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With these are some other miscellaneous repairs and maintenance costs, so that we need a total of approximately \$2,000,000. If, and when we get it, Deerfield will have all the buildings it will need for many years, and a campus as beautiful as any campus anywhere.

Having unburdened myself to this point, I want merely to add that I am enclosing a pledge card asking you - I hope for the last time - to fill it in with the largest amount you can possibly give - payment to be made in one, two, or three years, as most convenient.

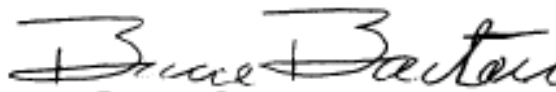
You may have read in the papers of the bequest to Deerfield in the will of the late Charles E. Merrill - one of the most generous friends of Deerfield and the Boydens. The hockey rink is only one of his several large gifts.

Under the terms of his will, when the legal details have been ironed out, Deerfield will receive a very substantial amount of money. This we hope will be a start toward endowment. With such endowment plus, the annual gifts of the alumni and friends, which are growing in volume every year, plus such gifts and bequests as will naturally come along, Deerfield should be safe - a grand old Academy, beautifully housed and ministered to by teachers so carefully chosen and so well compensated that they will never be tempted to leave.

This year 1957 marks Mr. Boyden's 55th year as Headmaster of the school. And June will bring his and Mrs. Boyden's 50th wedding anniversary. In the whole history of American education I don't believe there is another example of a married couple who have, for so long, been partners in so great a cause.

What a wonderful thing it would be if we could mark these two anniversaries not with a personal gift to the Boydens, -- they are too unselfish to want that -- but with the far richer gift of a finished building program; and the consequent freedom for them both to give even more generously and blessedly to the boys.

Sincerely yours,


Bruce Barton

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