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Hon. C. F. Scott,

Iola, Kansas.

Dear Friend Scott;-

Judge Sams asked me to send you a letter setting forth some claims the University might make for a Museum Building. The Legislature will undoubtedly look at the financial side of the presentation more than any other. I find it difficult to place a dollar and cent value on the museum collections. There is no regular market for such goods. Museum specimens produced in the Taxidermic Shop stand on about the same footing as pieces of statuary and paintings produced in the artist's studio. They are looked upon as luxuries and fancy goods which usually go at fancy prices when they do go. The value of such a collection as the University possesses depends to a very considerable extent upon the degree of its completeness. The more complete the more valuable. Rareness of the material also adds much to the value. Again the value depends as it does with pieces of statuary and paintings upon the manner of execution. In the general statement which follows this I have tried to convey some idea of the value of the museum collections. It is based on information secured while the exhibit was at the World's fair, and on the value placed on such collections by other institutions.