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Mr. C. A. Caldwell,  
Alton, Ill.

My dear Mr. Caldwell:-

In addition to the brief telegram sent you this morning I am writing more extensively the words of gratitude which is due you a thousand times over for your splendid contribution to this work of faith. The gratitude I am expressing is of course official as well as personal, but I am sure you will be interested to know something of this gift as seen from the standpoint of the receivers of the gift.

We have passed through the longest and most strenuous testing that our college has endured - a testing which has caused every one of us to be developed in the keen consciousness of our dependence upon God and the reality of His faithfulness. I was looking on with feeble faith to this day and date marking the closing of our school year and the necessity of providing funds for our ability and what else they might leave Dallas with the funds that were due them. On April 26th, our Vice-president, Dr. Wm. M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was awakened at five A.M. and impelled to go into his study for prayer, and after thirty minutes or more of most urgent petition concerning the financial needs of the college, was given, in a moment of time, a sense of perfect rest, and went back to bed and to sleep. On that same morning at quarter before five I was roused from sleep and went to my study where I prayed with as much earnestness as ever I did for thirty or forty minutes, and terminated my prayer suddenly with the words on my lips, "You hear me. You always hear me when I pray," and then went to bed and to sleep. We found later in the day accidentally, when Dr. Anderson and I related our experiences, that two of our devoted students had met at the same hour in one of their rooms for a season of prayer. On the 27th of April you addressed your note to me inquiring as to the financial needs, which I answered as best I could. On May 4th, a number of us, including Mr. Ironside, gathered for early prayer in my office and were assured of God before we ceased that He had heard us and had answered. It was on that day you posted your splendid gift to us. When the letter came this

special testimony of His faithfulness to us, to send the money we needed and from a source wholly outside the usual channels of our college family, that it might appear to be altogether independent of any effort we might make. Mr. Lincoln, our Business Manager, hurried into my office with your registered letter, and when I had opened it and gazed upon its wonderful contents I called our Registrar, and the four of us fell on our faces before God, sobbing, and praising God for His goodness. I am sure it would have been a delight to your own heart if you could have heard the rapturous praise from our lips and the prayers that God would bless the gift to you as much as He had blessed it to us. We have had wonderful deliverances in our brief history as a college, but never anything more convincing and satisfying. I tell you all of this because I believe you are like myself - happy to know that you have heard the voice of God, and that you have been obedient to His good pleasure.

It has been on my mind several times to write asking you to attend our Commencement exercises, but I have failed to do so, largely because the time was so very short wherein you could plan for such a trip. However, I do trust you will find it possible to come to Dallas and see for yourself this incomparable work which God has wrought.

And now, I wish especially to welcome you into the fellowship of this work. You have come into this standing in a most royal and legitimate way, and those who have been used of God in the sending forth of this clear and accurate testimony will be largely rewarded, and I congratulate you with all my heart. I believe, personally, that these contacts here on earth are going to mean so much to us in fellowship and bonds in the coming glory, and it is most delightful indeed to anticipate your share with us in all this work. Permit me again on behalf of our Board of Trustees and staff, and I am sure also in behalf of all our friends who love and believe in this work and pray as we do that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, and that you may be kept for His full and eternal glory.

Most cordially yours,

*Levin Spanghofer*  
President.

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