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To the Alumni of the Graduate School of Design:

My annual letter to you is somewhat in the form of a report. I am glad to say that in 1938 the Harvard Fund enrolled a new total of 10,631 givers -- the largest figure for any American Alumni Fund in the past five years, and an all-time high in addition.

My only regret is that contributors from among the Graduate Schools' Alumni numbered only 1,240 as against 1,257 in 1937. On the other hand, you contributed a total of \$5,906 as compared with \$5,360 in 1937, and \$6,248 in 1936 (the Tercentenary year). This slight increase is particularly significant since the amount raised by the Fund in 1938 was \$104,618 as against \$120,387 in 1937.

As I have said before: the relative share of the Alumni of the Graduate Schools is still too small. Of the 1,240 givers from among you, 463 (more than one-third) are graduates of the Dental School. In 1937 the Dental School group numbered 564; and had these men all repeated, the total Graduate Schools' representation would have been a record in itself.

Not 4% of the division of Harvard Alumni of which you are one contribute annually to the Fund, though its importance to the University -- to all Graduate Schools as well as to the College -- is unquestioned. "Such gifts (says President Conant in his latest report) not only enable us to undertake and continue many projects which would otherwise be impossible, but each brings a friendly voice of encouragement."

We recognize that Alumni of our Graduate Schools owe first allegiance to colleges other than Harvard. But in thirteen years 3,125 of them have contributed to the Harvard Fund, believing obviously that their second allegiance is to Harvard which gave them their profession.

We are grateful to all these men for what they have done in the past. May I urge (and I cannot urge it too strongly) that if you are one of them you continue to give; and if you are not that you start now with a dollar or more -- for that is a popular gift -- and send it to the Fund to be added to the unrestricted money available to your School. Your action will encourage others to follow your lead.

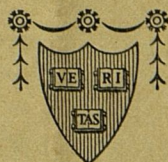
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Sincerely yours,

G. Peabody Gardner Jr.
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To the Alumni of the School of Architecture:

On the 16th, 17th, and 18th of September next, Harvard will celebrate the completion of its Third Century of continued existence. Most of the Universities in America, and many in Europe, will be represented. Distinguished scholars from all over the world will be present to receive honorary degrees. We all are invited. Some ten to fifteen thousand of us alumni expect to be there.

I full well realize that many of you have been also associated with other Colleges or Universities before you attended the School of Architecture. Your allegiance is owed to more institutions than one. Furthermore, contributions in these days have to be placed carefully where the greatest necessity lies. However, this year when we consider the significance of this anniversary, a basic principle confronts us all. If you wish to commemorate not only the 300th Anniversary of Harvard but the birth of higher education in America, if you wish to recognize the vital part which the School of Architecture has played in this development, if you wish to go on record as one in favor of what Harvard and our privately endowed institutions stand for, won't you join us in what we believe will be an outstanding vote of confidence, and send in as generous a contribution as you can well afford? No sum is too small and none too large.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Coolidge
CHAIRMAN.

P.S. The usual Harvard Fund blank has been altered this year so as to give an opportunity to subscribe

- (a) Through it directly to the School of Architecture
- (b) Through the special 300th Anniversary Fund for the establishment of National Scholarships and University Professorships throughout the University as a whole.

Information about these projects has already been mailed to you by President Conant.

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