

March 8th., 1902.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,
26 Broadway,
New York.

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

On behalf of the Trustees of the General Education Board, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 1st., in which pledge is made, in behalf of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, of one million dollars, to be expended at the discretion of the General Education Board during a period of ten years.

I beg to confirm your understanding that

William H. Baldwin, Jr.,
Jabez L. M. Curry,
Frederick T. Gates,
Daniel C. Gilman,
Morris K. Jesup,
Robert C. Ogden,
Walter H. Page,
George Foster Peabody,
Albert Shaw,

have formed themselves into an Association to be called the "General Education Board", with temporary Articles of Association pending the formalities necessary to incorporate themselves into a corporation under Special Charter from the United States Congress; and, further, that the object of the Board is to promote education in the United States of America,

without distinction of sex, race, or creed, and that immediate attention is to be given to the promotion of the educational needs of the people in the Southern States.

I beg further to state that immediate steps were taken through eminent counsel, Mr. Edward M. Shepard, to prepare a Charter, which has met with the approval of the members of the Board, and that the Charter is now in the hands of United States Senator Aldrich, to be presented to Congress at a favorable moment.

In accepting this munificent gift on behalf of the Board, I wish to assure you of the cordial and loyal support which has been shown by each Trustee. I believe that no set of men could have been selected to represent more fully the advanced movement for the education of the Southern people. It is our belief that never in the past has the time been so opportune as this moment for an active and aggressive movement in the Southern States, and especially it is to be noted that the educational point of view of the Trustees of the General Education Board is in perfect harmony with that of the Southern men who represent the intelligent opinion of the South.

In return for your generous offer, we pledge our devoted support to the principles which have been laid down in our Statement of Policy, and it will be our chief aim to prove ourselves worthy of the great responsibility which you have placed upon us.

I enclose you herewith a copy of our Statement

of Policy, together with a copy of the temporary Articles of Association, and a copy of the proposed Act to incorporate the General Education Board.

This letter has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Board, at a meeting held on Monday, March 17th., 1902.

Very respectfully,

A. W. Davidson
Chairman

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