

What is our present situation ?

We have been and still are holding some classes in the basement of the School Building, contrary to the Massachusetts law. The state inspector, who has been as lenient as possible, now insists that this infraction must cease. We are confronted therefore with the immediate need of an additional classroom building which, when erected, will stand half-way between the Science Building and the Brick Church. I am enclosing the architect's preliminary sketch of it. We have a mortgage of \$300,000; we must finish the gymnasium, and there are other pressing needs, all of which, according to a recent survey made by an educational expert, will require two million dollars.

With this survey in mind, and having carefully analyzed the whole problem, the Trustees have asked me to undertake another series of letters and to continue them until the two million dollars is in hand. This assignment would scare me were it not that we have already proved what we can do, and so I am writing this letter to invite you to make a gift payable now, or over whatever period of time may be least burdensome.

I want to close with two pieces of very good news:

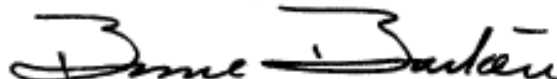
First, the Alumni of the school have manifested great generosity and devotion. Last year their gifts for current expenses were just short of \$100,000, and there is every reason to believe that these gifts, many of them from young men in their first jobs, will continue to grow.

Second, the will of the late Charles E. Merrill, a most generous friend, provided that Deerfield shall receive \$50,000 a year for ten years. This will amount to \$500,000 and should make it possible for the Academy to continue to attract the best teachers, house and pay them well, as compared with any other institution in its class, and provide modest but adequate pensions upon retirement.

Deerfield today has 430 boarding and 60 day students. Each Fall it receives more than one thousand applications. Thus the Boydens can select the cream of the crop, and the alumni group will continue to grow and prosper and give.

In the words of Aeneas, each of us can say when the job is done: "All of which I saw, much of which I was."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce Barton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B".

Bruce Barton