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Under these circumstances, it is believed there is a necessity for improved accommodations, and the Managers have concluded to endeavor to collect funds for the erection of a new College building which shall combine the modern improvements; and it is hoped that this effort will meet with a liberal response from friends generally, in order that the building may be erected at the present favorable time for procuring materials and labor.

In accepting the office of President of the College, Professor Chase addressed to the Managers a letter, from which the following extracts are taken. The views herein set forth, in regard to the College and its future will, we doubt not, receive the hearty approval and active support of its friends.

"The time, I trust, has come when a vigorous and successful effort can be made to place the institution upon surer foundations, increase the number of students, enlarge and improve the accommodations for them, and in many ways raise the character and reputation of the College.

"Two things are especially desirable: a greater number of students, and the erection of a new building. The attainment of the second end will greatly conduce to the attainment of the first.

"Enlarged and improved accommodations will tend to attract new students; they are also needed for the best advantage of the students already here. The average age of our Freshman Classes at admission is now, as far as I can learn, about equal to what the age was at graduation of the students of 'Haverford School.' Great benefit would result from providing a large number of private studies (warmed, probably, by steam), and convenient bed-rooms. Larger, more commodious, and better ventilated class-rooms, are also needed. A room would be useful in which our mineralogical and similar collections could be effectively exhibited. These wants can be met only by the erection of an additional building or buildings.

"It will probably be well to make greater use than has been hitherto made of judicious canvassing and advertising, to make the advantages of a Haverford education better known, and secure such favor and influence as will turn the steps of more students hither. Our relations with introductory schools should be improved, that they may become feeders of the College. Above
all, it would be well that an Endowment Fund should be established, sufficient to enable us to reduce the rate of board and tuition for all the students.

"In the literary and scientific departments of the College, while our present standard is high, I believe that a still higher one should be aimed at, and can be attained. I hope to be able to give some personal assistance to the different Professors, to this end. As the character of the College is raised, and its facilities increased, it will be easier to insist upon the thorough preparation of candidates for admission. Greater efforts may well be made for the increase of the Library, and Apparatus of all kinds, and greater attention paid to their proper care and use.

"Without extravagant anticipations of the immediate attainment of all of these objects, yet ought we not to keep them constantly before us, and to commend them to the consideration of all the friends of our College? I may reverently say that I believe that a blessing from on High will attend our efforts to increase the influence and efficiency of this institution, as a nursery of sound learning and genuine faith. May we be guided, in all our steps to this end, by a wisdom higher than our own."

At the recent annual meeting of the Alumni of the College, a large committee was appointed to aid in the effort for the erection of the proposed new building, and it is gratifying to find this evidence of continued interest on the part of former students.

While the Managers look towards furnishing greater comforts for the students, and better opportunities for study, and confidently expect an advance in the fulness, variety, and thoroughness of instruction afforded at the College, they are not unmindful of the primary object of the Institution. We trust that the example and teachings of a corps of professors established by independent conviction in the great principles of Christianity as understood by Friends, will have a permanent influence on the views and lives of the students under their care. The discipline will appeal to the sense of right in the student, and by developing the exercise of self-control, fit him more