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My dear Mr Thompson:

I have your letter of November 15th, saying that the sum of \$500 has been allotted to me to raise for the new gymnasium. This is the first that I had known of it. I have been away from New York for some time, and my correspondence badly neglected. I suspect that if the former letter was sent, it must have been treated as a circular by my secretary.

It is quite out of the question for me to give \$500 to this enterprise, and equally out of the question for me to attempt to raise that amount between now and Thanksgiving Day. As a matter of fact I do not know where I should go to raise money for anything. It is one of the things I have never attempted to do, and do not know how to do.

All that I see my way clear to do is a little later to give you a hundred dollars myself, and to take up the matter with the members of my class, 1880, though I suspect from your letter they have been already approached.

I regret to seem to lag behind in this matter. If I had known earlier that anything of the kind was expected of me I might at least have tried to do something, though I doubt very much whether I could have succeeded.

Very sincerely yours,