

Feb. 9, 1926.

Dear Mrs. Hervey:-

Your first letter came last night followed by the other this morning.

As Mr. Drew talked to me quite publicly in front of someone else regarding the exact plan that you wrote me about and in addition to this you made no inference that it was a confidential matter, it naturally never occurred to me that it was. I could have talked to Mrs. Ullman about it some time ago. I took your letter to me to be a spur to get busy. Therefore I wrote to Mrs. Ulmann, as she is one of my committee, hoping that she would be able to get various ones to talk it over and somehow get together on it. If I have put you in a wrong position, I am very sorry, but you did not tell me anything I did not already know. Mr. Drew knew all about the alumni book, he and Margaret Watkins and I were talking about it. My letter to Mrs. Ulmann was an effort to get together on the whole matter.

If the P.P.A. could raise the money more easily than the alumni, I see no reason

why it shouldnt be done as long as it is done right. Mr. White founded the P.P.A. and was its president for some years, but I gather from your letter that there must be some feeling between the Alumni and the P.P.A. The point is to publish that book, and make it the finest possible book that we can. But as I say there must be reasons concerning which I know nothing.

I trust that this explains my actions.

Sincerely yours,