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In my last letter I said that Frank Boyden had a fine piece of news to announce. He has asked me to tell you that a wealthy and big-hearted woman named Mrs. Amelie McAlister Upshur died in California, leaving a large estate to be distributed among such charities as her executors, Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Mr. Logan Fulrath, her attorney, should select. As you may well imagine, the Executors were deluged with applications from worthy causes and institutions all over the country.

The long legal process of settling the estate is now finished, and Mr. Boyden has been told that the sum of \$200,000 has been allotted to Deerfield.

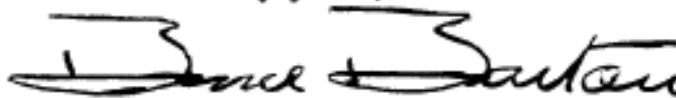
On receipt of this joyous information, and without losing a single day, Frank put a crew of men to work digging a hole that will be the basement of a new dormitory which will be known as William H. McAlister Dormitory in memory of the donor's father.

The \$200,000 will not quite meet the total needed to finish the job, but Frank, with his New England thrift, has always kept a little something tucked under the bed, so we are not going to need to solicit any help for this particular project.

I thought you might like to have a little map of the campus showing what we have done and what we have still to do. At my request, Mr. William Platt, our architect, has prepared it, and a copy is enclosed. The buildings are numbered, and the notes at the bottom show what we accomplished in the 1929-33 campaign and what we did with the money you gave us in the years 1944-52, and what remains to be done.

I am told by people who are in the profession of money raising that there is no record of any other institution having raised so much money entirely by mail.

Sincerely yours,


Bruce Barton