dear Friend of Many Years:

I am warning you in advance that this letter is somewhat of a sermon on the philosophy of life. I am hoping that you will read it with serious intent, and meditate upon it.

Your professional life has been devoted to diagnosing human candidates for good health, and you have been successful in a high degree. My whole life has been devoted to a related profession of diagnosing candidates for the most abundant life that humans may realize within their life circumstances, including the personal endowment and quality of human tuition and training that becomes a part of every personality, and distinguishes one from all others. I am not a competitor in the business world, and have as my highest reward my joy in the life achieving of those with whom I have had relation, and in whose success I may have had a share. That is the reward of a teacher or minister. I am grateful that I have been able to discover one or another through the years who have under my suggestion ventured out into new ways of life and have found a rewarding experience of new emotions.

I have taken measure of your inherited capacity and the factors that have entered into your achieving professional career, including your success as a business man. I appreciate the many courtesies that have been so readily extended by you to myself and family, and to others whom I have recommended to you for special consideration. I have had abundant evidence of the good will of yourself and Mrs. Witherstine.

What I am about to suggest now is in no sense a criticism, but rather intended to reveal my larger thought of you, and your capacity to count in the enterprise of building a christian community out of the imperfect order of our civilization.

I covet you to be assigned a leader in the humanitarian activities of our community and state as you have become in a professional sense within your chosen occupation. When I say this I am admitting that I do not think you have come to that measure of altruistic devotion. It seems to me that the time has just come in your life when you may enlarge out in a way that will be a new joy to



Dr. W. H. Witherstine -2-

yourself and to countless others.

I have meditated much upon the conversation we had some weeks ago in which we approached the idea I am attempting to set forth. I remember well your statement that your giving must be out of your income, and not out of your accumulated reserve. I remember the mention you made of the share you had assigned to each one of your children. The more I have thought upon the matter the more clear it is to me that you may well revise your way of thinking on that matter. The reserve that you have accumulated includes gifts that you might have bestowed upon this or that humanitarian cause. For instance, you mentioned, as you called it, "The Little church", and its need. I wonder if you might not have led that congregation in a way that would have carried the church free from all financial embarrassment without doing you or your family an injury. You have a congregation of choice people, and a pastor who stands out in a fine way before the community and the state at large.

Of course, I am thinking in a particular way of Wesley College. I am thinking over the list of men who have given largely, and recalling the warmth of friendship that has resulted, and their gladness over having been led to invest their money in so fruitful a way to affect the lives and generations to come. I do not mean to say that Wesley College is the only enterprise that might claim your larger devotion, but I do feel that it would be right and proper for you to devote yourself to a study of the College, and take a measure from that study of its intended purpose, the measure in which it has achieved through the years, and the prospect fronting it for the future, which prospect is entirely dependent upon means adequate to respond to the challenge.

Your children are now all grown, and in a good way to be able to care for themselves. You have done well by them. I find myself thinking that you will do them a greater service to enlist them in social enthusiasm to promote public good than to have your entire estate saved for them. Make them partners with you in benevolent undertakings commensurate with your position as a man of wealth and outstanding ability. I use these terms seriously for they are not too big for your position in comparison with other people of the community. I think it would be very proper for you to draw upon your capital to be among the leaders in the present canvass to meet the Lynch offer, and to take such action without reference to a question whether some one or another shall do likewise.

It is not the question of yourself in comparison with someone else, but yourself in comparison with your own possible self. I have long been convinced that such is the one way that every one of us should count his measure of obligation as steward, accountable to

Dr. W. H. Witherstine -3-

our heavenly Father who is the author of life and of all that makes life worth while.

I have spent now thirty years in this city in promoting a cause which was esteemed to be for the good of the youth of the state, and valuable in terms of community enterprise. For well nigh twenty years I have not made a serious appeal to you, or the people of Grand Forks. The time is now come when all that has been done depends directly upon what may now be done to sustain and carry forward Wesley College. It must not be left to me, or to the officers of the College. Wesley College was a community enterprise in the beginning when it was invited to Grand Forks by the University and the Commercial Club. It is now fronting a crisis, a crisis of danger or of new and enlarged achieving. By the very fact that you occupy the position you do in the city you are an important factor in deciding the present issue. If you will help lead the way I am sure that the reward to you in the new emotion you will realize and the sense of it all will be a reward great enough to make the investment seem to you to be one of the most valuable of your life.

I suppose I might have had opportunity to say this to you personally, but I have chosen to put it in writing that I might set before you the pattern that stands out in my own mind and arises from a sincere appreciation of you and the genuine affection for you which prompts me to covet you for what it will mean to you and to your children, to Wesley College and to generations of youth in future years.

I shall be glad to have you and Mrs. Witherstine visit Wesley College, go through the buildings, get a view of the needs and the meaning of it all so that you may become an active partner in an adequate program of cooperation for the future. Success would be easily within reach if such enlistment could be had. I know of no one in Grand Forks who can count more than you in bringing that to pass.

This is the way I think about you every day, and shall continue so to think in the days ahead. My long experience in dealing with others may be a good warrant for you to allow this whole matter to occupy your most serious thought. We can talk together on occasion when it may be your pleasure and desire, but let us move toward the goal in view.

What a thrill it would mean if you should be a principal factor in bringing this whole canvass to victory. That would be worthwhile, and I think it is possible.

WESLEY COLLEGE

Ever sincerely,

President Emeritus

EPR:A

August 20th, 1935.

Dr. Frank Lynch  
San Diego, California

Dear Friend Lynch:

I assume that you know of the recent visit of rust to the fields of North Dakota and the swift change in the spirit of the people that resulted therefrom. We had been working on a general plan of developing interest and good will toward the time of assured crop return. The rust means delay, but I hope we shall gather courage and go forward according to plans.

I have just seen W. V. O'Connor, the receiver of the closed First National Bank, and have his promise to recommend to the R. F. C. an extension of time on the mortgage proposition to November 1st. He was very good about it, and assured me that he would recommend and support the extension of time.

I have now a question to submit to you. We have two bonds of the Earl Fruit Company among the bonds given by George B. Winship. We can now cash these at par, or a little better. I think it would be perfectly proper to devote these to the mortgage indebtedness on the plan of your offer. That would mean putting another \$1000 with the bonds to make up \$3000 upon which you are to pay \$1000. Two thirds of the total \$4000 to be credited on the mortgage principal.

I talked with Mr. Edmunds about this, and it appeared to him right and proper, and I trust you will approve this use of the bonds, and accept the \$2000 as so much toward meeting your offer, seeing that the total proceeds of them will be devoted to cutting down the mortgage.

Please let me have your approval by return mail. This act will make progress, and help in several directions locally.

As the time passes it appears less likely that Mrs. Robertson and I shall be free to give ourselves the treat of accepting your kind invitation to see the great fair and to visit you and Mrs. Lynch again. We talk of it often and shall be glad if the way opens to allow us to make the trip. One reason for thinking that we will be held here is that President Wallace has suggested that I teach two courses in the School of Religion to keep up the work during this time of limited income. I did some teaching years ago and was very happy in my relation with students.

Dr. Frank Lynch -2-

It may be that I can render some years of service along that line of work while growing old gracefully.

As a little family item I may say that our daughter's oldest daughter was married on August 2nd in Eugene, and will make her home in Corvallis. Our grandson who has been with us during his years at the University has been elected a teacher in the Fargo high school. That is considered a great compliment to a young man who has had only one year of teaching. He is twenty-three years of age.

Dr. Warner was our visiting lecturer at the summer school for ministers. He is a graduate of the University and Wesley College, finishing here in 1909. He made a great hit with the ministers and captured every one of them. The general expression among them was that he would be an excellent man to be elected Bishop. It would be fine if we could have a Wesley College graduate in that high office, especially if he is excellently well fitted for it as Dr. Warner appears to be. I hope he may meet you in the near future and give his report on experience with the summer school.

Convey my greetings to Lady Lynch.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus

PS. For your convenience in making reply I inclose a slip, together with a return envelope.

Dear Mr. Lynch  
San Diego, California.  
Dr. Frank Lynch

August 20th, 1935.

August 20th, 1935.

G. Sommers & Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

On several occasions I have purchased from you furnishings for Wesley College. You have always given me the goods at wholesale price. My last considerable purchase was a supply of rugs about three years ago.

We are interested in securing a new supply of rugs for the study rooms of students. We have used the size 6 x 9. In the last lot we purchased there were a number of the quality called "President", and if I remember correctly.

I regret that the bill is not at hand as the secretary is away on a vacation. I should like you to give us the very best price you could allow on these rugs of quality mentioned, together with any other grades and prices that you could especially recommend. Also please quote prices on the same quality of rugs of a slightly larger size.

I expect to be in the cities in the near future, and shall hope to call at your office. In the meantime I shall be interested in receiving your quotations.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

August 20th, 1935.

Mr. J. E. Loudon,  
1010 Badgerow Building,  
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Loudon:

In conversation with your brother-in-law, Garthar Jackson, I learned that you and wife were with him and wife on a vacation. Of course I was interested to learn your address and asked him for it. I was glad to get it. I have been thinking of you.

If you read carefully you will readily discover why I was thinking of you. I trust you will welcome an invitation to come in on the Lynch proposal as a good alumnus. A check from you for \$25.00 would look real good. If you are impulsed to make it more feel perfectly free to do so, and gratitude will be your reward in corresponding measure.

We have addressed quite a large number of the alumni, and have had responses with gifts from \$1.00 to \$25.00. I think of you in the top class of those who have responded with that sum. Really we need your help, and will greatly appreciate the same.

I trust all goes well with you. I bank on you for steady and increasing success in your chosen profession.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

George A. Warner -2-

Dr. Warri

August 22nd, 1935.

George A. Warner, D.D.,  
Santa Ana, California

Dear Dr. Warner:

I wish very much that you find time, and that by the earliest possible date, to drive down to San Diego and visit Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch. Be sure to call him Dr. Lynch, for he received his LL.D. from Wesley College.

Plan to be there for evening dinner at the hotel after your afternoon visit, for I am sure they will want you to remain for dinner. It is after dinner that I have had my best visits with him. At the table, however, or at their home, include Mrs. Lynch in your conversation.

I want you to give your interpretation of the spirit you found here among the pastors, and their appreciation of Wesley College and of the principal donors, Dr. and Mrs. Lynch, who are abundantly able to set Wesley College on a sure foundation for the future, and what better living memorial of himself could he have in his old time home state than this institution so affecting the successive generations of student youth?

It will do no harm for you to repeat to them some of the unrestrained utterances you made to the preachers when referring to me and my relation to you in the years when you were finding your way to your future life work. Be sure also to bring in expressions of appreciation of President Wallace.

I am thinking of you as salesman to Dr. and Mrs. Lynch. He does probably understand the conditions of North Dakota at this time, but you may say to him that there is prospective increase of at least one hundred students this fall, so that the field for Wesley College is enlarging and not diminishing in these times of stress. The rust does not kill off students even if it does destroy the wheat. We may assume the increase would be much larger had the crops come in according to early promise.

If you can impress him and Mrs. Lynch with the idea that they should go forward with the founding of Wesley College as a personal enterprise and abiding monument, and do whatever is necessary to that end, even though others should not be able to assist as largely as they might wish, and you will be a blessing to them and to Wesley College.

Of course I believe in making an appeal to all others also, but they should never allow whating on others to affect their purpose to see Wesley College continue, and to grow in its measure of service.

George A. Warmer D.D.,  
Santa Ana, California -3-

Dr. Wallace has suggested to me that I teach two courses this coming year to make up for the absence of our second man due to lack of funds. I think I will undertake to give courses on, "Man and Religion", intended to be for freshmen and sophomores, to help them adjust their religious thinking to all the departments of the University as new meanings come to them, and second course would be based upon my chart, and be named "The History of Christian Progress" from 1500 A.D.

I hear only words of praise of you and your work while here. If our preachers had the election in their control you would become Bishop at the next general conference, but just now I want you to specialize on that trip to San Diego, and write me a report. You can truly say to them that you visited them because you wanted to report on your experience at the summer school. They gave \$100 this year towards its support. You need not mention that but may have in mind that they have been generous supporters of this distinctive venture of Wesley College. They have given as high as \$500.00 some years. It is important that you get to them soon because I am in correspondence with them on phases of this financial canvass.

Convey my greetings to Lady Warmer.

Ever sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus



Dr. Frank Lynch  
1925 K Street  
San Diego, California

August 22nd, 1935.

Dear Friend Lynch:

I am writing this second letter to revise my suggestion relative to the Earl Fruit Company bonds and the account of them at this time. All I want from you at this present time is permission to count them in the way suggested provided they should be called in as they may be. Otherwise I suggest another line of policy.

Dr. Wallace was in Minneapolis yesterday and talked with the head of this northwest district of RFG about this mortgage. I had talked with him before. His name is Pat O'Biran. He would be in favor of accepting \$15,000 in full settlement of the mortgage if we could get that past J. F. T. O'Connor in Washington. I intend to talk with some of the chief creditors and try to get them to recommend such a settlement if we can be assured of ability to put up the cash.

I am intending to go to Washington in the near future. I wish I could have from you liberty to deal with the authorities with the assurance that we could pay the cash up to \$20,000, provided we could have full settlement of the entire claim. We would save \$4000, as the principal of the mortgage is now about \$24,000. Of course we would make a strenuous appeal for settlement on the basis of \$15,000, toward which we could use the Earl Fruit Company bonds if need be.

I talked yesterday with W. M. Murray, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, son-in-law of the late M. F. Murphy. He promises to be actively interested in the Wesley College canvass. I received yesterday by mail a subscription of \$500, and today had a visit from one of the leading merchants of the city who looked over the entire plant with view to his share in the canvass. He was much impressed and very cordial in his expression of appreciation. We are definitely making progress.

The rust blight may serve to be a good argument for revising the basis of settlement in our favor, but I can not make sure of that. Give me your best advise on the matter, and a statement of what you can support in case it could be brought about. Your reply is important just now to guide us in our negotiations.

I have good reason to expect a generous contribution from a man in Washington who graduated from the University in 1903, a classmate of

Dr. Frank Lynch -2-

John M. Hancock, the donor of Robertson Hall. He is a very prominent attorney and has a large income. He invited me to call at his office, and gave me quite a definite hint that he would help. He once said that he would like to equal the gift of Mr. Hancock some day!

I will await your reply with interest.

Ever sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

August 22nd, 1935.

Mr. D. R. Green,  
Commercial National Bank,  
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Friend Green:

I have your good letter of August 19th relative to the Delta Zeta bonds. I have just called a woman who is interested in the business affairs of Delta Zeta, and she tells me that they have good assurance that the house will be full the coming year, and that they will be able to begin paying on their bonds. That should mean that they will have some money by November 10th, when the interest again becomes due on these two bonds which we cherish.

I note what you say about your mother being willing to take one-half of the \$1000. I might understand from your remark that if Wesley College takes care of the other \$500.00 that we are to have the two bonds. I assume that is your meaning.

Now I see an easy solution to the whole matter by you taking the other half. You surely will want to leave a memorial of yourself in this city where you are highly estimated.

Since you have gone to Bozeman I find myself thinking that when I make a trip to Dickinson I shall want to extend that journey as far as Bozeman. I think you will greatly enjoy that city, and I hope you will have a very satisfactory business career in your new field.

Convey our greetings to Lady Green, or Ladies Green if your mother is still there, and Mrs. Robertson will surely be wanting special remembrance to her young gentleman friend who she so greatly admires.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

Wilton, Minn.  
Aug. 26, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson  
University Station  
Grand Forks, North Dakota  
Dear Sir

I will try to find a  
buyer for you as you  
asked in your letter but  
its rather hard to sell land  
on good terms and at a  
reasonable price now.  
I bought land like yours  
near there for \$5 an acre  
cash and land agents  
are selling it for \$12 an  
acre on time. But I shall  
do the best I can for you

Yours Truly  
David Larson  
Wilton  
my address is  
out of way

August 31st, 1935.

Mr. D. <sup>R</sup> Green,  
Commercial National Bank,  
Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Mr. Green:

In thinking over my recent letter to you I fear it is possible to convey a meaning that I would not like to have credited to me. It might be taken to mean that I was treating lightly my personal obligation to you in the transaction involving the Delta Zeta Bonds.

I remember distinctly your statement at the time, that you would rather have my signature than the bonds, and I have never had any other thought than to make good your confidence, though it would be a rather severe strain if I could not realize upon the bonds, or be reimbursed by Wesley College.

I failed to thank you and your mother for her generosity in assuming \$500.00. I still am a bit in doubt just how you intend that to be made of record in the Lynch Campaign Fund. I suppose if she gives the \$500 to you it will release one of the bonds to Wesley College, and the bond will be evidence of the gift until it is cashed. I should like you to give me explicit statement on this point.

It is pretty difficult to get a break through the situation here because of the perplexity of the people over the disappointment of crop prospects, but I hope we may yet win.

You will note that your associate here at the neighboring desk has been made President of the Red River National Bank, and also the Minnesota National Bank on the East side.

The preacher and his committee are busy planning for the meeting of the annual Conference to be held in Grand Forks beginning October 3rd. Dr. Leonard is still growing in favor with all the people.

With cordial good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

September 3rd, 1935.

G. Sommers & Co.,  
Sixth & Wacouta,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Attention: J. S. Palon

Dear Mr. Palon:

Thank you for your letter of August 28rd,  
giving information concerning rugs.

It is quite probable that I shall be in  
the cities the latter part of this week, and shall hope to  
call upon you Thursday or Friday.

It appears that the College really needs  
about twenty rugs of the 6 x 9 size. I am not certain  
that I shall be in position to make the purchase at this  
time, but shall appreciate the privilege of conversation with  
you, getting your advice on the merits of the Arminster rugs,  
as compared to the velvet rugs, for the purpose intended.

Yours very truly,

EFB:A

President Emeritus

September 7th, 1935.

Rev. H. F. Midkiff,  
Brainard, Minnesota.

Dear Midkiff:

I was interested in reading your letter. I regret that you are not finding Brainard all that you could desire. Possibly you were there to bring it up to that high standard for a successor.

I had not known that Dr. Hohn was appointed to the district. Since receiving your letter I have heard that it was a trade between the district, and the pastorate at Crookston, with a possible temporary appointment at Crookston. I suppose that is what you have in mind when you mention Crookston as a possibility for you. It would be fine if it can come out that way, but resolve to be happy wherever you may be.

With kindest regards to Lady Beth,

Cordially yours,

EPR: A

President Emeritus

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HOME OFFICE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 7, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

My dear Doctor:

In re: Observance of 148th Anniversary  
of U. S. Constitution.

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I do not know of a more interesting and, basically, important subject and it is brought to our attention again not only by the activities of the American Bar Association but by the joint resolution pending in Congress to create a national commission to commemorate the 150th Anniversary two years from now.

I feel sure you will be interested favorably in the Home Office communication by the United Mutual to its policy owners and members on this subject; I shall, of course, always be glad to hear from you on this or any other matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Geo. A. Bangs*  
Geo. A. Bangs,

President.

GAB:MC



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Plaza N.D.  
Sept 10

E.P. Robertson President  
Wesley College

(1935)

Grand Forks N.D.

Dear Sir,

Received your letter at hand. You may have misunderstood me in regards of renting the Cummingsham quarter.

I intend to give you \$250.<sup>00</sup> cash rent each year payable Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Providing you would rent it to me for a term of three years. I would break up all of the sod and I would get all of crop each year, and you folks would have to pay the taxes. I would also like to have an option of buying the land within three year. If these terms are satisfactory. Please let me know at once as I wish to plow ~~the~~ land this fall.  
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Please let me no by return  
mail.

Yours Truly  
J. B. Ginn  
Plaza  
R.R. 4. N.D.

HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL CHURCH  
HARTSDALE, NEW YORK

MINISTERS  
GEORGE HUGH SMYTH, D.D.  
JOSEPH W. GRAY, JR.

September 11, 1931

Rev. E. P. Robertson, D.D.  
Wesley College  
Grand Forks, No. Dakota

My dear Dr. Robertson:

Your very welcome letter of the 7th received.

Personally I should love very much to have you come to us this fall but in all honesty I must tell you that the financial condition is so bad that in conference with my big business friends I believe it would be a futile trip. Therefore I am going to wait until we see some brightening skies before urging your coming on.

I agree with our beloved friend, Mr. Hancock that when things do pick up it will not be hard for us to help you in your great work.

Never forgetting my visit to Grand Forks and seeing the fine work you have accomplished there, I am,

Faithfully your friend,

*George Hugh Smyth.*

GHS/HRM

Mr. James Ford Bell, Acting President,  
Red Owl Stores  
900 E. 4th Street,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

September 21st, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to invite your favorable consideration of Wesley College on this occasion of a community effort to provide for its financial needs. You will note by the inclosed that Mr. Lynch, a trustee of the College, has made a very generous offer to meet the crisis.

Wesley College is affiliated with the State University on a plan by which courses offered in the College are accepted for full credit in the University, the main purpose being to provide non-sectarian courses in religion, suitable for University credit. The College also provides instruction in applied music and expression, and maintains two residence halls that are fully occupied by students of the University and College. None of the money given to Wesley College is used to duplicate work offered in the State University.

At the time Wesley College became affiliated with the University in 1905, the Commercial Club of Grand Forks contributed with the University in extending the invitation and supported it in a financial way. The Commercial Club at that time was made up of the old time local merchants. In this new day of business, with the chain stores supplying the place of the former local merchant, it seems fitting to appeal to the head office of the Red Owl stores, who are well represented in Grand Forks.

I have been at your general offices two times, but did not find your predecessor or you in the office. I am thinking of being in Minneapolis next Tuesday, and shall hope to call at your general offices. If you know that you are not to be there on Tuesday I trust you may intimate your favor to one of your authorities with whom I may have conversation.

Thanking you for kind consideration, I am

Yours very truly,

EFR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

September 21st, 1935.

Mr. E. R. Winner, Regional Manager  
Montgomery Ward & Company  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

My past several visits to your office have been mistimed and I have not had the privilege of meeting you to present to your favor Wesley College and the present financial undertaking in its behalf.

I am expecting to be in Minneapolis next Tuesday and phone your secretary. If it shall prove to be a day when you will be out of the city possibly you will be good enough to intimate your favoring opinion to one of your officials.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

(22?)  
September 22nd, 1935.

Hon. G. L. Young,  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Friend Young: -

When I saw you the brief time in Bismarck you volunteered your intention to favor us with a part of your contribution this fall. I am writing now simply to say that it will suit the convenience of Wesley College and its needs if you divide the sum you intend to send, and send a portion now. This may suit your convenience better, and it will be a welcome practical assistance to Wesley College.

It was good to see you again in Grand Forks, and to note the honor in which you were held by the associates of the Bar.

With continued good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

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September 23, 1935

SPOKANE  
PORTLAND  
SEATTLE

Dr. E. P. Robertson  
University Station  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I have your letter of August 16th, and will be very glad to do as you suggest in talking with Mr. Robbins of the College of Puget Sound. When with him last week, I asked him if he knew of Dr. Warner, and he did not seem to be acquainted with him. I had no further opportunity of developing our conversation along the lines that you suggest, but will try to find out what his attitude might be, when again with him.

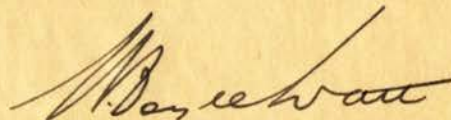
I have been out of things for most of the summer. Shortly after Mrs. Robertson was here I was sick with pneumonia and have just started back to work this month. This may explain why you did not hear from me before.

I am very sorry to hear that once again North Dakota has been blighted with rust and that the hope for better times must be postponed. You can depend on me to have an active interest in the welfare and future of Wesley College, and hope that the time may come in the future when I may do something in a material way. In the meantime, I will be glad to speak in favor of the College to those out here who should have an interest in it.

My mother and my family are all in fine health. Mother plans to go to Texas this fall to spend a few months with Marjorie.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



WDW.HB

September 27th, 1935.

Standard Oil Co.,  
Fargo, North Dakota.

Attention: E. N. Shallenberger

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 23rd in response to my letter of the 22nd, inviting your assistance in the present campaign for Wesley College.

I regret that you cannot take active part in the canvass at this time. I note that you must have an estimate in your annual budget. I trust you will allow opportunity to present the case of Wesley College before you make out your budget for the coming year. I believe that it is a good claim to the favorable consideration of the Standard Oil Company as a factor in the economic life of North Dakota, and thereby a partner in the institutional upbuilding of the state.

Other connectional business organizations are giving favorable consideration to the claim of Wesley College at this time, under the Frank Lynch offer. I have confidence that the claim to your favorable consideration is a good warrant, and I am daring to hope you will so conclude.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

President Emeritus



# STANDARD OIL COMPANY

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AND AGENCIES

E. N. SHALLENBERGER, MANAGER  
A. H. WORRALL, ASST. MANAGER

SALES DEPARTMENT

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

September 23, 1935

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SUBJECT **Donation**

Mr. E. P. Robertson, President Emeritus,  
Wesley College, U. N. D.,  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.,

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge your letter of September 21st and are sorry to advise that it is a policy of this Company to make out a Budget of Donations the early part of each year. No expenditure for this donation was included in our budget and we are, therefore, unable to make a donation toward your good cause.

Yours truly,

*E. N. Shallenberger*

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CONSIDERATION.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

September 21st, 1935.

District Manager  
Standard Oil Company,  
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

I inclose copy of a proposal of Mr. Frank Lynch of San Diego, which explains my warrant for appealing to the Standard Oil Company.

Your company is strongly represented in Grand Forks, and this effort to meet Mr. Lynch's offer is a community affair.

I am told by your representative here that an appeal of this sort must go to the Fargo office.

I should be very happy to visit you and present the matter more fully, but the Standard Oil people are so well schooled in disburshing benevolences that I am daring to believe this letter will be as effective as would be a personal vitis.

I shall be glad to confer with your local manager, and answer any questions that you may present through him, or directly to me.

I have been officially with the College for thirty-six years, thirty-two as president, and four as President E<sub>m</sub>eritus. I have been requested by the President, and the executive committee of the trustees, to assist in negotiations to meet the offer of Mr. Lynch.

I trust this appeal may have your kind and generous consideration.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

September 27th, 1935.

W. Doyle Watt,  
Ferris & Hardgrove  
Exchange Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Doyle:

Thank you for your good letter of September 23rd. I am sorry that you had to invest energy in defending your health against that attack of pneumonia, but am glad that you have come off the victor.

I note what you say about Wesley College, and your readiness to be a factor in promoting its interest among the alumni of that region.

We are to send out another letter which will reach many of your people probably.

President Wallace is intending to go to California again this fall. I think it would be fine if you could arrange to have a meeting of the alumni at such time as he could be with you, and make a personal representation of the college, as well as bring greetings from the University and College.

Talk with the fellows, and let me know what they think of this suggestion.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

September 27th, 1935.

Mr. Alton F. Junge,  
Bigelow & Webb,  
430 Rand Tower,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Junge:

Wesley College has no separate body of alumni apart from the University alumni. We assume that University alumni have some degree of interest in Wesley College as partners with the University on the joint affiliation program.

I suppose I sent to you an appeal such as the one to others for assistance to meet Mr. Lynch's offer. We have had very few responses from alumni. I think that is not an exception to the general experience of people who send out canvassing letters. I do not think it implies necessarily that the alumni are not interested.

It is a critical matter that we have the active interest on the part of all friends of Wesley College at this particular time. You will note that the offer of Mr. Lynch has a date limit of October 14th. That is near at hand. I am confident Mr. Lynch would extend the time if we could have expressions from a large number of people indicating their willingness to share with him in this joint endeavor.

I was talking with Harold Wylie a few days ago in Minneapolis about this very matter. He suggested that we have a meeting of the alumni of the joint cities to consider the proposal, and see what can be done. He did not suggest that the purpose be advanced, but rather that I meet the alumni and present the case after they assemble. This is a mere matter of detail and it is an open question in my mind whether or not a frank announcement of purpose should be made with the

Alton F. Junge -2-

invitation to come together. However, I assume that the alumni will be bright enough to guess that there is something of this sort in mind because they have all received some word.

Wiley suggested that I see you and ask you to join him in working up a meeting. You may think of others that would readily cooperate. I would be willing to go down to the cities and meet you most any day that you may name.

Please let me hear from you with some good word of cheer.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

September 30th, 1935.

Mr. George M. Price,  
Langdon, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Price:

I am sending you copy of the letter  
I have just written to Mrs. McMillan.

I trust now that you will act promptly  
to give me this information to cooperate with me to get  
the application to the Federal Land Bank if we find that  
the way is clear for such to be considered.

I have the name of the man to whom I  
am to report, and he assured me that he would give the  
case his personal attention, and inform me at once.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours cinerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

September 30th, 1935.

Prof. Waldemar Westergard, Ph.D.  
1000 Manning Ave.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Prof. Westergard:

I wish to thank you for your  
good check in the sum of \$10.00 to apply on the Lynch  
Campaign Fund.

We did not receive a shower of  
responses to our letters, but we have entertained the  
thought that they might begin to come with the opening  
of the new school year. Your remittance is the second  
one within a few days. We could this a good omen.

With best wishes for your continued  
professional success.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

Copy

September 30th, 1935.

Mrs. C. B. McMillan,  
Hannah, North Dakota.

Dear Mrs. McMillan:

I remember with interest your letter written to me before you reached home, in which you expressed the hope that we might reach some satisfactory settlement of the business matter between you and Wesley College.

Mr. Price reported about that time that you had made application for the loan, and had been refused because you had other land not encumbered. I did not know that a formal application had been made until Mr. Price informed me. I had discussed this particular matter with officers of the Land Bank, and I somehow had gained the impression that the loan would be allowed if application were formally made.

When in St. Paul not long ago I called at the office of the Federal Land Bank and had a talk with the man next to the President. He told me that a loan would be refused by the commissioner upon application of one who possessed land not encumbered, but that rule did not hold in case of the Federal Land Bank itself. He could not look up the application because I could not give him the name you signed to the application, or a description of the land. He suggested that I get either your name, or a description of the land, or both, as such was included in the application, and he would look it up and inform me upon it. I am therefore asking that you tell me how you signed your name to the application.

If it is found that application may be accepted by the Federal Land Bank I assume from your recent letter that you would be willing to cooperate with us to secure loan.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Price so he will have it for consultation with you at an early date. Meantime I hope to have a letter from you or him, giving your name as signed and a description of the land as it was set forth in that application.

Thank you for early attention to this matter which has been so long held between us.

Cordially yours,

President Emerit



106 Brown street  
Strasburg, Virginia.  
October 1, 1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

My dear Dr. Robertson:-

You will be somewhat surprised to hear from an old student of Wesley of some more than twenty years ago. Since my return from Europe during the World's War I have been located in the South serving in the Church South. We have been here at Strasburg closing our fourth year. Having somewhat a limit of four years in our Church we may move at Conference which meets this year in Staunton, Va. next week. However, our work here has gone very nicely and if other four year men return we likewise expect to return. Bishop Mouzon presides and we are not certain just what disposition he will make of the four year men.

I frequently think of the West and am anxious to run out to North Dakota and see the scenes and friends of former days. When my brother Simon was living we frequently went to Minnesota -but not since the War have we been to your State. I trust that you are well.

I have just edited a symposium entitled "RELIGION AND THE CHURCH TO-MORROW" which will be released by Cokesbury Press January First. In the work I have such men as Bishop McConnell, Dean Hough and Stoltz, Dr. Beaven, Dr. Cavert and other outstanding men along with Roger Babson. I would be pleased to dedicate this volume to you if you would accept this humble gratitude from a former student?

RELIGION AND THE CHURCH TOMORROW is my third attempt in the literary field, having written before "The Misunderstood Christ" and "The Master's Twelve." The former being a volume of my sermons.

Greet any old friends whom I may know and with every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,  
*Fred B. Wyand*  
Fred B. Wyand.

LAW OFFICES  
**GEO. M. PRICE**  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
LANGDON, N. DAK.

October 2, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

In Re: Willian Campbell Land

Replying to your favor of September 30, I have a memoranda in my file indicating that the Campbell Land in which Wesley College is interested in this County is as follows:

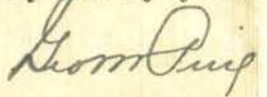
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The Northwest quarter ( $NW\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southeast quarter ( $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ); Lots three and four (3 & 4) of section twenty-one (21); also Lots one and two (1 & 2) of section twenty-eight (28) all in Township one hundred sixty-three (163), Range sixty-two (62).

The application to the Federal Land Bank for a loan on this land I never saw but ~~there~~ must have been signed Minnie E. MacMillan.

However, in going through the file I find a letter written to Mrs. MacMillan by the Land Bank of date January 7, 1935 from which I quote: "Your application has received the consideration of the Bank and we are unable to authorize a commitment for a loan. After a careful and complete review of all available information it appears a considerable portion of this farm is low, hay and pasture land. Further facts disclose there are no buildings on the property and it is not desirable security for a Federal Land Bank loan. We are unable to grant a Commissioner's loan since it appears you have other unencumbered land which might be suitable for a Federal Land Bank loan."

It woul appear to me that it is useless to go further with this idea of a Federal Land Bank loan. I think I told you when the matter was proposed that I was doubtful of success.

Very truly yours,



Geo. M. Price

GMP:MAT

October 8th, 1935.

Mr. Alton F. Junge,  
Bigelow, Webb & Co.,  
Rand Tower,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

*sent my  
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Arnold Kerpness  
Kernble Glass  
Paul Albrecht  
Zupler*

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I quite agree with you that any invitation to come together should clearly convey the intent of the call. However, I had no thought of attempting a solicitation of these who should come together in any such manner as would put individuals to a test in the presence of the others. My hope would be to present the case of Wesley College with view to giving them information as a basis for any volunteer aid they might be minded to give within their means.

I am clear in my own mind that such thought is warranted by multiplied evidences I have had from Alumni assembled in many cities. While I recognize them as primarily University Alumni, I have found them generally to have a cordial interest in Wesley College as a cooperating partner invited into such cooperation by the University itself. As I have said before, Wesley College has no separate body of Alumni. The College is so intimately related to the University that its voice of invitation to the young people of the state has always been an invitation to come to the University.

I suppose that through the years I have been more constant in travel throughout the state than any other of the united faculty. Whenever I have spoken in high school assemblies, or churches, I have been an advocate of the University. I do feel now that it is of very modest expectation that I entertain toward University Alumni when I presume to think they will have something more than a passing interest in the affairs of Wesley College. I know well the condition of business and the consequent limitations upon most people. There are some who have money, and might turn it toward Wesley College. Sympathetic interest of associates helps to stimulate such investment. My meetings with the Alumni in Los Angeles have been very cordial. I am daring to hope that interest among Alumni of the Twin Cities may not be less cordial. The test is not exclusively, or even primarily, the basic one. Active friendly interest is primary.

Yours very truly,

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President Emeritus

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Yours very truly,

October 9th, 1935.

Mr. Willis K. Nash,  
Foshay Tower,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LIEBIGER BUCKLE

Dear Friend Nash:

You will see by the inclosed that next Monday is the limit date set by Mr. Lynch for his offer as outlined. After getting his offer I had conversation with one and another of the people here, and with representative men in other towns of the state. There was a cordial interest manifested, and we had good reason to be hopeful as we approached the harvest season, with the prospect of a big crop. After the rust came there was a decided setback, and we have not really made much progress toward meeting Mr. Lynch's offer.

In fact I did not think that it would be possible to meet it out of small subscriptions. That unless we could make it the occasion for the coming in of two or more new large contributions success would be doubtful. I am frank to say that I had you definitely in mind as one of the prospects.

I may not have been warranted in this, but I gave rather serious import to your response to my solicitation a year ago that you would think of Wesley College in 1935. That expression I counted in response to my frequent importunities. I confess that I speak from one side of the conversation, but I have had rather strong conviction that my expectation was justified.

You grew up in this locality and came to business strength here. You were a member of the Commercial Club at the time Wesley College was urged to come to Grand Forks and affiliate with the University. You contributed to the financial fund that was raised at that time. You are the most outstanding man in a business way of all the men who have acquired strength in this locality and have moved to the Twin Cities to carry on through enlarging enterprise. There has been nothing lacking in your courtesy and personal friendship so far as I am concerned, and I deeply appreciate your friendship.

However, if these institutions are essential to organized society, and if that means the devotion of a man to commit his whole life to the maintenance and upbuilding of an institution such as Wesley College, I can not feel that it is the Divine order for human society to allow such devotion to be expected of one devoted to the task without the practical partnership of those who, during the time, are free to devote themselves to personal business and the acquiring of wealth.

I have admitted above that I am looking at the situation from my position. I feel deeply upon the matter, and shall suffer keen disappointment if I can not have your practical aid to achieve the realization of the mission for which Wesley College was founded, and

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Willis K. Nash -2-  
I do not intend to become a nuisance to you, nor to make your  
response to this appeal a condition of continuing friendship. I have  
gained much in conversations with you by being privileged to look through  
your eyes upon the broader world over which you have traveled so much  
more extensively than I have been privileged to do. I have found comfort  
also in discovering that my religious philosophy is so well supported by  
what I have learned to be your general view.

On last Saturday evening I was accorded a rather big party in  
recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination as a minister.  
Throughout these years I have aimed to voice the central meaning of  
religion, and have believed that such central meaning compassed the whole  
measure of life and that human life is all about the same pattern funda-  
mentally wherever found. I have sought to promote understanding  
of good will among the representatives of the religious denominations  
assembled here as students. I feel that I have accomplished in this  
respect something quite worth while. I do not look upon my service  
within my office as a failure.

My concern is for the institution in which I have embodied my  
life work to its continuing mission. Wesley College is at a crisis.  
More students are in its halls than at any time for five years past,  
and after all its possible mission is open and clear. The only thing  
needed is money. Money to redeem obligations and to provide mainte-  
nance for the future. It is not a large sum as institutions go, or  
as even measured by the personal business of men like yourself, but  
without the financial support, Wesley College can not continue its  
educational mission. In this crisis I turn to you.

Yours very truly,

Dear Friend:

Wesley College  
President Emeritus  
The  
Wesley College

President Emeritus

October 9th, 1935.

Mr. W. S. Elford,  
New York Life Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

RESIDENT BUREAU

Dear Friend Elford:

SINCERELY YOURS

We have just closed our session of the North Dakota Conference which met here during the past week, finishing Sunday night with the reading of the appointments by Bishop Magee. The Conference voted unanimously requesting the reappointment of Bishop Magee to the St. Paul area for the next four years. I do not wish to say anything more at present. Before reading the appointments Sunday evening in the church, which was crowded to the doors, Bishop Magee took occasion to speak of you and Mrs. Elford as among the dearest friends of his circle, and mentioned you as former residents of Grand Forks, and members of this church. Of course that mention of you called back memories of earlier years when I was pastor at Rochester, and had the sacred privilege of final interview with your father before his passing. It was on October 4, 1885 that I was ordained deacon in the Methodist Church at Rochester where the Minnesota Conference was held that year, and there I entered the Conference on trial. On this October 4, 1935, just fifty years after my ordination, I announced to the Conference my decision to take a superannuate relation. On Saturday evening the Conference held its educational banquet, with recognition of my fifty years as the principal feature. It was a big party. Something over two hundred were at the tables. The spirit was most cordial. The President of the University, Dr. John C. West, presided over the speaking program. Dean Coffee of the Agricultural College of the University of Minnesota, was visiting speaker representing the Methodist Board of Education. I followed after several brief appreciative speeches were made by E. J. Lander, Rev. J. G. Moore, and President Wallace.

After coming back from California I adopted the plan of cultivating the leading people of this city and of other towns, building up expectation in view of the big crop that was in prospect, and hoping to make a concerted drive for the College after the gathering of the crop. There was very cordial response to that suggestion but rust spread over the entire state and destroyed the wheat crop. Now potatoes are found to be of little value on the market because of being hollow through rapid growth resulting from the abundant moisture and hot weather. We are facing a real crisis in Wesley College. President Wallace is in fine fellowship with the President of the University, and has the confidence of all people with whom he has dealings. He is using up his personal credit for means of support and has about reached his limit. He expects to go soon to California to see Mr. Lynch.

Our Sayre Hall is filled to capacity with young men,

Mrs. A. S. Elford  
 He expects to go soon to California to  
 He is having his wife's belongings packed for removal of books  
 and Larimore Hall lacks only a few of being filled with young women.  
 This is an advance over any of the past five years. The future of  
 Wesley College is clear and open for its continuing mission. The one  
 thing needed is money. I began last year, and have received  
 a cordial invitation to continue the coming year. I drive down every  
 Sunday morning. The salary is \$500.00 a year, and that is considerable to  
 help toward the modest expenses of life and myself. By choosing to go  
 on the superannuate list I shall receive from that fund about \$450.00  
 for the coming year.

I have been giving my time largely to the College in  
 attempting to promote the Lynch campaign fund. Since March 21 I  
 have received nothing in the way of compensation from the College.  
 The time I was in San Diego I cancelled a policy of the  
 claim of \$240 to receive from Mr. Lynch a check of \$10.00, that being  
 one-fourth of a gift by me of three to one, so I fit into his offer.  
 I borrowed on life insurance until I have burdened a  
 policy of \$3000 to a point where I thought best to surrender it.  
 We have our neat little home free of debt, except the current year's  
 taxes of \$151.00, and I have a paid up policy of \$1000 in the North-  
 western Mutual of Milwaukee, and another for \$1000 in Mutual Life of  
 New York. That is not a great estate, but we have a large estate in  
 acquired friendship, as was evidenced at the banquet.  
 I am setting this all before you, but have no plea of  
 upon it. I know something of the multiple demands that are upon you.  
 If you see in this situation a call more urgent than some others to  
 which you might otherwise respond I know it will be your joy to give us  
 cheer by practical aid. You are the only friend of all the years to  
 whom I have written thus intimately. I do not want you to allow  
 yourself any pain if you can not respond in the ways you have responded  
 to unnumbered calls of various kind in the past. I know well that we  
 have your affection and sincere good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Elford Elford:  
 President Emeritus  
 New York City

President Emeritus

October 25th 1932



THE NASH COMPANY

1814 FOSHAY TOWER  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 10, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
University of North Dakota,  
Grand Forks, North Dak.

My dear Doctor:

I have read your letter of October 9th with a great deal of interest. I can understand that you are having some difficulty in meeting your program in connection with additional subscriptions for Wesley College.

These are very difficult times. I have had a certain plan of living which included a certain amount of money for institutions like Wesley College. I have been going over my affairs of late, and I find that it is impossible for me to follow the program that has been my habit for some years. Taxes of all sorts are coming on to me as an individual, and in addition to this, the corporations that supply me with income, are subject to a very much increased tax.

As I visualize the situation, during the next few years I must live very carefully and in addition to that, I must not take on any new forms of expense. Apparently it is the fixed policy of the Government, both state and national, to tax people who have incomes, to the very limit. I do not see how this can be avoided and if the money is to be taken in taxes, it cannot be used in any form of benevolence.

I am sorry indeed that I cannot meet your suggestions in the way that I would like to do. My whole scheme of living in 1936 will have to be remodeled to the new conditions nowprevailing.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

WKN G

*W. K. Nash*



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Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

My dear Dr. Robertson:

I have your letter forwarded by Mr. Junge, as well as his reply to your letter.

It is unfortunate that this matter came to my attention at such a late date. It was utterly impossible to call a meeting before the date you have mentioned.

I am sure it is the hope of every alumnus that you have been successful in arranging with Mr. Lynch to extend the date limit. If such is the case, I will be very glad to work with you further in calling a meeting in the future. I agree with Mr. Junge that the purpose of the meeting should be stated. Mr. Junge and I have perhaps a similar thought in mind in making this statement as we have had considerable difficulty in getting a fair attendance at alumni social functions.

If it is your desire that we call a meeting in the future, please let me know when it would be possible for you to be here.

Sincerely yours,

*A. G. Kirkness*

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**CAIN & BALCH**

LAWYERS

DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA

October 14, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

Inclosed herewith is my check  
in the sum of \$15 which I agreed to send you for  
the benefit of Wesley College on or before October  
15th.

The same is made payable to you  
as I did not know to whom it should be properly  
addressed.

Yours very truly,

*Durward E. Balch*

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INSPECTOR OF AGENCIES  
NORTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

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October 16, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

My dear Doctor Robertson:

Thanks for your fine letter of October 9th. We have always thought a great deal of Bishop Magee out West, and think a great deal of his brother, John, who is now our Pastor.

We are always very much interested in what you have meant to our family and what you have done through your long years of service.

I note all that you say, and remember well what you told me returning from San Diego regarding our friend, Lynch. There isn't any thing I could do now along that line but I will keep your letter in my personal file and see what the future may have in store.

Please remember me to all inquiring friends and I trust you will always stop when you go through here. I remember the little town of Thompson very well and I have written Life Insurance there and round about.

Above every thing else now take care of yourself. With kindest personal regards, I am as always

Most cordially yours,

*Albert S. Elford*

ASE W

October 17th, 1935.

Rev. Fred B. Wyand,  
106 Brown Street  
Strasburg, Virginia

My dear Fred B. Wyand:

Your letter of recent date brought to me a surprising suggestion. I sincerely appreciate your thought of me, and can voice no reason to think of your offer otherwise than with favor and sincere appreciation.

The recent session of the North Dakota Conference was held in Grand Forks at the First Methodist Church. The session covered October 4th, which marked exactly fifty years from the date of my ordination as local deacon when I entered the Minnesota Conference at its session in Rochester in October, 1885. On this October 4th I addressed the Conference briefly and announced my decision to exercise my right to choose a retired relation.

On Saturday evening was the educational banquet which was made to serve as an occasion for recognizing my fiftieth anniversary in the ranks of the Methodist ministry, the larger share of the time having been spent in educational work in North Dakota. I came to this state in the fall of 1899.

Thank you again for your kindly thought of me. I wish you continued increasing success in your ministry.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 17th, 1935.

Mr. Howard Patmore,  
3948-6th Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Howard:

Thank you heartily for your check in the sum of \$25.00. I wish there were a thousand of you, and all prompted to do likewise.

Our prospects here were very good in advance of the maturing of grain. Old settlers declared the prospect was about the best ever, but rust spread over all the wheat fields, and the situation changed from optimism to depression, and has been very severe upon the people.

We have made some progress with our funds, but have much to do yet.

Dr. Wallace is soon to leave for California to confer with Mr. Lynch. He will doubtless see you in Los Angeles.

Our Sayre Hall is filled to capacity, and a number of applicants were turned away. Larimore Hall is nearly filled, which has not been the case for a number of years. In general we feel that the movement of life in Wesley College is upward.

I trust all goes well with you.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 17th, 1935.

Mr. A. D. Johnson,  
County Auditor,  
Bemidji, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I am interested to learn the exact basis upon which I might be able to settle tax claims against the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  22-147-35.

I wish to thank you for your kindness in writing to me suggesting the possibility of compromise settlement, and I shall appreciate your kindness in furnishing me the exact data which you promise.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A

October 17th, 1935.

Rev. Silas E. Fairham  
Methodist District Superintenden  
618-14th St. South  
Fargo, North Dakota.

My dear Fairham:

I wish to express the very cordial welcome which I feel, with countless others, upon your coming to the eastern district. We shall be glad to have you visit us at Thompson when that comes easily in your schedule.

Permit me to say that the people there, in the days of Frank Hollet, had their quarterly conference in the evening at the home of a member, on a week night, and made it a social affair with refreshments at the close following the address by the superintendent to the group. We could arrange that sort of a gathering for you at most any time, or we shall be glad to adopt any suggestion you may offer as to the sort of meeting you would like to have called. Of course we should be glad to have you on a Sunday.

We had the ladies of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the number of twenty-one, at our home this week Tuesday for their regular meeting. It was a rather happy affair. They made it an occasion to take a collection to meet the share Thompson is to bear in making up the sum necessary to give the superannuates annuity on the basis of \$10.00 annually instead of \$9.00. The collection amounted to near \$6.00, leaving only a dollar to be raised to make up the estimate for the Thompson Church. Mrs. George Trydahl, or formerly known as Gladys Trydahl, was our lay delegate, and she proposed this way of raising the money. She had evidently talked with the officers before the meeting for it carried by unanimous vote.

I trust you will have a happy time in your new home at Fargo, and in your new associations in the district.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A



October 17th, 1935.

Mr. A. G. Kirkness  
Gamble Store #173  
2937 Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Kirkness:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter of recent date, and the very cordial attitude which you manifest. I regret that I did not get connected up with you sooner, but we may yet have opportunity to council together.

The date named by Mr. Lynch has passed, but I am very sure that some new plan of continuance of the present plan will be worked out in the near future.

President Wallace is soon to leave for California to have conference with Mr. Lynch on the matter, and I am hopeful that progress will result. If I should be in Minneapolis in the near future it will give me pleasure to call on you personally at your store, and talk over any new developments.

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EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 17th, 1935.

Mr. Durward E. Balch  
Dickinson, North Dakota

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EPR:A

President Emeritus

Chicago Ill. Oct 18 1935

To whom it may concern

This is to notify you that  
Mrs. W. Thorwaldson passed away  
some time in June 1934  
her husband's address is

Mr. A. Gire  
Edinburg  
N. Dak.

A. Schultz  
140 W. Ontario St  
Chicago

October 19th, 1935.

Mr. A. S. Elford,  
New York Life Building,  
810 Third Avenue, S  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Elford:

Thank you for your cordial letter of the 16th. I note that you are to keep my letter in your personal file. That encourages me. I hope you will have frequent occasion to turn to your file.

I will accept your advice to take care of myself. I have been doing that pretty well now for more than seventy-five years. I began early.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 19th, 1935.

Harold H. Wylie  
c/o Wells Dickey Company  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Harold Wylie:

Thank you for your good letter.  
If a group of you will take in hand the calling of the  
Alumni to a good will conference, luncheon or dinner, I  
shall be very glad to meet with you.

We may agree beforehand that we  
are not to be disappointed if the gathering is not large,  
but I am hoping if the call goes out that we may voice  
sufficient measure of good will to prompt quite a number  
to come together provided the hour is convenient.

I shall be interested to receive from  
you any suggestions that you have to offer after consulting  
Mr. Kirkness and others.

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2.50  
Cordially yours,

EPH:A

President Emeritus

October 19th, 1935.

Prof. H. R. Brush, Ph.D.  
U.C.L.A.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Brush:

When I saw you last at the University you very kindly volunteered your intention to send a practical love letter to Wesley College. I sincerely trust that no communication from this office has dulled your interest. If this letter is one too many please excuse it, but be gracious when you recall that we have waited to this time in expectation of your practical aid.

We were successful in the early summer in winning a very cordial attitude toward a financial undertaking for Wesley College, and prospects were fine until rust struck the wheat fields of North Dakota. The tragedy was all the more a tragedy because the people had such high hopes of an abundant harvest due to the frequent rains. The change from optimistic expectation to blank disappointment has been very trying upon the brave people of North Dakota, but they will come through.

On October 4th at the session of the North Dakota Methodist Conference held in Grand Forks, I announced that the day marked my fiftieth anniversary of ordination and entrance upon the regular ministry. On Saturday evening an educational banquet was held and made an occasion to recognize my golden anniversary. Somewhat over two hundred were at the tables, and it was a very happy affair.

I have elected to take the retired relation which does not mean that I need to cease serving where I may be desired. I am serving as pastor of the little church at Thompson, twelve miles along the highway.

We often think of you North Dakota people at that beautiful University campus, and think of you always with active confidence and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

EPH:A

President Emeritus

October 19th, 1935.

Dr. F. F. Burtchett  
U.C.L.A.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Burtchett:

When I visited you in your University room you manifested very cordial interest in Wesley College, and volunteered to say that you would send an expression of practical good will. I hope no letter of mine has dulled that cordial interest, and I trust you will not be offended if I now remind you of your remark, and of our continuing expectation warranted by the same.

During the early summer we made very definite progress in cultivating good will toward financial aid for Wesley College, to be consummated at the time of the harvest that then promised to be of the old time abundant sort. The rust blanket that spread over the wheat fields of the state just before harvest time worked a tragedy in the expectation of the people. They have endured disappointment through several successive years, and this one promised to be a relief, but has proven to be another one added to the period of depression. It is all the more trying from the fact that hopes were running high when brought to sudden disappointment. Not only has the wheat crop been blighted by rust, but the potatoe crop, which is an important one in this region, is without profit. The price ranges around ten cents a bushel, and the large percentage of potatoes is loss because of too rapid growth, producing a hollow interior. If the people had stock of any kind to which to feed the potatoes or grain, it might be a source of profit, but the stock largely vanished last year.

I think of you often, and always with a warmth of confidence and good wishes. I am glad that you and others from North Dakota are so happily located in that great University, with its beautiful campus.

I hope this letter finds you in your usual generous mood, and with a good bank balance.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

VENNA A. GOODWIN  
Secretary to the Minister

HENRY W. GUTHRIE  
Financial Secretary

First  
Methodist Episcopal Church

Minister

GEORGE A. WARMER

Post Office Box 116

Phones: Study 1300, Personage 110

Location, 317 E. Sixth Street

Santa Ana, California, October 21, 1935

Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College  
University of North Dakota  
Grandforks, North Dakota

My dear Dr. Robertson:

After much trying I finally worked out a date with Dr. Frank Lynch and had a delightful contact. We dined at the Churchill Hotel and spent some hours discussing Wesley College and other things afterwards.

He is quite convinced that you may find it impossible to carry out the financial agreement made when you were out here. I think he might be susceptible to such proposition as you may suggest.

Will you not write me what would seem a reasonable expectancy from what you know of conditions there and from your acquaintance with Dr. Lynch.

I am to go and have dinner with him again before November 11th. If I could be specific in a proposition it is just possible that we could get him to see things our way. He is making money. San Diego is on the up grade, the Fair has been a financial success, the fleet is in, this is a fairly good psychological moment.

You know I am not as good a solicitor as you are, nor do I have the background of acquaintance as you have, but I will do my best.

How did your Conference come out? I hope satisfactorily and that the college is represented in the delegation.

Your gracious words about my ministry this summer are deeply appreciated. The men received me very graciously about which I was most happy. It would have been rather tragic to have a graduate come back and his effort be recorded as a dismal failure.



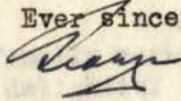
#2. Dr. E. P. Robertson

Regarding matters of a General Conference nature as we discussed I will write you later. Things seem to be taking form but it is a little too early to pass judgment.

The pleasure of my contact with you and Mrs. Robertson lingers on. My debt to you seems larger with the gathering days. I trust your course in the college will give you a great opportunity for as we say out here, concerning one who knows "you have the dope".

Best wishes,

Ever sincerely,



GAW/VG

October 22nd, 1935.

Mr. Howard W. Patmore  
Registrar's Office  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Howard:

*greeting*  
This is just a line to say that Dr. Wallace is on his way to San Diego. It would be a very fine thing if you and others could make it convenient to have a luncheon with Dr. Wallace, and allow him to have the benefit of that friendly ~~meeting~~ *greeting*. In San Diego he will be at the Hotel Churchill. He will not remain there longer than is sufficient to reach an agreement with Mr. Lynch relative to modification of his offer.

I may say that the year is opening well and there is manifest a strengthening of spirit in Wesley College and the University. Our Sayre Hall is filled to capacity, and Larimore Hall is nearly filled, which is above what it has been for several years past. In general the outlook is hopeful.

I trust all goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 22nd, 1935.

W. Doyle Watt,  
214 West Crockett  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Doyle:

This is just a line to say that Dr. Wallance is on his way to California to see Mr. Lynch. I do not know what his plan may be for his return trip. If you think it would be possible to get a group together for dinner possibly on his return through Seattle, I am sure he would appreciate it. He does know that I am writing to you and made no suggestion of this sort before he left. His address in San Diego will be the Hotel Churchill. He does not count upon a long visit there.

I trust your health is in full measure again, and that affairs generally are going well with you.

Convey my greetings to your mother and Osa.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 22nd, 1935.

Mr. G. J. Opegard  
622 Chayman Building  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Opegard:

I shall not have the pleasure of a visit to California this season, but Dr. Wallace is on his way to San Diego. He will likely call on some of you good friends in Los Angeles, and I am sure he will receive a welcome.

When I was last among you there was a suggestion that we have a luncheon party but the time was then too short to arrange it. Possibly you could get a group of your friends together to have lunch with Dr. Wallace. I know he would appreciate it, and you would find him a delightful dinner companion.

Dr. Wallace is visiting Mr. Lynch in San Diego with view to a readjustment of Mr. Lynch's offer. You know the rust blanket over North Dakota wheat fields has had a decided effect upon the returns from the farms this year. We had been cultivating friends here with view to a concerted drive after the maturing of what was then in prospect a very abundant crop. The rust blight dissolved that bright dream, and we must go our way more slowly. I am glad to say, however, that Wesley College, with the University, is feeling a forward and upward movement, and we should come through to a better day soon.

With cordial personal esteem,

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

October 22nd, 1935.

Mr. A. G. Kirkness,  
Gamble Store #173  
2937 Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Kirkness:

I am planning to be at Hamline Homecoming on November 1st and 2nd. I have a letter from Harold Wylie in terms like your own of recent date.

I could plan to be in Minneapolis on October 31st, and meet any company you might find it convenient to assemble.

I am not thinking to ask you to put forth special effort to induce members of the alumni to come together unless you find it entirely agreeable to them. I am quite sure that some of my old time friends would be willing to get together provided a time convenient would be selected.

I leave the matter to you and Wylie, and shall act according to your pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

EFR:A

President Emeritus

241 W. FOOTHILL BLVD.  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA  
PHONE STERLING 5244



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Oct. 24th, 1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus, Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dear Dr. Robertson,

It will always be a pleasure to keep you posted insofar as I can respecting our timber affairs, so do not hesitate to call on me at any time. Lack of news and especially good news as evidenced in a concrete way in the form of a substantial check has been largely the reason why you have not heard more frequently from both Mr. Sayre and myself.

So far we have only received \$2000.00 from this year's operations, the bulk of which was used to take care of interest on our obligation to the Bank. The Bank is going to insist that some reduction be made in the principal of their note out of this year's operations. The Operators are still in the woods cutting timber and there are logs in transit so that we have not been able to make any accurate estimate of what our income will be. Under the terms of our contract, the operators pay out of the proceeds of the sale of logs the License Fees due the British Columbia, this cuts pretty heavily into our income. This year to date they have disbursed approximately \$5000.00 for License fees and there are still more to be paid. A considerable portion of this amount was for arrears and the licenses are in better shape than they have been for some little time. After taking care of the Bank's requirements, unfortunately there will be nothing left for disbursements to the hungry shareholders.

There has been an improvement in the timber market this year, in that logs have brought a better price and that is encouraging to the operators to cut more logs and we expect this year they will put more logs into the water than they have for the past four years and with the improvement in the building industry we are hoping that next year even more logs will be cut and a larger price will be obtainable.

Building in Southern California has nearly trebled over the corresponding period last year. I presume we may be a little more fortunate here than in other places, but I believe that it is indicative of what we may look forward to in the country as a whole.

#2 Dr. E. P. Robertson.

It would have been nice if you could have come to California this summer, or perhaps we can look forward to a visit from you this coming winter, when both Mr. Sayre and I would welcome the opportunity of discussing timber matters much more fully than we could hope to through correspondence.

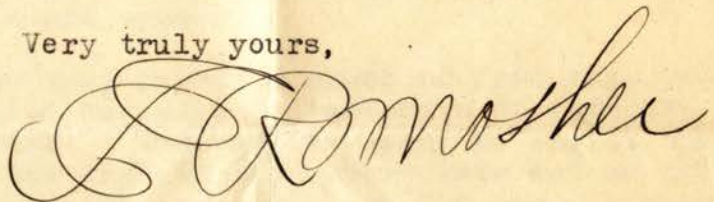
Our timber investment has been a long drawn out affair and we just have to realize that we are not going to receive the returns which we all hoped we would realize eventually from this investment.

I expect to see Mr. Sayre within a day or two and will let him read your letter. I have not seen him for a couple of weeks, but he is enjoying his usual good health.

Mrs. Mosher and Muriel just came into the office and I told them that I was writing to you. Both wished to be remembered to Mrs. Robertson and yourself.

Please do not hesitate to write at any time I can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Mosher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

Phone 2436

# THE IMPERIAL CHEMICAL CO.

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**Aberdeen, South Dakota**

Oct. 25-1935.

Wesley College.  
Grand Forks, N.Dak.

Gentlemen:

Att: Mr E.P.Robertson.

On August 3rd., we received your letter and check of \$25.00 to apply on account. We placed your account at \$100.00 and have given you credit of \$25.00 leaving a balance of \$75.00.

Our representative Mr Nichols called on Mr Heazlitt your Engineer on September 9th and was given an order for a drum of Imperial Boiler Metal Treatment to be shipped Nov. 15th. Mr Heazlitt advised Mr Nichols he would see you relative to the order.

May we be favored at this time with your check of \$75.00 to balance the old account, in order that your shipment may go forward by Nov. 15th.

Awaiting your reply, we remain,

Respectfully yours,  
IMPERIAL CHEMICAL CO.  
*Merle Babcock*  
Director of sales.

MB:DN



October 30th, 1935.

Mr. D. R. Green,  
Commercial National Bank,  
Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Friend Green:

I have before me your letter of September 6th, making explicit statement of the terms on which you would surrender the bonds and the note.

I have had frequent conversations with a representative of Delta Zeta, and now have something definite to report to you. They promise to take up one of the bonds by payments as follows: \$250.00 by November 15th, \$100 by December 15th, and the balance by Christmas time. I think they are doing a very considerate act in making this effort. Their house is fairing a bit better this year in the number of girls joining their sorority, and they are hopeful that they will work out of their financial difficulties.

I wish to thank you for your thoughtful telegram of congratulations upon my attaining antiquity. I really feel just about the same as I did before, and am enjoying my modest pastorate at Thompson. The ladies are to put on their annual chicken supper the evening of November 7th. The tickets are fifty cents. Non residents are permitted to purchase tickets even though they do not eat supper.

Mrs. Robertson has had a rather severe time with gall bladder pains, but is about normal again. We are alone with each other this season as our grandson is teaching in Fargo, and we have no successor in our home.

Dr. Wallace is in San Diego, and we are hoping for a good report when he returns. I have had two messages from out there, both stating that building activities have revived, and one stating that Mr. Lynch is again making money. That is an item of basic importance to our affairs.

The church here is getting on well. The report was that the income of last year was sufficient to pay the budget expenses and nip off about \$300 of the current budget debt.

Convey our greetings to Lady Green, and be assured that we think of you often, and always with affectionate esteem.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

# COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK



BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

September 6th-1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

The fact that I did not answer your first letter may possibly have lead you to believe that I had misinterpreted the meaning you intended to convey. After receiving your letter of August 31st I am more convinced than ever that this may possibly be the case.

Knowing you as I do, I did not misinterpret the meaning of your letter, and I know that you are very much interested in the outcome of the bonds involved in this deal.

I had in mind just this. If the Sorority could arrange to pay \$500.00 and interest or if the College through some of its good friends, could advance that amount I would be willing to surrender the \$1,000. in bonds, together with the note, and at that time you could give mother credit for \$500.00 on your campaign fund.

I feel that these people through some of their local alumnae could arrange to retire one of these bonds without a great deal of difficulty due to the fact that the College will benefit thereby. I should think that some of the alumnae or their better halves should be interested enough in Wesley College to arrange to take care of at least one of these bonds. If you do not care to put the matter before them in this manner I think that you have enough supporters in Grand Forks who would gladly do it for you.

Reports from the northern part of the Red River Valley are to the effect that they have the best crops in the State of North Dakota so that possibly this condition may prevail in other sections. While I do understand that the Grand Forks territory does not have such good prospects, I hope that the crop conditions are such that the University and Wesley College will not suffer.

Kindly remember us to Mrs. Robertson and with kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

DRG:C

October 30th, 1935.

Dr. Henry L. Osborn,  
Hamline University,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Osborn:

Thank you for your good letter. I am expecting to be at Hamline Homecoming on Saturday. It will be my first for many years, and I am looking forward to the visit with eager expectation.

You may have in mind the fact that I graduated with the class of 1865, and am now past my fiftieth anniversary as an alumnus. Our class numbered six: Walter G. Teter, deceased; Charles H. Griswold, deceased; I think; Lottie Gale Griswold, their home was in Modesto, California; Lewis J. Van Fossen, room 600, First National Bank Building, Minneapolis; Luella Bradley Van Fossen, deceased; E. P. Robertson, antique.

I may suggest that it might be well worthwhile for President Pace to visit Van Fossen. He is a man of means, and able to defend himself in the possession of the same. He is an attorney. His son is an attorney with him.

You asked for the present address of E. E. McGree. I think you may obtain that by writing to Mrs. George A. McGree, Ontario, California, widow of a brother of E. E. McGree.

A. Z. Drew is in western Canada. I think L. J. Dobner, of St. Paul, or L. J. Van Fossen of Minneapolis, mentioned to me some time ago his place of residence.

Miss Laura Knott published a "History of the Hebrews" some years ago through the Methodist Book Concern, of New York. I think a letter to the Book Concern would locate her. She was teaching in a school in the East.

I was happy in the election of Dr. Pace to the Presidency of Hamline, and have had my confidence justified by reports that reach me concerning the steady progress of Hamline under his leadership.

I am gratified in thinking that you are still on the campus to speak a word of greeting to one so alien as I am.

Cordially yours,

October 30th, 1935.

Mr. George A. Bangs, President,  
United Mutual Insurance Company  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear George Bangs:

I sincerely appreciate your thought of me evidenced by communications from your office and by your personal letters.

I often think of you in your new position and am trusting that all goes well with you and the important company that looks to you as the directing head.

As I think of you and Mrs. Bangs I recall only expressions of courtesy and friendship which I am glad to cherish.

Wesley College has suffered the experience of institutions of the sort because of the depression. Last March I visited Mr. Lynch in San Diego and secured from him the offer set forth on the enclosed. We made some progress, but when the rust blanket spread over the state we found it practically impossible to make headway. My successor, President Wallace, is in San Diego now having conference with Mr. Lynch. I have had intimation through reliable source that southern California is experiencing a renewal of prosperity, and that Mr. Lynch is again making money. I am hoping that President Wallace will come back with a good report, in a form to be used at the bank.

Convey my greetings to Lady George Bangs.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

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November 4, 1935

(Dic. Nov. 2)

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

My dear Doctor:

It was more than a pleasure to find on my return this morning from a short business trip to Chicago, your letter of the 30th ultimo; it was indeed a pleasure to know that you had remembered us.

I regret that we did not have an opportunity to personally greet you while we were in Grand Forks on our last visit which was, however, a somewhat sad one; we were called back, you know, by the death of Mr. Vallely.

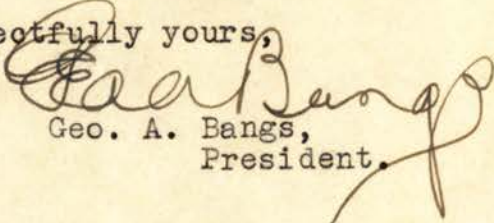
I am glad indeed to convey your greetings to Mrs. Bangs who, likewise, has most pleasant recollections of our friendship.

I have been much distressed of late to know of the illness of our mutual friends, former Mayor Dinnie and his good wife; I hope by the time this letter reaches you that they will be fully convalescent.

You may be sure that wherever either Mrs. Bangs or myself may be, we will always have kindly thoughts of our friendship with you.

Trusting that from time to time you may find an opportunity to write us, I beg leave to remain,

Respectfully yours,

  
Geo. A. Bangs,  
President.

GAB:MC



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November 4th, 1935

Secretary of Wesley College  
City

Dear Sir;

We wish to call your attention to the enclosed statement for \$2.75.

It has been on our books since September 19th 1934, and since that date we have spent thirty cents in postage beside the several trips out to the college trying to collect. In other words it is an expense and a bother to us and no doubt annoying to you.

The amount is so small that we believe it has been overlooked.

Won't you send us a check this month?

Thanking you in advance and hoping you will not take offense at our frankness we remain,

Respectfully Yours

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November 4th, 1935.

C. L. Linfott,  
East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to be able to send you the  
inclosed check for \$10.00 to apply on account.

We shall keep you in our thought for another  
check as soon as funds become available.

We trust you will continue to be gracious.

Yours very truly,

MFR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$10.00

President Emeritus

November 4th, 1935.

Mr. A. G. Kirkness  
Gemble Store #173  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Kirkness:

I wish to thank you for your efficient and friendly interest in promoting the luncheon held at the Andrews Hotel last Thursday. To me it was a very pleasant affair.

You may be interested to learn that the checks and promises amounted to \$63.50. This sum includes what was given at the table and what I obtained from individuals afterward.

I appreciate the practical aid and also the friendly spirit manifested by all, and especially by yourself.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A



November 4th, 1935.

Mr. Harold H. Wylie  
WealbeDickey Co.,  
McKnight Building  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Harold Wylie:

I want to thank you for your part in promoting  
the luncheon party at the Hotel Andrews last Thursday.

You may be interested to learn that checks and  
promises from those present and from others whom I met later,  
amounted to \$63.50. That helps some.

The cordial spirit of those present abides with  
me and is deeply appreciated.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

E R A

November 4th, 1935.

Willis Supply Company  
503 East Third Street  
Duluth, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

We have your statement of November 1st, and are happy to be able to send you the inclosed check for \$10.00 to apply on account.

We shall keep you in mind for a check to cover the balance as soon as we may find it possible. I am daring to believe that you will continue to be patient.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$10.00

President Emeritus

November 4th, 1935.

Imperial Chemical Company  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Through obtaining some recent modest contributions toward our fund, we are enabled to send you the inclosed check for \$40.00 on account.

It is a pleasure to send this because of your courtesy in the matter.

I note what you say about credit for goods ordered to be sent November 15th. I trust that this check and our promise to continue your account in a favored position will be sufficient to warrant you in allowing the goods to go forward as expected. I know the same will be needed by the proposed date of shipment.

Please favor us with a reply that we may know upon what to count.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$40.00

President Emeritus

November 4th, 1935.

Rev. Wilson Johnstone,  
Wahpeton, N. Dak.

My dear Johnstone:

I have a letter from Samuel T. Brooks stating that he is informed by you that I am back \$30.00 on my dues for the printing of the Minutes. This is a surprise to me as I was not aware that I was being assessed. I did not count myself as in any "detached service" but as retired.

I suppose I may be obligated for my share of the minutes this year, and possibly last year on the basis of \$500.00 salary.

Please give me your interpretation of the situation as I am related to it.

My cordial good wishes attend you in your pastorate at Wahpeton.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A

November 4th, 1935.

Mr. E. C. Carney,  
216 Plymouth Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Friend Carney:

I want to thank you for your very kind words on occasion of the luncheon last Thursday.

You may be interested to learn that cash and promises from those present and several whom I saw later, amounts to \$63.50. I attribute the cordial treatment of my "visiting cards" to your words of commendation and quick approval of the suggesting of passing the cards. I had hesitated in my own mind feeling I might be transgressing propriety. That fear was all dispelled by the spirit of the company and by many words from those present as they passed out.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

November 6th, 1935.

Willis Supply Company  
503 East Third Street  
Duluth, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I am much pleased to be able to send you the  
balance of your account. Please find inclosed check for \$10.94.

I wish also to express our appreciation of your  
courtesy and patience. We shall hope for a continuance of  
business relations that shall be mutually agreeable and profitable.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Ck. \$10.94

President Emeritus

November 6th, 1935.

Quality Print Shop  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

I am much pleased to be able to send you the  
balance of your account. Please find inclosed check for  
\$6.50.

I wish also to express our appreciation of your  
courtesy and patience. We shall hope for a continuance of  
business relations that shall be mutually agreeable and  
profitable.

Yours very truly,

EPR: A  
Inc. Ck. \$6.50

President Emeritus

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November 6th, 1935.

Imperial Chemical Company  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Gentlemen:

I am much pleased to be able to send you the  
balance your account. Please find inclosed check for \$25.00.

I wish also to express our appreciation of your  
courtesy and patience. We shall hope for a continuance of  
business relations that shall be mutually agreeable and profitable.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. ck. \$25.00

President Emeritus



November 6th, 1935.

Grand Forks Tent & Awning Company  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

We have your statement of recent date, and are very happy to be able to inclose check to cover your claim.

During the years of depression the courses of income of Wesley College, being wholly benevolent, were sorely affected, and the income of the college virtually dried up. It was a new experience for us not to be able to pay our monthly bills. We have had your account before us for some time with intent to meet the same as soon as funds might be in hand. We have been catching up on accounts lately, and are able today to include yours.

I am writing this much simply to let you know that we have not been negligent in our thought of you.

Yours very truly,

EPR:A  
Inc. Chk. \$2.75

President Emeritus

*Houston*  
November 11th, 1935.

Mr. Howard ~~Houston~~,  
American Cyanamid Company  
535-5th Avenue  
New York

Dear Howard Houston:

I have on file your last letter with its volunteer invitation to call upon you when I might be in New York. The prospect of such a visit would be important in my thought were I to contemplate a trip east.

President Wallace is a member of a church board that will hold a session in the east in November, and that takes him to New York, and it is not needful that I should go. I am sure that the gracious welcome that would be mine will pass over to him when he calls at your office as I hope he will.

We made some progress on the Lynch offer, but the season became impossible when the rust blanket spread over the state just before harvest. Dr. Wallace has recently returned from a visit with Mr. Lynch, and reports that Mr. Lynch manifested deep interest in the College, and an earnest desire to have others enlisted with him in the present undertaking. He extend the time of his offer, and we shall seek to enlist friends who may have the disposition and the means to help.

Our friend Bill Boyce is now in the Empire Building, and is head of the agency there of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. His presence there makes the building take on new interest in my thought. In fact, I think often over the list of you whom I knew as students who have made your way far out and far up into the business world. I shall be glad if this letter finds prosperity coming your way in growing measure.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

November 11th, 1938

Mr. William L. Boyce  
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company  
Empire Building  
New York.

Dear Friend Boyce:

I had entertained the hope that I might visit New York this fall. I anticipated as a special pleasure the visit I would surely pay to your new office. I have often looked upon that lofty building, and have tried to picture the business life centered there. It was all impersonal to me until you established your office there.

President Wallace has recently returned from a visit with Mr. Lynch in San Diego. I think I sent you a copy of Mr. Lynch's offer. We made some progress in an effort to meet his offer, but the season was against us in North Dakota. The rust blanket spread all over the state just before harvest. Dr. Wallace found Mr. Lynch very friendly in his attitude, and deeply interested. He readily consented to extend his offer, and the earnest hope that others would join him in a concerted effort to set Wesley College free to continue its important mission.

The past five years have been testing ones, but we have come through, and now feel the movement upward as well as forward. Your old home, Sayre Hall, is filled to capacity, and has a waiting list. Larimore Hall has more occupants than for a number of years, and is nearly filled to capacity. Dr. Wallace, and the President of the University get on very happily together. Conditions are favorable for a real advance for the College, but the situation is still critical.

You know that I have long had you on my prayer list, and well up on the list. A suggestion of your own gave me warrant to place you there. When Dr. Wallace calls upon you I am sure you will extend to him the gracious courtesy that would be shown me. Plan with him intimately and frankly, and try to work out a way of definite cooperation that will include you as a partner and potent factor in the present and future of Wesley College.

Convey my most cordial greetings, and the greetings of Mrs. Robertson, to Jennie Gale Boyce.

Sincerely yours,

President Emeritus

November 21st, 1935.

Mrs. M. S. Titus  
130 N. Oakland Avenue  
Pasadena, California

My dear Mrs. Titus:

Permit me to recite a bit of history as an approach to the situation to which I invite your benevolent attention.

The School of Religion of Wesley College has been conducted through the years upon a basis of tuition free to students of all denominations. Salaries of teachers have been paid out of the funds of Wesley College solicited from individuals. During the years until the period of depression, the College was able to pay all expenses promptly, including salaries. When the depression came on and the sources of income were dried up a debt accumulated and grew to such measure that it was necessary to allow the professors in the School of Religion to accept other positions. There was serious question about continuing the instruction in religion unless funds could be made available in advance to cover the cost. We had always had Methodist professors in this department of the College work.

When it became known that our professors in the School of Religion were going to other positions numerous applications were received through teachers' bureaus for positions thus vacated. Among them was the application of a young Presbyterian minister, who appeared to be exceptionally well prepared and eager for a teaching position such as this offered at Wesley College in connection with the University. It seemed like a good time to enlarge the scope of patronage that might be expected by employing a professor of the Presbyterian denomination, their being so many students of that denomination in the University, and the Methodist and Presbyterian churches being able to get on so well in mutual understanding. It seemed proper to invite people of the Presbyterian Church to contribute toward the curriculum instruction in Religion made possible through Wesley College for credit in the University. It is upon this basis that I approached you before Dr. Tanner was definitely engaged. You referred me to Mr. Vanderhoef, and later sent me a check for \$250. In conversation about this Mr. Vanderhoef expressed his gratification, and also volunteered the hope that in the future the sum might be increased. That check was put in a separate fund, and used exclusively to aid in the payment of Dr. Tanner's salary, which last year was \$900.00 and living rooms provided free in Sayre Hall. This year Dr. Tanner continues, and as he is married he and his wife are given free use of a suite of rooms in Sayre Hall, and he is being paid a salary of \$150.00 a month by Wesley College. This salary is being paid largely by collections taken in the Methodist Churches of North Dakota. All such collections

for the support of Wesley College being set apart for the School of Religion, in which he is the only salaried person at present.

There should be another professor in the School of Religion. We have this large fine building, with facilities provided for larger service than we are now able to render because of limitation of funds. We had tentatively chosen another professor at the time Dr. Tanner was engaged. This other is a Methodist, and would be a fine companion with Dr. Tanner.

When I happened to meet you in the late summer one day in the Ontario grocery this matter of your support of Wesley College was mentioned between us, and you referred me to Mr. Vanderhoef. Later when I went to see Mr. Vanderhoef I learned that you had contributed \$600.00 to be used by the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city for work among students, and that no part was available for aid in the support of the salary of Dr. Tanner. The result is that so far as Religion is to be a part of the service of instruction provided for students assembled here for life preparation, the expense of it came back wholly on Wesley College without the aid we had hoped to receive from you and others in recognition of a partnership through the employment of a Presbyterian as professor.

I have no wish to lessen the amount you may choose to give to the pastor of the local Presbyterian Church for work among the students, but I am daring to hope that as a work of curriculum instruction as a distinctive service in behalf of the religious education of the students, you will continue your support of Dr. Tanner, and even increase that support. The increase of salary required to retain Dr. Tanner calls for increase of funds.

If your other commitments permit you the liberty to contribute to the support of religious instruction a sum equal to that which you are giving for the aid of the local church such gift would be a wonderful inspiration, and in every way worth while.

In conversation with Mr. Vanderhoef yesterday I volunteered the suggestion that I write a personal letter to you and set forth the whole situation as it now is and let it make its own appeal to you. He approved the suggestion. I know it is your custom, as you have mentioned it to me, to report such a matter back to him, and I shall count it sufficient measure of courtesy on your part if you report to him what you may wish him to convey to me.

However, I am making this appeal with all earnestness because I believe that the religious education mission of Wesley College as conceived by President Merrifield and all who had to do with the planning of it, were acting as the agents of Providence. I know that is the spirit in which I have served through the years and the total experience confirms such faith. It is in this spirit that I write you to urge you to continue and increase your partnership in the way outlined.

Sincerely yours,

President Emeritus

November 21st, 1935.

Mr. Charles Summers,  
G. Summers & Company  
Sixth and Wacouta Streets  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Summers:

President C. L. Wallace of Wesley College is very active in Boy Scout work in which I understand you are interested. He reports that he has met you, and that you appeared to him as one who would treat kindly the sort of appeal I am now making to you, and through you to the G. Summers & Company.

I was President of Wesley College for thirty-two years, and until four years ago. During my relation with the College I have found it agreeable and profitable to make purchases from your firm. These purchases have been paid for by friends of the College, as all supporting funds of the College come through private benevolence. In one instance a former resident of Grand Forks, but later of Minneapolis, gave me his check to pay for a bill of \$350.00 for rugs purchased at your store.

On September 17 you billed to us an order of rugs amounting to \$222.34. Said order was negotiated by me in person, and later through the mail. This bill is due next Tuesday as limit for the discount of 4/70. I have accepted the task of soliciting special gifts to pay for these rugs and expect to send check for the total next Monday in time to reach your office on Tuesday. Now I am daring to ask you to be one of the contributors by allowing such discount in addition to 4% as you may be willing to grant as a special gift to Wesley College. Your gift will count toward meeting the additional offer of Mr. Lynch, a copy of which is inclosed. This offer has been extended for one year as conditions were not favorable in North Dakota for an aggressive campaign during the past summer, owing to the rust blanket which spread over the state just before harvest.

Wesley College is affiliated with the State University upon invitation of the University to offer departments of instruction that were not included in the University, chief of which is the School of Religion, followed by the Conservatory of Applied Music and Department of Expression. No money contributed to Wesley College is used to provide instruction that is supported by taxation through the University. All courses in Wesley College are accepted by the University for credit on a par with the University courses.

Wesley College conducts two residence halls for students, one for young men and one for young women, each with a capacity for fifty-three residents. These halls are gifts of former residents of North Dakota. It was for these residence halls that the

Mr. Charles Sommers -2-

rugs were ordered.

I am saying so much that you may have a measure of understanding of the merit of the request that I am making. I trust it will have an appeal to you, and that I may have your reply in time to consider the same in making remittance.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

EPR/A  
Inclosure

President Emeritus

JOHN M. HANCOCK  
ONE WILLIAM STREET  
NEW YORK

December 4, 1935.

My dear Doctor,

As I promised when I saw you in Grand Forks, I am sending you a little book which I believe you will enjoy. I think it is so in keeping with your own attitude in this matter that it won't do you any particular good but it may fortify your position. It is the kind of a thing that ought to be read very widely. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

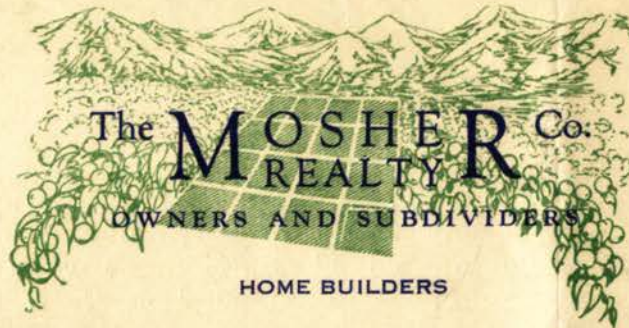
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Hancock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely,".

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
President Emeritus,  
Wesley College,  
University Station,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.



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REAL ESTATE  
INSURANCE  
RENTALS  
LOANS

Dec. 17th, 1935.

Dr. E. P. Robertson,  
Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

Dear Dr. Robertson,

From the editorial comments emanating from Washington and Oregon you would arrive at the conclusion that they are not very well pleased, but reports show an increasing demand for timber together with increased prices. The Canadian importers seem well pleased and so far as the timber business is concerned in British Columbia it should have a beneficial effect. The import duty formerly was \$4.00 per thousand, this has been reduced to \$2.00 per thousand on manufactured lumber, unsawed logs, pulp, shingles, ties, etc. have always come in free and will continue to do so.

Reports which we receive from Canada seem to indicate a general improvement there and with this there is bound to be a greater demand for lumber. Insofar as this section is concerned there is a very encouraging improvement in the building industry and all of this will react favorably on the timber situation.

Reports from Vancouver indicate that our operators are getting better prices; this will be an inducement for them to get out more logs and we in turn will receive greater returns and we certainly need them because our income has not been very much in excess of our expenses.

We anticipate a visit again this winter from our loggers at which time we will be able to get more direct and authentic information and make plans for the coming year.

Mr. Sayre and I get together quite frequently to discuss things of mutual interest and it is remarkable how well he keeps. He seems almost as active physically and mentally as he was a number of years ago.

Congratulations on your fiftieth anniversary, and all of your friends wish you many more of them; after you have completed the next fifty, if the old saying that the first hundred years are the hardest you will then begin to experience real joy with a Townsend pension to take care of your financial requirements.

We wish both you and Mrs. R. a very Merry Xmas.

Sincerely,  
E. Roy Mosher

December 27th, 1936.

Mrs. V. E. Sayre  
1968 Galbreth Road  
Pasadena, California

My dear Mrs. Sayre:

I have just read your letter of last June telling me that you had come to the bottom of your checking account, but hoped to be a bit richer in the future. That future has now arrived.

You thought \$100.00 looked big to you last June, it may look smaller now, but if it still looks too big any sum that you may name, from \$5.00 to \$500.00, will be welcome, as it will bring to us a practical expression of your active good will, and the need is really urgent.

You say I did not inclose any copy of the Lynch offer. I am doing so now. This has been extended for one year to October 14th, 1936. We have not made the progress that we had hoped, but we have done something, and have some pretty good prospects for what may be rather large gifts.

Mrs. Robertson and I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary on November 18th, and I reached the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination on October 4th, so we are covered with anniversaries.

Extend my greetings to your gentleman friend.

Yours sincerely,

EPR:A

President Emeritus

December 27th, 1935.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch,  
1925 K Street  
San Diego, California

Dear Friends:

Your Christmas greetings came to us as another expression of your continuing and valued friendship that had its beginning something over thirty-six years ago. We are grateful for these enduring friendships that are the real riches of life that increase with the years without reference to change of political parties, or booms or depressions.

You may know that your present pastor was the pastor of Mrs. Burrows in Oakland. You remember Mr. Burrows, long time resident of Grand Forks, and a trustee of the College.

I congratulate Dr. Sherman on the fine opportunity that is his in leadership of that great church in San Diego, and in friendship relation with you and Mrs. Lynch. That means much to any pastor.

Dr. W. H. Witherstine and W. R. Vanderhoef of this city started yesterday by auto to visit California cities, and to extend their trip to Mexico cities. They will visit San Diego probably. I gave Dr. Witherstine your name and address and told him about you and Mrs. Lynch visiting Hdel Churchill for evening dinner. I advised him to make that his hotel, and to call you over the phone to report his presence. Dr. Witherstine was born in Rochester where I knew his father. Mr. Vanderhoef is a prominent citizen here, and both are good friends of us personally and of Wesley College. They are both capable of doing something in a rather substantial financial way. I commission you to exercise your way upon them.

T. J. Xmith is very ill and is not expected to recover. Their daughter Alta, Mrs. Dr. Woods of San Diego, is here.

Mrs. Robertson has gained some over gall bladder difficulty which caused her considerable suffering a few weeks ago. I am well and enjoy my little pastorate at Thompson, twelve miles from here. I also continue an active interest in Wesley College, and pick up some modest contributions.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch -2-

I have some large ones in the realm of my imagination, but have not yet won the consent of the parties in control to do as I should like to have them do. They may come to it.

Accept our cordial greetings and sincere good wishes for the New Year.

Cordially yours,

EPR:A

400 HARRISON AVE.  
HELENA, MONTANA  
DEC. 31, 1935.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

"Time marches on" December 31, 1935 finds me writing your name. I am happy at this little task. Dr. Robertson, as I write it, means Mrs R. and all the family. You were God to me in my school days- and remain so thru the years. All college presidents, and public men, to me, are measured by DR. E. P. Robertson. Needless to say, with such a comparison, I have met some very poor material in our colleges and public places. (Just keep your hand in your pocket, thank you)

A print of your photo dated at your 70th. birthday came to our home on the 24th. I congratulated myself that your crowded memory had not forgotten Pippy. Thank you Dr. and Mrs Robertson. The photo will mean to me what the stone slab at Shechem meant to the Israelites when Josua erected it to signify the voice of God. It will speak to me in no uncertain way. I think, as the years pass, I am inclined to remember my weaknesses and errors that often made you wonder if it was all worth while. True I have not been a great success. But God only knows how many lives I have helped in a quiet way.

The Pippy family still reside at Helena. We are not compelled to live here, but choose to do so. It is a good place to nest children, and has fine schools. That is, it did have before the series of earthquakes wrecked them all. Even under its severe handicap the best possible is being done. Our High School is being carried on in railroad coaches, and our grades occupy a number of different buildings that the quakes did not see fit to wreck. Our college as you know, is temporarily taken to Great Falls. Our Methodist institutions were hit hard, some of them complete wrecks. The night of the first heavy quake was college night on Intermountain Campus. Three hundred students and friends were having a good time on the floor of the big new gym- music and dancing, everything at its best, when the shock struck them. Both my boys were among the meppyy-makers. They will never forget the consternation when without warning the walls fell in and out, and they were left bewildered in the darkened ruins- AND NO ONE INJURED PHYSICALLY. God has always been especially good to students, I can bear testimony to that. Some power protected that group of students the night of October 18, 1935. The earthquake story is long too long for typing. I hope some day to have the privilege of relating our experiences to you. "Thus far the Lord has led us"-and we are very thankful. 1300 distinct earthquakes is an experience we will not forget.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Very sincerely yours

WILLIAM PIPPY

August 6th, 1935.

Mr. A. E. Toomey,  
Devils Lake, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Toomey:

We have a record of your good intention toward Wesley College in the form of a subscription of \$100.00, on which you have made payments of interest from time to time.

I am asking that your active good will continue, and that you will be interested in the inclosed offer of Mr. Lynch. Any sum you may be able to pay at this time will count toward meeting the conditions named by Mr. Lynch in his offer.

I am not assuring that we could have it all now, but I do want you to know that we shall appreciate your cooperation at this time in whatever measure your convenience may permit.

Sincerely yours,

EPR:A  
Inc.

President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Mr. George M. Price,  
Langdon, North Dakota.

My dear Mrs. Price:

In response to my recent letter to Mrs. McMillan, of which I sent you a copy, I have the following reply from Brinston, Ontario, under date of August 2nd. I quote the letter in full:

"Your letter inclosing the Frank Lynch offer just reached me this week, and today am forwarding to Mr. Price of Langdon, who is handling this Wesley College interest in a tract which I hold. Hope we can soon come to a satisfactory solution soon.

I am very truly,

Minnie McMillan.

P.S. Am leaving for home quite soon, will not reach N. Dakota until latter part of this month as I have some calls to make enroute."

I am glad for this expression from her of a desire to reach a satisfactory solution soon, and trust you will act upon it in a way to bring that solution to a final expression.

Thank you,

Yours very truly,

EFR:A

President Emeritus

August 6th, 1935.

Miss Eline Ingvalson,  
Buxton, North Dakota

Dear Miss Ingvalson:

You looked so happy and prosperous when I saw you in Thompson some evenings ago that I have thought it well to call upon you to share that prosperity.

The inclosed explains what I mean. I am giving you the liberty of choice as to the amount, and enough liberty for the most independent among women, and I do hope for a good will expression of a practical sort at this time.

Cordially yours,

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President Emeritus



LAW OFFICES  
**GEO. M. PRICE**  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
LANGDON, N. DAK.

August 6, 1935

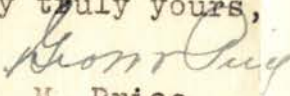
Dr. E. P. Robertson  
Wesley College,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Robertson:

Mrs. Minnie McMillan has sent me from Ontario where she has been during the winter and spring your letter to her of July 16, concerning the Land Bank Loan upon the land here in which your college is interested. I assume that you know that the application which she made last fall was refused by the Bank, for the reason as I recall that she had other land without encumbrance, or some such reason.

Mrs. McMillan writes that she expects to be here the third week in August and as I see it nothing can be done about the loan matter until her return. It is doubtful to me if a Federal loan can be made upon this land. With personal regards,

Very truly yours,

  
Geo. M. Price

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August 6th, 1935.

Rev. Thomas Old,  
Barras Cross,  
Liskeard,  
Cornwall,  
England

Dear Thomas Old:

I have no recent address for you, and am not at all sure that this letter will reach you at your present place of residence, but I hope it will.

I hope it will reach you because we shall be glad to hear from you again, and to learn of your present situation, and all about what you are doing. Occasionally in conversation your name has been mentioned to me and inquiry made about you. Some of your friends linger in North Dakota.

It is quite the custom of colleges to follow alumni with reminders like the inclosed. If you feel some warmth about the heart as you read the inclosed offer of Mr. Lynch I shall hope that there will be a prompting of practical good will in the form of a contribution within your convenience. The inclosed letter of green and pink was sent to many alumni of the University. The colors of the University, you may remember, were pink and green. Since that letter was written the green fields of what have turned to brown or black from vast areas under the blight of rust, so that North Dakota is again to be disappointed in its crop prospects, though we have had abundant rains, and that has been a relief from the depressing years of drouth.

In your reply tell me about your church, and your relation to Methodism. One of our graduates, whom you may remember, William E. Dudley, now pastor of Flatbush Church, Brooklyn, is to be visiting preacher to some of the churches in England and Scotland this summer. It would be fine if you could meet him.

I want you to know that we often think of you and always with active good wishes.

Yours sincerely,