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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 11, 1898.

James J. Hill, Esq.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hill:--

Your letter received. Thanks for your good words about my speech on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, copy of which I send you in the Record this morning. I would like to circulate this speech through our American roads after it is printed in pamphlet form. What do you think of the idea?

Referring to the matter of Archbishop Ireland, I have given the subject much attention, and believe \$100,000 can be raised in New York, provided Mr. Morgan and Mr. Schiff can be counted on for say \$25,000 jointly. Mr. Hanna went to New York to assist, and was promised substantially contributions from Rockefeller, Vanderbilt, Gould, Mackey and Thomson, but before any material progress can be made towards collecting these amounts the Morgan and Schiff contributions should be made certain and definite as it will have considerable influence on others. Can you assist in bringing this about. You will know how to go to work, but I suggest you write Senator Hanna a letter

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on the subject, stating, if you think so, that these gentlemen can be relied upon for the amount named. This I think will finish the matter.

Very truly yours,

J. D. Atkins