

May 8th, 1931

Mr. Carl S. Hinsman
Rutland
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My dear Mr. Hinsman:

On receipt of your letter of April 28th, I told Mr. Fritz, our Business Manager, that we would look upon the matter of the spire of Lead Chapel as settled, and we are going to proceed with the repairing of the spire. We will not do this, however, until daily chapel is over and the period of examinations begin, when the chapel is not in daily use. This is to avoid the possibility of anyone being injured from the scaffolding falling, or tools being dropped when a casualty might very easily occur. Consequently, the work will not be begun until the first of June, but it is estimated that it will be completed by commencement time.

In the meantime, I received yesterday, a letter from the architect, telling us that from his standpoint, a modification of the super-structure would add very much to the dignity and beauty of the building, and that he would finish that off if it were left to him. It would then be more or less in keeping with the Old Chapel, which has a dome shaped top, probably some ten or twelve feet in height. I sincerely wish that you and Mrs. Hinsman could come up and see the two chapels, the Old and the New. I feel that it is like talking of gilding a lily to talk of improving the Lead Chapel, for it is by all odds the most harmonious building we have on the campus and the most beautiful. But the spire is its weakest point, and my only fear is that the trouble which has already occurred may at some subsequent time, be repeated.

If a trip up would not be a burden to you, it would at any rate, give us the pleasure of welcoming you upon the campus which, if I remember correctly, you have not visited for some time.

Cordially yours,

M/p

Hinsman