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James J. Hill, esq.,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

My Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very much obliged to you for your two telegrams
in regard to Mr. Truesdale. They gave me just the information
for which I asked, and have been of assistance.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

G. M. Lane

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Northfield, Minn., March 30th 1893.

J. J. Hill, President,
Great Northern Ry.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:—

When Pres. Strong and I visited you at the Art Gallery of your former home and suggested our needs for enlarging our Science building to the amount of \$25000., we thought you exceedingly generous in offering to give a large part of that amount yourself; and you added "let the other fellows do some?". We have raised \$10000. which with the highest figure you then named would complete \$25000. About a year ago when you visited the Observatory here, you were again kind enough to say to me, as you bade me good night at your private coach, that you "would do what you said and maybe more". Now in the absence of Pres. Strong from the state,

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it falls to me to tell you that we very much desire to go forward, at once, and make the improvements contemplated in Science Hall. This we cannot do without your aid. Will it be agreeable to you to help us this spring to the extent that you have decided wise and best to do?

In regard to the mountain station I would say that we now have an excellent instrumental outfit, partly new, for the Midvale observations this summer. It has cost us nearly \$1000. We can test that station thoroughly, for we can do No. 1 Visual or photographic work with new instruments. We will be ready to go June 20 if that pleases you.

Very truly yours,

W^{per} W. Payne

Carleton College,
Northfield, Minn.

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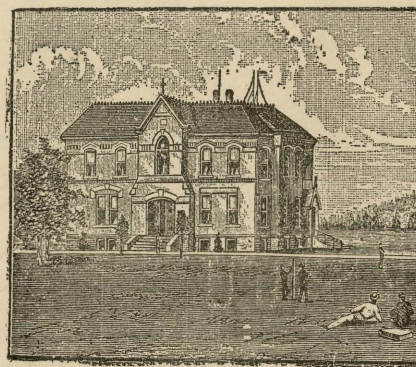
The Next Improvement

—at—

Carleton College.

The Situation Today.

Twelve years ago our Scientific School as it then existed was amply accommodated in Williams Hall, which was built in 1880, being the gift of Dr. Edward H. Williams of Philadelphia. Together with the Observatory it is still the work-shop of the scientific departments of the College. It contains the Chemical and Biological laboratories, the philosophical apparatus and the museum.



WILLIAMS HALL.

The Building Outgrown.

But with the growth of students, the enlargement of collections in the museum and the new demands made by the advancement of scientific instruction and the improvement in methods and apparatus, this building has become entirely inadequate to the work in hand.

The Museum is so crowded that our excellent collections of minerals, fossils and animals can only be partially utilized and displayed.

In Chemistry there is only laboratory room for forty students, while over one hundred must be provided for in 1892-3.

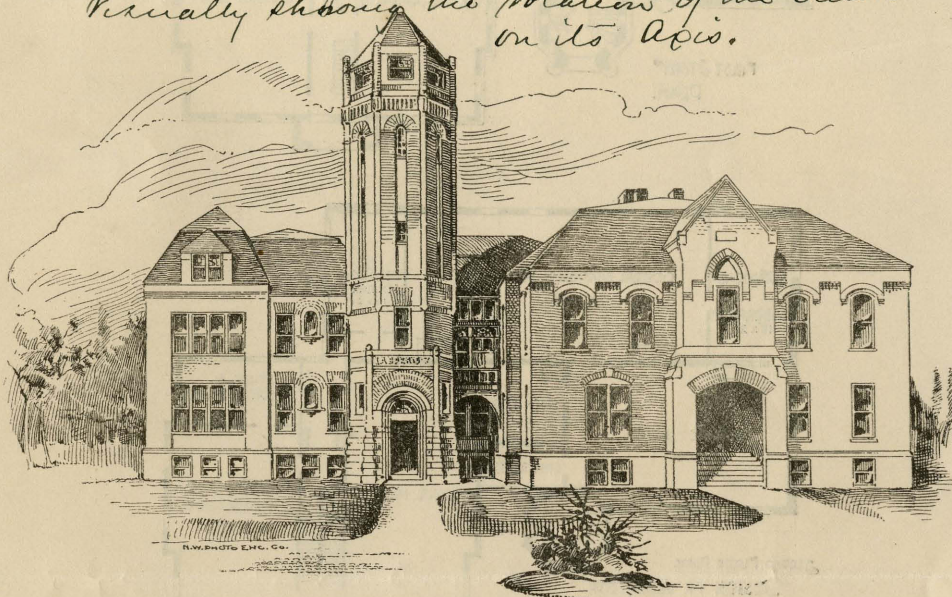
The Biological work is similarly crowded. The laboratory is in the basement and accommodates eighteen students, and yet from thirty to sixty must be taught each term.

There is no laboratory for Physics, and the appliances are quite incomplete.

**The Proposed
Addition.**

For several years the enlargement of Williams Hall has been contemplated and the cuts of the building and floor plans below show what is proposed to be done. An addition to Williams Hall is to be built which will then give us the much needed room. When completed this building will afford admirable quarters for the departments of Chemistry and Biology, corresponding to our fine Astronomical Observatory, and temporary provision will be made for the department of Physics.

*Tower for Pendulum Experiments
usually showing the rotation of the Earth
on its Axis.*

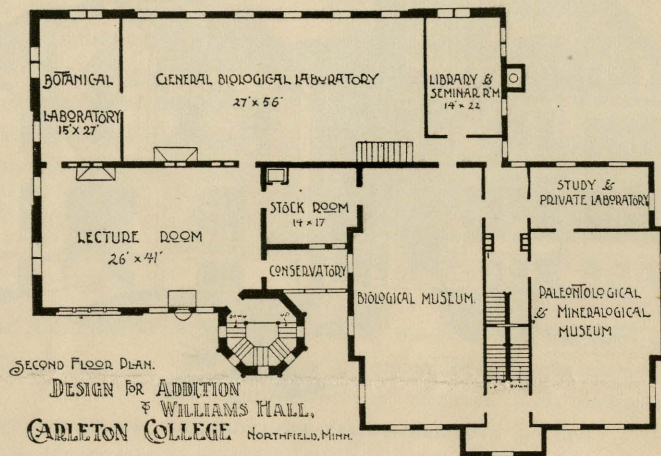
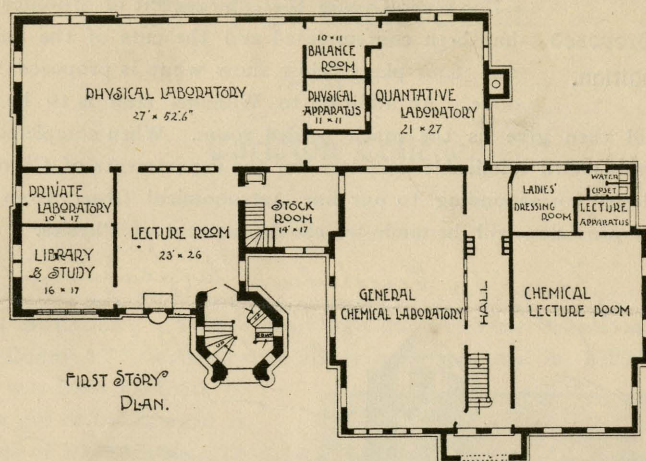


WILLIAMS HALL ENLARGED.

Can it be
done?

This enlargement is forced upon us. Carleton College is growing and its usefulness is more apparent every year. This is an emergency and Carleton's friends have never yet failed it in an emergency.

To build this enlargement and to equip it with the most recent improvements in apparatus will cost not less than \$30,000. Of this over half is already promised, provided the whole is raised.



Your co-operation in this matter is greatly desired. What finer investment can you make than by taking a share in this building?

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Answer by mail April 27th
Andover, South Dakota, March, 30th. 1893.

Hon. J. J. Hill,

St Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am a candidate for appointment as Consul General to the City of Mexico, and would be pleased to have your assistance.

I have a good business here that is paying me more than I could expect to get as C.G. but while I was a mere boy I went into the War during the Rebellion and contracted asthma and for that reason I have to keep changing climates. I have the endorsement of 36 of the state Com, our Nat. Chairman, our State Chrm. together with about every leading democrat in South Dakota. I also have Senators Kyle, of S.D. John M. Palmer, of Ill. John R. McPherson, of N.J. the State Committee of Ill. Gov. Sheldon, of S.D. Ex-Gov. Mellette, of S.D. Ex-Gov. Burke, of N.D. Hon. John E. Bennett, presiding Judge of S.D. Supreme Court, and many others. I am 47 years of age and have a family, and would like this or some other appointment where there would be a living in it for me and where I could breathe without exercising all my power.

I have always been a Democrat, was named after my father's schoolmate, Thos. H. Benton, of Mo. and have always used my time and money in furthering the democratic cause. I only want such place as I have earned.

Yours respt,

T. B. Davis

I have many letters like the within from many persons, including our Gov. Judge of Supreme court and others

_____, March, _____ 1893.

His Excellency Grover Cleveland,

President of the United States, and

Hon. Walter Q. Gresham, Sec. of State,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I take pleasure in commending Mr. T. B. Davis, of Andover, South Dakota, for appointment as Consul General, or to any other position to which he may aspire.

Mr. Davis, has been a prominent and leading citizen of Dakota, for the past Ten years. He is a lawyer of good standing and high character. He has always taken an active part in politics; was one of the early organizers in both his County and State. I have known Mr. Davis for several years. He is a gentleman of ability, integrity and energy, and if he but carries into the office the same enterprise which has characterized his whole life, rest assured you will have made no mistake in selecting for a federal office. Hoping his application may meet your approval,

I remain, Yours respectfully,



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