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Mr. W. C. Simons
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Dear Collie:

As I understand your recent letter you are recommending that there be nine members on the board, but that we change to ten. Oscar Stauffer sent me a copy of his letter to you in which he urges that the ten be made eleven, and the name of Brock Pemberton added to the list. I am in accord with both of these suggestions. So far as I can see a board of eleven or even thirteen would be as satisfactory as one of nine.

In fact I have been wondering whether it might not be well to agree in general that the board could be increased to thirteen or fifteen if we found it necessary to add others. Even with nine members I suspect that eventually we will develop an executive committee which will look after the more important details, so the size of the board may not be important.

As a matter of fact I can think of a very good reason for keeping everyone named on the board except that man Bailey. If it becomes necessary to hold the board down to nine I would be willing to be counted out in order to make a place for Brock Pemberton or some of the others who might be able to do more for the William Allen White Memorial fund. To me it seems particularly important that Emporia should be represented and Everett Steerman will be satisfactory. If we must stick to nine we might make Karl Klooz secretary-treasurer, but not a member of the board, or an ex-officio member just as is proposed in the case of Chancellor Malott. Any one of these solutions would be acceptable to me although I think Oscar is right in thinking Brock Pemberton should have a place. With my best

Sincerely

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