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*This is the House that Jill would Build  
These are the Reasons She Needs It*

*This is the Money Jill Has Now*

**\$570,367**

Of this, \$531,530 has been pledged or secured by alumnae; the rest by undergraduates.

CASH to the amount of \$64,640.12, collected before March, 1924.

CASH to the amount of \$133,361.66, collected between June 23rd and November 1st.

CASH to the amount of \$198,001.78 is already working for Jill's house, earning interest. *Twice as much more* (plus \$4,000!) and the deed is done!

Will you work too?

*This is the Money Jill Must Have*

**\$1,000,000**

For a BUILDING.....\$750,000

For ENDOWMENT.....250,000

For a SITE.....NOTHING!

If she gets the Million by June, 1927, because the Regents are keeping a lot on North University Ave. until that date.

Value of site.....300,000

Nine thousand women have enjoyed the privileges of the University of Michigan. Not all of them went to school there for four years; some did graduate work, some could not finish.

If all the 9,000 bought Life Memberships at \$50, Jill would have but \$450,000 toward the Million.

The reason that she has pledged for so much more than for \$450,000 already is because—

875 alumnae have pledged 2-0-7's.

Because,

2063 alumnae had pledged \$50's before March, 1924

Because,

573 alumnae have pledged \$50's since March, 1924.

Because,

281 alumnae have pledged SOMETHING since March, 1924.

Because, in all

3514 alumnae have given SOMETHING to the University of Michigan.

AND because,

About an equal number of Alumni have either given gifts directly or have helped the women make their gifts.

The alumnae who have already pledged are the ones who could make their gifts most easily, either because they had the money or because they had the courage to ask others for it.

Some women who love Michigan equally well, who want as much to provide adequately for the Michigan women of the future, can do very little or can do nothing before 1927.

WHY? LISTEN:



"I HAVE been teaching over twenty years and supporting my invalid mother all but two years of that time. We are alone in the world and I have been able to save a little. Last spring the school in which I have taught most of my working life failed. I lost my position. I have only been able to get occasional substitute work to do since then and we are using up my savings. I love Michigan. I believe its women need a building, but I know you will agree I ought not to give toward it."

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"I MARRIED before I finished at Michigan and helped my husband get his training in pharmacy. We are still pretty young and have three children. I do all our work so you see I really can't do anything. There are things I'd like to see changed at Ann Arbor and I believe a good building for woman would help."

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"I'M OVER seventy and still practicing medicine,—office calls only, I can't visit. I'll always bless Michigan for her generous training when it wasn't easy for women to get the opportunity to study medicine. But a doctor sees to many things to do with her money. It's been hard to save without feeling selfish. When Alumnae Home was started I gave \$20. When they planned this League Building I pledged \$50 and it's just paid. I can't possibly pledge but \$50 more, though I want to. Perhaps someone else can finish my 2-0-7."

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FROM INDIA comes the word:—"What memories your questionnaire awakes—Michigan Campus with its joyous spirit of friendship as classmates hurried to and fro from those various buildings that I can't imagine as changed; the studious quiet of the old circular library; the smells of the Science Building; the Class Plays, Senior Sings. It's a surprise to know Barbour Gym won't hold the women's social life any longer, still more to hear there are lonely girls on Campus. I don't believe there were in my day and it shouldn't be. More than anything else she taught me, was the self-confidence in meeting strangers I gained at Michigan,—that, and gaining a sympathy with all classes of people. I hadn't a lot of it before I went to the University and an educational missionary certainly needs it. I'm glad there are more girls going every year. I want them to have a chance equal to mine and I hate to think what I can do toward it is so small."

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"I DIDN'T finish school because I was needed home. I didn't marry young but I've had four children. The youngest is the only one to go to Michigan, but I'm glad one could. It hasn't been easy to manage on a minister's salary. I've worked hard all my life—but I've never earned

any money, that is, any I felt was my own to spend. Perhaps I can send something later. I want to. There aren't any other Michigan people here, so I can't solicit."

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"I'M A MEDICAL missionary and I thank Michigan for my training. I've used it without a break even though I've married and had two children. We live in Mexico where life is simple but not easy. I never had time for the social functions when I was in college, but I had strong friendships. I'm sorry I can't help toward the League Building if it's needed to bring Michigan women together."

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"MICHIGAN is to be thanked for high standards of personal living and for a democratic outlook. I got both from her and five dollars is little expression of any appreciation. My husband has three mission churches in mountain hamlets. Our tiny income, which almost never lets us get away, seems riches to our people here, and they have such desperate needs! I know Michigan will understand."

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"MICHIGAN means pain as much as pleasure to me to remember for I married the wrong man there. Now I am supporting his three children, with a little help from my own father. I would like other girls to be helped not to make my sort of mistake and on a chance that a fine League Building would help I would be glad to contribute,—but I hardly keep shoes on the boys' feet."

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"AS A CHILD I determined to be a doctor but my father could not support me until I finished high school. So I took a business course and began to support myself while going to night High. A college degree seemed so unattainable that I took a nurse's training and found I liked work with the sick as much as I thought I would. Next I did Public Health Nursing and there met some good friends who made it possible for me to go to State Normal School. Then I taught two years, going to Summer School in between, and saved enough to enter Michigan University at twenty-six. I have had to stop off once to earn more money, but at thirty-one I took my degree and have spent one year in the School of Medicine. All of this has been hard on my health,—and as a future doctor, I have a respect for health,—so instead of working and studying at the same time, I'm earning and saving, hoping in three years to have enough to finish my course comfortably. You see I *can't* contribute! I've never had time in my life for most of the things the League Building will contribute to students' lives, but I can see their value and I hope they get the Building."



"I WILL pledge five dollars. I am one of Michigan's early women. There weren't so many ways for women to earn money when I graduated. It's wonderful to hear what they have and do now. I'm not one of those who think the women don't need a building because they didn't have it in my day. Lots of folks didn't want girls to have any education back in my day, and now everyone knows that was a mistake. I'd love to send 2-0-7 instead of \$5,—or more than that,—but I live on a tiny income and have no one to look to but myself. If I could sell my little house I could give something more."

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"LAST year I would have pledged what you ask gladly. I am thankful I wasn't approached for it's dreadful to back down. But a few months ago my husband's business failed and he broke down from over-work. I'm the man of the house now and have a business position. When things improve I would like to help."

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"BEING a mother of three and a University teacher and keeping house, doesn't leave much space to answer questions. I've got obligations nearer than Michigan which are imperative just now. Perhaps later I can do something. My life isn't one to encourage me to promise."

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"I'VE TAUGHT thirty years and am trying to make ends meet on the savings from that, not only for myself but for an invalid brother. I'd like to send something in memory of the intellectual stimulus that Professor Scott, Professor Dewey, and Professor Demmon brought into my life."

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"MOST of my work has been making translations. It is not very remunerative and I've not been a successful investor of the little I've saved so I can't help. I'd like to, because I believe young people should learn to be social while they are flexible. I've missed a whole side of life because I did not learn that and I'm sorry present conditions are making it hard for so many Michigan women to have a wide acquaintance."

"I'M GLAD I'm on Michigan's lists; it makes me proud. But I've still a year's work to do to get a degree—and I'm in my thirties. I've gotten most of my credits at Summer School, but I had one glorious year at Ann Arbor. It took me three years teaching to earn the money for that. Not having a college degree, I haven't held very good positions. I'm saving everything again,—making one winter hat do three years, despite storms!—so you see I just can't give now."

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"MY FAMILY didn't care about education. I went to business school and into an office. I hated the work and didn't find congenial companions. So I went without pretty clothes and most lunches and movies for a couple of years and went to the University of Michigan with \$60

in my pocket after I'd paid my tuition. I worked for room and board and I wasn't very good at it,—but I didn't have an easy woman to work for. Next year I took care of children and tutored a little. The third year I got a half-time secretarial job, but I'd worked so hard for four years then that I was used up. I had to leave at spring vacation and it nearly killed me. Mrs. Jordan got me a loan when I came back, so I had a little pleasure out of my last year—the others were all work. But I left with

\$300 to pay back and before I had begun, I had to undergo a severe operation. It's hard to believe, but in five years I've only been able to pay back \$50. I don't seem to have any luck. So you see I can't honorably pledge anything more.

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"TUBERCULOSIS forced me to leave the University for the State Sanitarium and I could not return. I am grateful to the Health Service for discovering my illness in time for I have sufficiently recovered to live like other people,—if I don't put any strain on myself. I have never been able to work full time and so am partly dependent on a married brother. I do not feel under the circumstances it would be right for me to contribute more than a few dollars for goodwill."

### *What to Remember*

You are a salesman for Michigan women.

You have a splendid cause.

Every person you interview, whether they give or not, can be made a friend of your cause, if you believe ardently and state your case clearly.

Everyone you interview is complimented by the fact that you think he has sufficient public spirit, and sufficient funds to warrant your calling on him.

You must not get discouraged for the seed that you sow in your interview may be reaped by some other Michigan woman at some later date—someone who might have more influence with that particular prospect.

Your problem is to convey your faith in your cause to others. Don't do all the talking yourself. Your prospect may have some genuine objection, which, if it remains unexpressed and hence, unanswered, will be the cause of his not contributing.

Once you have pledged your prospect, perhaps he will suggest other prospects, and ways of approaching them.





# Why the University of Michigan Needs a Women's Building

BECAUSE—The enrollment of women at the University of Michigan is larger than that of any Women's College in the country! Twenty-six years ago there were only 500 women in the University; today, inclusive of Summer School, 3,200 women are enrolled. Yet the same building, used over a quarter of a century ago for women, is their sole center today.

BECAUSE—There is no space on campus in which to house women's activities. Such a building will supply rooms for committee meetings and social gatherings.

BECAUSE—The housing question has outgrown the equipment of Ann Arbor. There are more than twice as many students in proportion to the citizens as there were ten years ago. Few can become members of pleasant households; landladies, who are in the business for a living, house most of the students in small houses built for private families and unsuitable for group life.

*BECAUSE—Society has found social standards safest in the hands of women. But it is the entertainer and not the entertained who controls the situation. Because, except for the few in sororities and dormitories, the women of Michigan must constantly be the guests of the men today, they are handicapped in carrying their proper share of responsibility for community ideals.*

BECAUSE—It will make student government more effective and be a means of bringing campus public opinion to bear upon the big problems of the day.

BECAUSE—The scattering of Michigan women into over a hundred "organized League Houses" and into 400 "unorganized" houses, where one, two or three girls live, makes it impossible for any but the most enterprising to know many people. THE AVERAGE MICHIGAN WOMAN TODAY KNOWS FEWER PEOPLE THAN IF SHE WENT TO COLLEGE AT ALMA, HILLSDALE, OR OLIVET.

BECAUSE—Congenial, enduring friendships should be one of the valued rewards of college life; an adequate and attractive common meeting place is vital.

*BECAUSE—Four prominent women's colleges and ten universities have constructed such buildings for their women students. At several other universities such construction is under way; in many of the rest there are enough dormitories to fulfill the social needs.*

BECAUSE—The citizens of the state who are parents of daughters only, and who pay taxes to maintain the University, have the right to expect the same advantages for their daughters as other men receive for their sons.

BECAUSE—Such a building gives a chance for work in big groups. In this day of organization this is as essential for a woman as for a man, whether she marries immediately or whether she doesn't. A woman who can not make contacts with her community is not the ideal wife or mother of today. Training on this side is denied to a large proportion of Michigan undergraduates today for lack of facilities.

BECAUSE—It will offer comfortable and accessible quarters for returning alumnae, visiting relatives and friends; a place where they will feel at home upon the campus and a part of the University life.

BECAUSE—It will offer attractive and comfortable dining facilities, both for the students daily, and for reunions and banquets and small group gatherings.

BECAUSE—It will contain an auditorium of about the size of old "U Hall" soon to be demolished. There is no attractive place left on the campus for medium sized audiences.

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## Selling Points in the State of Michigan

There are more than fifteen hundred Michigan women teaching in our state. Three-quarters of the women graduates of the University of Michigan come from this state and return to it benefits of their University training.

Nearly three-quarters of the high school teachers in Detroit are Michigan women.

Michigan women are associated with every social welfare agency in Detroit. Twenty-five Michigan women are working in the public libraries of Detroit.

More than forty Michigan women are engaged in scientific research in Detroit and throughout the country. Michigan women are achieving success in the professional and business world.

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## What other College Women Have Done

The individual share of the Wells Alumnae was \$333; of Mount Holyoke and of Pennsylvania Women's College, \$305; of Wesleyan College in Georgia, \$270; of Oberlin, \$285, and of Goucher College, Baltimore, \$400. These examples set by other colleges and universities are proof of what Michigan women too can do. These particular examples have been chosen because they are *not* "rich girls' colleges" but have about the same financial resources as Michigan,—some of them less.

Michigan appeals to 9,000 alumnae. Rutgers, a state institution with 2,800 alumni, raised \$1,000,000. Colgate with 3,000, raised \$1,150,000. Wesleyan with 3,500, raised \$3,100,000. The majority who go to these colleges are poor.