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Jan. J. Hill Esq
St. Paul Minn.

Dear Sir

Some year or so ago you wrote to a man in this City intimating that you would be willing to help out the Episcopal Church if it should be necessary. This society is alone one ^{and} we have now decided to do away with the building at present used for services ^{and} in the Spring to erect such a church as has become needful for the requirements of the growing parish ^{and} town. The site is one block south of the St. Northern passenger depot ^{and} so is centrally located. The cost of the proposed building will be from eight to ten thousand ^{and} in canvassing our members we find this sum to be beyond them. Will you kindly interest yourself so far in the matter as to make enquiries ^{and} if you find them satisfactory to help us out ---

I need not add that Grand Forks people as a rule are St. Northern people ^{and} recognize part as well as prospective favors from you

Trusting you will at least enquire into the situation

Respectfully
W. G. Smith