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A Copy of the Form Letter Sent by Philip Phelps to Churches to Raise Money for the College Library

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March 15, 1871

A copy of the form letter sent by Philip Phelps to churches to raise money for the college library. He mentions the generosity of Samuel Schieffelin in books and money.

Original in the Archives of Hope College; the Phelps Scrapbook.

Handcopied.

P. Phelps Scrapbook, vol. I, Hope C
- a letter of Phelps to churches to raise
money for the college library
- handwritten

Synod's Rooms, 34 Vesey St. New York,
March 15, 1871

Dear Brother,

~~constraints~~ The necessities of Hope College
constrain me to approach you at the present
time with a very special appeal in behalf
of that Institution. I am well aware that,
burdened as you are with so many cares, I
am trespassing very largely on your fraternal
kindness. But if the Pastors do not come to
our help in their respective fields, the work
will be exceedingly slow and expensive.

My urgent request is that you would
take the collection of blanks which accom-
panies this, and by individual solicitation
within the bounds of your Congregation,
endeavor to contribute towards the amount
wherein Hope College so much needs.

Elder Samuel B. Scheffelin,
with characteristic liberality, has given
a number of volumes and a generous dona-
tion of money for the library; and as a
good library is a most important
requirement especially for Hope College,
it has seemed

that two objects might be gained at the same time, and that our various books might serve as interesting mementos.

Your brethren in the labor and
hope of the Gospel

Phelps Phelps, Jr.