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Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Clark
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clark:

I am sure you will be pleased and relieved when I tell you that, because we have made such real progress, it now looks as if this letter may be the last, or one of the last letters you will be receiving from me. You and the other Deerfield parents have been very very patient and generous.

When I wrote my first letter in 1929, Deerfield Academy was, in the words of the late F.D.R., "ill fed, ill clothed, ill housed". The housing consisted entirely of wooden buildings, with the exception of one brick building erected in 1878, at a cost of \$18,000.

Over the past twenty-eight years, I have written at least forty letters to the parents of Deerfield boys. Without any personal solicitation, with no pressure or nagging, and with no expense except the cost of typing and postage, you and the other parents have poured out between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. And now we are in sight of the end of our effort.

The old wooden buildings are gone and beautiful new buildings have been erected in their place. The hockey rink will be completed and ready for use in September; so will the two new dormitories, one of which was made possible by a generous gift from the estate of Mrs. Amelie McAlister Upshur in honor of her father.

Still to be provided for is (1) a further addition to the gymnasium, which was originally constructed for 250 boys and now must care for 450; (2) an additional classroom building made necessary to comply with recent State building requirements; (3) one more dormitory; and (4) paying off a mortgage of \$250,000 (it was \$300,000 when we started) but we have whittled it down.