Dear Sir,

The increasing prosperity of the Philanthropic Society has obliged the members to take speedy measures towards the erection of a new and more commodious hall. The trustees have bound themselves to furnish $5 of the sum requisite for that purpose; and the anxiety of the members, in regard to it, has induced them to pass a resolution, appealing to the generosity of their absent fellow-members to aid them in the undertaking.

We, the undersigned, have been appointed a committee to address you to this effect; and believing that your youth, partiality, & devotion to Society have not all been lost by absence from us, we feel confident that our appeal will not be in vain. Prudential would have induced us to forgo the pleasure of a new hall had we none to whom to apply but strangers; but when we recollect that you were once members of the same Society—albeit once guided her councils, and felt the same fond devotion we now do, we can not divert ourselves of the belief, that you still remember us, and are, ready, even now, to rally under our common motto. Such being our sentiments, is all the apology we can give for the trouble we reluctantly inflict upon our absent distant members. But let it be recollected, that it is from the principles of the University, and in behalf of the cause of Science, we apply. For when the Hall shall be completed, few, if any, who now constitute the P. Society, will be members of the University. By a liberal contribution upon our part, and with what we can gather from our friends, we hope soon to be able to discharge our last duty to those who are to live, and to care for, our Society affairs in a manner worthy of those who fight under the banner of "Virtue—Liberty and Science."

Whatever you contribute, will be thankfully received; and as its question must soon be decided, we respectfully request an early answer.

Your other.

—R. Stilwell

Charles P. Hartwell