

KNOX COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE
HER HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY



KNOX COLLEGE
GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

THE COLLEGE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



KNOX has embarked upon a bold venture—as bold and brave a venture as college ever undertook. She proposes to celebrate her hundredth anniversary by adding Five Million Dollars to her resources. That great sum, what is it for? To make her future worthy of her past. That past is secure. Were her career to end today, her fame would live. She has deserved well of her time and asks no other wages than the great Poet Laureate asked for his country—“Give her the wages of going on.”

THE PROJECT

The wages of going on means endowment for teachers' salaries and buildings for work, for play and for worship. That is what the five million dollars will provide. The undertaking to raise that sum was approved by a unanimous vote of the Trustees taken on February 15, 1927—the goal to be reached by February 1, 1937, the hundredth birthday of the college.

THE FIRST STEP

To attain that high goal will demand every resource and every ally at our disposal. Fortunately, the college has many friends; her history shows that. There are perhaps as many more who can be made friends, and in a country which gives hundreds of millions every year for educational and allied purposes, Knox may find room for confident hope. But the first step must be

taken by ourselves. The outsider should not be expected to set the pace. Let us do our part and the friends and allies will do theirs.

Our part is not a small one. It means the largest effort we have ever put forth. There is, on the other hand, nothing discouraging in it. The motto we are adopting is—"One step at a time,"—but one step after another, until the goal is reached. To raise five million dollars among the alumni by Commencement, 1930, would be a titanic, perhaps an impossible, task, but to bring up the sum already in hand so that the total will be such a proportion of that sum as to encourage our friends and warrant our appeal to the general public. It means a united, unanimous effort, all pulling loyally together, each according to his means, to bring the total up to a sum we can announce with credit and satisfaction by next Commencement.

THE METHOD

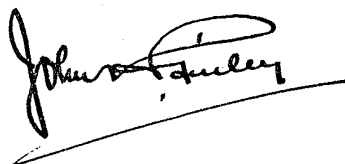
That is the task and this is the method: First there is the National Committee, of which Nelson Dean Jay, '06, is Honorary Chairman. This is divided into regional sub-committees: The Chairman of the committee for the Central States is Judge George A. Cooke, '92; for the Atlantic Seaboard, Edward Caldwell, ex '86; for the Inter-Mountain region, Leroy McWhinney, '05, of Denver; for the Pacific Slope, Fred Ewing, '03, of Oakland, California; for Illinois, J. Walter Mackemer, ex '96, of Peoria. Behind the regional committees are city

committees: Chicago, New York, Galesburg, St. Louis, Omaha, Boston, and behind these our local committees wide-spread over the country. Knox expects that every alumnus will be ready to serve on a committee if needed and to make the committee's work successful.

AN ECHO FROM THE PAST

AMONG the possessions Knox alumni treasure—part of our common heritage—are the memories of morning Chapel. Let me invoke one of those memories. On the 7th of September, 1892, during my first year as President, my predecessor, Newton Bateman, delivered a morning address which closed with this appeal, appropriate, I think, to our present situation—

“Give to this noble school your loving confidence—she is worthy of it. Give her your active influence—she needs it—Speak, write, work for her; rally around her; do what you can for her. For thus you, her literary children, can do more for her speedy enlargement than all other forces combined.”

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Suler", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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