

AN ACCOUNT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MISS MARY E. GARRETT
CONCERNING THE TERMS OF HER GIFT FOR THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The papers in this envelope relate to the negotiations with Miss Mary E. Garrett concerning the terms of her gift for the endowment of the School of Medicine. They have been arranged in chronological order. From these and from official records of the University this account of what transpired has been compiled.

On December 22, 1892, Miss Mary E. Garrett wrote a letter to the President and Trustees of the University in which she offered to give the sum of \$306,977 to complete the sum (\$500,000) which the Trustees had stipulated must be in hand before the Medical School could be opened. This letter contained six conditions, one of which related to the character of the proposed School and the requirements for admission to it. The text of this letter was published in the Johns Hopkins University Circular, Vol. XII, No. 102, page 32, January 1893. (See also Exhibit A of the attached papers). The letter was presented at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 24, 1892, at which the Board voted to accept the gift.

On January 3, 1893, President Gilman addressed a memorandum to the Trustees in which he stressed the desirability of endeavoring to persuade Miss Garrett to change her stipulations concerning the requirements for admission to the School on the grounds that those stipulations were too binding and might at some future date prove to be embarrassing to the Trustees (See Exhibit C of the attached papers).

There ensued a series of negotiations with Miss Garrett lasting over several weeks, in which both President Gilman and Dr. Welch took part. A statement concerning the requirements for admission to the Medical

School was formulated by a committee of the Medical Faculty and presumably submitted to Miss Garrett but it was not approved (See Exhibit E). Dr. Welch reported to the Medical Faculty on January 26th, 1893 that he had had an interview with Miss Garrett concerning the terms of admission to the Medical School as set forth in her letter of December 22, 1892, and "that he found no indication that she was willing to modify those terms." However she did write a letter to the President and Board of Trustees of the University under date of January 30, 1893, in which she explained the reasons for the terms which she set down in her original letter, and at the same time modified those terms in some respects. (See Exhibit F).

At a meeting of the Medical Faculty held February 4, 1893, the Faculty adopted a second statement of the admission requirements of the Medical School, designed to fit in with the terms set forth in Miss Garrett's letter of December 22, 1892. This statement was approved by the Board of Trustees at a meeting on February 6, 1893 (See Exhibits H and J), and was then referred to Miss Garrett for her approval. After further negotiation Miss Garrett consented to sign a second letter, dated February 15th, 1893, in which she modified two paragraphs of her original letter in order to "bring the terms of her gift into entire accordance with" the statement of the requirements for admission to the Medical School which had been formulated by the Medical Faculty and approved by the Board of Trustees (See Exhibit M).

A statement was then drawn up for public announcement, setting forth all the terms of her gift as revised and on February 20th, 1893 she gave her assent to the form of this announcement, signing the printed copy with her own hand (See Exhibit N). It is this last statement which

appears in the catalog of the School of Medicine.

On February 21, 1893 a special committee of the Trustees, appointed to review the correspondence with Miss Garrett, reported as follows: "Believing that by these papers the right to determine the conditions of admission and graduation is reserved to this University, we recommend that a formal announcement be made in public on the 22nd of February, 1893, that the Medical School of the University will be opened in the month of October next." The announcement was duly made and there the matter ended.

The negotiations with Miss Garrett hinged solely upon the question of the requirements for admission to the Medical School. As has been stated above, Mr. Gilman felt that her stipulations in this respect were too binding. According to his interpretation of them the University was bound to maintain forever the requirements for matriculation into the undergraduate courses of the University that existed in 1892, and was also bound to maintain a fixed standard for admission to the Medical School represented by the successful completion of the undergraduate chemical-biological course as it existed in 1892. The Medical Faculty concurred in Mr. Gilman's interpretation and both the Academic Council and the Medical Faculty passed identical resolutions to the effect that "this University should reserve to itself the exclusive right to determine on what conditions students shall be admitted to or graduated in this University and the right to change these conditions from time to time." Freedom of the University to regulate its academic affairs was the central issue at stake and it is of interest that the Trustees considered that that freedom had been safeguarded by the changes which Miss Garrett made in her original letter.

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Nov. 12-1942. Copy of this document given to Mrs. Harry D. Baetjer
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS RE GIFT OF MISS GARRETT

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December 22nd, 1892	Date of letter of Miss Garrett to the President and Board of Trustees of the University announcing her intention to give the University the sum of \$306,977 to complete the endowment for the Medical School. (Exhibit A).
December 24th, 1892	Special meeting of the Board of Trustees at the home of Mr. Gwinn to consider the gift. Resolution to accept the offer voted by the Board.
December 26th, 1892	Special meeting of Executive Committee of Board of Trustees. Decision to inform Miss Garrett of the acceptance of her gift. Exhibit B.
December 28th, 1892	Resolution passed providing for the sending of an engrossed copy of the letter of Miss Garrett and the Board's resolution of acceptance to her. Arrangements made for public announcement.
January 3, 1893	Memorandum addressed to the Board of Trustees by President Gilman concerning the advisability of endeavoring to persuade Miss Garrett to change the terms of her gift in regard to the requirements for matriculation into the undergraduate courses of the University. (Exhibit C).
January 9, 1893	Memorandum drawn up by Dr. Welch concerning Miss Garrett's gift. (Exhibit D).
January 12, 1893	Meeting of the Medical Faculty. Committee appointed to formulate regulations for admission to the Medical School:- Drs. Welch, Remsen and Martin.
January 19, 1893	Meeting of the Medical Faculty. Report of the Committee appointed at the previous meeting presented. Exhibit E.
January 26, 1893	Meeting of the Medical Faculty. Dr. Welch reported that he had had an interview with Miss Garrett concerning the terms of admission to the Medical School stated in her letter dated December 22, 1892, and that he found no indication that she was willing to modify those terms.

January 30, 1893

Letter from Miss Garrett to the President and Board of Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University explaining the reasons for the conditions in her original letter. Exhibit F.

February 2, 1893

Meeting of the Medical Faculty.
Professor Remsen presented for consideration a statement regarding the conditions of admission to the Medical School. After long discussion the subject was referred back for further consideration to the Committee appointed on January 12, 1893, to consider this matter, - the Committee to report at the next meeting of the faculty.
A letter from Miss Garrett, modifying in some respects her original propositions regarding admission to and graduation from the Medical School of the Johns Hopkins University, was presented.
This last paragraph undoubtedly refers to her letter of January 30, 1893. (Exhibit F.)

February 3, 1893

Letter from Dr. James Carey Thomas to President Gilman. Exhibit G.

February 4, 1893

Meeting of the Medical Faculty.
The Faculty adopted a statement of the admission requirements of the Medical School and recommended it to the Trustees. Exhibit H.

February 5, 1893

Letter from Dr. Welch re the admission requirements. Exhibit I.

February 6, 1893

Board of Trustees adopted the statement of requirements for admission to the Medical School as submitted by the Medical Faculty. Exhibit J.

February 6, 1893)
February 8, 1893)

Letters from Miss Garrett re the interpretation of the word "approved" in the statement of requirements for admission adopted by the Medical Faculty. Exhibit K.

February 9, 1893

Meeting of the Medical Faculty.
President Gilman reported that the Trustees had approved the statement concerning requirements for admission adopted by the Faculty. The Faculty then passed the following resolutions:

1. By approved college or scientific schools are meant those whose general standard for graduation shall be held by this University to be essentially equivalent to its standard in the undergraduate department.

2. The Medical Faculty is of the opinion that this University should reserve to itself the exclusive right to determine on what conditions students shall be admitted to or graduated in the University and the right to change these conditions from time to time.

February 13, 1893

Meeting of the Academic Council. Resolution adopted as follows:

"The Academic Council is of the opinion that this University should reserve to itself the exclusive right to determine on what conditions students shall be admitted to or graduated in this University and the right to change these conditions from time to time." Exhibit L.

February 15, 1893

Miss Garrett signs a letter designed to bring the terms of her gift into entire accord with the "Requirements for Admission to the Medical School of the Johns Hopkins University." Exhibit M.

February 16, 1893

Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Consideration given to the terms of Miss Garrett's gift. Correspondence referred to a special committee (J. Hall Pleasants, J. S. McLane, James Carey Thomas, C.J.M. Gwinn, D. C. Gilman).

February 20, 1893

Miss Garrett finally approves the draft of the statement of the terms of her gift. Exhibit N.

February 21, 1893

University Trustees. Committee (J. Hall Pleasants, J. S. McLane, Jas. Carey Thomas, C.J.M. Gwinn, D. C. Gilman) reported the further correspondence with Miss Garrett. "Believing that by these papers the right to determine the conditions of admission and graduation is reserved to this University, we recommend that a formal announcement be made in public on the 22nd of February, 1893, that the Medical School of this University will be opened in the month of October next."