

Private

March 2 - 1931

FIFTY-SEVEN BROADWAY
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Thomas:

I have had a number
for some time a directory
for Mid. It is seven, to say
the least; to sell things at
present prices to realize funds
for building purposes. I have
some pronounced views on
the matter. I hate marble, as
recently white marble. all it
use I know for marble is
my Early life was to make
Grave Stones to place

tabbles

EXHIBIT

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over it grows? My
friends. I do not like
the look of it either. I
have done some figuring
on a gray brick structure
& would like to show you it
plans & confab a bit about
it. When are you coming
to New York?

Hasty

R. D. C.

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Told to recommend to the stu-
dents their petition, asking that an
athletic fee of five dollars be added
of annually to the help of each stu-
dent (when?), to be collected by
the College Treasurer.

Position of
Students.
Athletic Fee.

W Told to build the Gymnasium
of gray stone or marble

Gymnasium
of
Marble.

Told to lay on the table the pro-
posal of Dr. Flagg to grant the Degree
of S.D.D. to President Elias Evans
of Ripon College, Wisconsin.

Suggest
as to a D

Meeting adjourned

... of the cat-

log.

Voted to accept the following resolution: Hepburn
Gift.
 Resolved that the Corporation accept,
 with deep gratitude, the gift of Mr
 A. Barton Hepburn of thirty thousand
 dollars to provide a woman professor,
 and that a Professorship be establish-
 ed, - the incumbent to be a woman, -
 to be known as the "A. Barton Hep-
 burn Professorship".

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Attest
 John A. Fletcher,
 Secretary.

Commons, was still a member of the corporation and would hear the report. Nevertheless, it is probably an accurate reflection of Thomas's true feelings about the old commons building.

(48) JT to A. Barton Hepburn, March 27, 1915, TP.

(49) CM, 2:52. Also see "Why He Remembered Middlebury," MCB 12(November 1917).

(50) JT to James Barton, May 26, 1915, TP.

(51) JT to Edwin L. Allen, January 18, 1916, TP.

✓ (52) A. Barton Hepburn to JT, March 24, 1915, TP. Interestingly enough, Hepburn said in that letter that he wanted gray brick, not yellow. When or why he changed his mind is not clear. After his death, the college painted the yellow brick gray, and ever since people have assumed he would not have liked that color. Perhaps he would have!

(53) The legislature continued the annual appropriation of twenty-four hundred dollars for state scholarships and the six-thousand-dollar grant passed in 1908 to support the pedagogy department. See *Acts and Resolves Passed By the General*