

versity. It would give me personal satisfaction and pleasure to nominate you at the maximum salary. It would be a great disappointment to me and I think also to your friends if you should persist in your determination to leave the service in the university.

Think this matter over deliberately and let me have assurance of your willingness to remain.

Very cordially,

W. O. THOMPSON

April 21, 1915

April 27, 1915

PRESIDENT W. O. THOMPSON,
Campus.

My dear President Thompson: Your letter of April 21 came to hand and I have delayed answering it until I had time to consult with some men, both on the campus and off of it, who have the welfare of the university at heart, and men in whom I know you have confidence.

I have thought the matter over carefully and what I have to say is said deliberately and without feeling. In answering your urgent appeal to remain in the university I can not refrain from reviewing some of the things that have happened in the college of agriculture during the twelve years that I have been dean.

I came here twelve years ago to fill the position of dean. I had only been out of college six years, most of my associates and colleagues had been my teachers. The college was small, the enrollment was only 243, about one seventh of the total enrollment of the university. The esteem in which the college was held in university circles was not high. Townshend Hall and the old horticultural building represented the material equipment of the college. No winter courses were given, no extension work was done, no farmers' week was held, no three-year courses existed and combination courses with other colleges were unthought of. This year the enrollment in the college is 1,478, nearly one third of the total enrollment of the university. The college of agriculture of Ohio State University is surpassed in enrollment, as reported in a recent number of *SCIENCE*, only by Cornell and the University of Wisconsin. The standards of the college of agriculture have been raised, five buildings have been built, 250 acres of land have been added to the university farm. Most cordial relations exist with all the agricultural organizations of the state, and the work is held in high esteem by the farmers.

All of this progress and development has not

been due to the work of any one man, but rather to the faithful, conscientious work of every one connected with the college, but I insist that in this growth and development I have done my share.

To be summarily demoted without assigning any cause and without explanation, as was done by the recent action of the board of trustees, I resent. I believe that I, my associates and colleagues, and the people of the state are entitled to know why such action was taken.

It is not that I am enamored with administrative work, but one thing for which I have always prided myself has been frank, open dealing with every one and I do not feel that I have been accorded such treatment by you and the board of trustees. However, I could overlook all of that and take up the work of a department if I thought conditions justified it. But I believe that conditions in the university are fundamentally wrong in that the encroachment of the business administration upon the academic has brought about a condition that is rapidly growing intolerable to members of the faculty. Such action as the board has recently taken in reference to me will intimidate your faculty, but it will not give it a sense of permanency that is conducive to constructive, efficient work, neither does it develop the spirit of loyalty.

I appreciate the cordial request that you have made of me to remain in the faculty. But under conditions as they now exist I do not believe it would be wise and very respectfully decline.

It is not without regret and heartaches that I lay down the work of the college in which I have invested my very self for the past twelve years. In retiring I do so without apologies for what has been accomplished during my administration, and I sincerely hope that my successor may have more loyal support from the president and the board of trustees than I have had.

I am,

Very truly yours,

HOMER C. PRICE,

Dean

P. S.—As a matter of information I am referring copies of this correspondence to members of the board of trustees and to the president of the alumni association and am giving it to the press.

THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL
SCHOOL

On the 29th and 30th of April the new buildings of the Washington University Med-

ical School in St. Louis were dedicated. On the morning of the 29th exercises were held in the Assembly Hall of the school at which the keys of the buildings were formally presented to the acting chancellor of the university by the architect. The visiting delegates were then presented to the chancellor and president of the corporation. The delegates were as follows:

Harvard University: President Abbott Lawrence Lowell.

Yale University: Dean George Blumer.

University of Pennsylvania: Dean William Pepper.

Brown University: Mr. Augustus Levi Abbott.

University of Pittsburgh: Dean Thomas Shaw Arbuthnot.

St. Louis University: Dean Hanau Wolf Loeb.

Medical Corps of the United States Army: Captain Thomas Dupuy Woodson.

Western Reserve University: Dean Carl August Hamann.

Lafayette College: President John Henry MacCracken.

Tulane University of Louisiana: Professor Rudolph Matas.

St. Louis Medical Society: Dr. Robert Emmet Kane.

Knox College: President MacClelland.

University of Michigan: Professor Frederick George Novy.

University of Missouri: Acting-Dean Guy Lincoln Noyes.

University of Bellevue Hospital Medical College: Vice-Dean Samuel Albertus Brown.

New York Academy of Medicine: Dr. Edward Dix Fisher.

Missouri State Medical Association: Dr. Frank Joseph Lutz.

The University of Edinburgh: Professor Lindsay Stephan Milne, University of Kansas.

Central Wesleyan College: President Otto Edward Kriege, Professor Albert William Ebeling.

Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery: Dean B. R. Shurley, Professor Charles Godwin Jennings.

Purdue University: Professor Oliver Perkins Terry.

University of Minnesota: Professor James Edward Moore.

Drury College: President James Gilmer McMurry.

University of Cincinnati: Professor John Ernest Greiwe, Dr. Christian Holmes.

Johns Hopkins University: Professor Theodore Janeway.

Missouri Valley College: Mr. Alphonzo Chase Stewart.

Missouri Botanical Garden: Professor George Thomas Moore.

Leland Stanford Junior University: Dr. Harold Phillip Kuhn.

Dennison University: Dr. E. B. Packer.

University of Kansas: Professor John Sundwall.

Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research: Dr. Simon Flexner.

Memorial Institute for Infectious Diseases and Rush Medical College: Dr. James Bryan Herrick.

American College of Surgeons: Dr. Major Gabriel Seelig.

University of Illinois: Dr. Dean D. K. A. Steele, Professor A. C. Eycleshymer.

An address was then made by Dean Opie, of the Medical School, who outlined the early history and reorganization of the school and the ideals which it represents. He was followed by Dr. William H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins, who spoke of the development of clinical teaching in American medical education and of the success which had attended the introduction of full-time clinical teaching at Johns Hopkins, and which is under consideration at Washington University.

After-luncheon addresses were made on the lawn of the medical school by President Lowell, of Harvard, and President Vincent, of the University of Minnesota. Dr. Lowell spoke on the importance of preventive medicine as a public service, and of the necessity of a broad general education as a basis for the training of the physician. Dr. Vincent spoke of the position graduate studies should hold in medical education. Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the third essayist of the afternoon, was unable to be present and his paper was read by Professor Lowes, of the college faculty. His paper was on "Medical Education in Missouri." After the addresses the guests of the university were entertained at a garden party.

In the evening a banquet was held at the St. Louis Club at which Mr. Robert S. Brookings, president of the corporation of Washington University presided. Responses to toasts were made by President Hill, of the University of Missouri, former Governor David R. Francis, Dr. Abraham Jacobi and Dr. W. H. Howell.

Friday the 30th was known as Alumni Day and in the morning talks were given by Dr. W. T. Porter in behalf of the alumni of the St. Louis Medical College, and Dr. Robert Terry in behalf of the alumni of the Missouri Medical College. These two institutions were united to form the Washington University School in 1899. Dr. Fred T. Murphy then spoke to the alumni in behalf of the medical school faculty.

In the afternoon Dr. Geo. Dock spoke on the relation of the academic hospital to the community. He was followed by Surgeon General W. C. Gorgas who spoke on the eradication of yellow fever and malaria in Havana and in the Canal Zone, and the possibilities that preventive medicine holds for the future.

In the evening academic exercises were held in the university chapel on the university campus followed by a reception in the building of the school of fine arts. The following honorary degrees were given at the exercises: *Doctor of Science*: Dr. W. T. Porter; Dr. O. E. Folin, and Dr. Theodore Janeway.

Doctor of Laws: Professor R. H. Chittenden, Dr. W. C. Gorgas, President H. R. Hill, President A. L. Lowell, President George E. Vincent, Dr. F. P. Mall, Dr. Abraham Jacobi, Dr. Simon Flexner, Dr. W. H. Welch, Dr. S. J. Meltzer, Professor W. H. Howell, Dr. Rudolph Matas.

Doctor of Laws (in absentia): Professor Nathaniel Wille, University of Christiania.

Opportunity was provided in the program for the inspection of the laboratories of the medical school and the affiliated Barnes and St. Louis Children's Hospitals. The laboratories were opened in September and consist of two four-story and basement buildings 209 × 56 feet. In the north building are located the administrative offices, library, assembly hall, laboratories of preventive medicine and surgery and the department of anatomy. The

south building is occupied by biological chemistry, physiology and pharmacology. A third building five stories in height and 232 × 60 feet which completes the group is on the hospital lot directly across the street from the other laboratory buildings. The basement and first floors are occupied by the out-patient dispensaries of the hospitals. On the second floor is located the clinical laboratory of the department of medicine, while the department of pathology occupies the third and fourth floors. Animal quarters and runways are provided on the roofs of all the buildings. The three laboratory buildings were erected at a cost of \$1,200,000 which brings the outlay for new buildings for the medical school, including the hospitals, to over \$3,000,000.

One of the interesting features of dedication week was the presentation to the Washington University Medical School of a number of manuscripts and papers of William Beaumont by his granddaughter Miss Irwin. Included among these are the original manuscripts and notes of Beaumont's experiments upon Alexis St. Martin and the agreement entered into by St. Martin to accompany Beaumont, for a period of two years for the purpose of experimentation. Dr. F. J. Lutz spoke of Beaumont as a practitioner and Dr. Joseph Erlanger on Beaumont as an investigator. A room has been set aside in the library of the medical school to house the manuscripts, known as the Beaumont room.

On April 28 Dr. Simon Flexner delivered a popular lecture before the Washington University Association on "The Control of Infective Diseases."

In connection with dedication week of the medical school of Washington University a series of four lectures on "Protein Metabolism" was delivered by Dr. Otto K. Folin. The subjects were as follows:

"The Utilization of Food Protein."

"Tissue Metabolism with Special Reference to Creatinin."

"Protein Metabolism with Special Reference to Uric Acid."

"The Occurrence and Significance of Phenols and Phenol Derivatives in the Urine."