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January 19, 1939

Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon
Building

Dear Brother Cannon:

As you will recall, the Board of the Trustees of the Brigham Young University, at our request, held a meeting in the Board Room of the Church Office Building, on September 28, 1938. At that time the First Presidency explained the general situation in our Church School System and their desire to make certain readjustments and coordinations in the Church School System, and in that connection their wish to reconstitute the Board of Trustees. After deliberation and discussion, the Board of Trustees, (a quorum being present), unanimously voted to tender their resignations as members of the Board of Trustees of the B.Y.U., the same to take effect at a time which would serve the needs of the First Presidency in their reorganization of the directive instrumentalities of the Church School System.

While you were not present at that meeting, we are led to hope that you are in sympathy with the action taken by the Board at that time. With this hope in mind, this letter is to inform you that the necessary preliminaries have now been worked out, and that the First Presidency is ready to proceed with the necessary reorganizations.

We therefore have the honor to advise you that your resignation is finally effective as of this date.

The First Presidency have appointed the following persons to constitute the Board of Trustees of the Brigham Young University: Heber J. Grant, J. Reuben Clark, Jr., David O. McKay, Rudger Clawson, Joseph Fielding Smith, Stephen L. Richards, Richard R. Lyman, John A. Widtsoe, Joseph F. Merrill, Charles A. Callis, Adam S. Bennion, Franklin S. Harris, Franklin L. West, and Arthur Winter, Secretary and Treasurer.

We cannot close this letter without renewing to you in this form the expressions of gratitude and appreciation, which we made on the occasion of the meeting above referred to, for the great service which you have rendered to the School during your term of office, and which, through the School, you have rendered to the tens of thousands of young people who have obtained their education at that great institution founded by Brigham Young. Some of you have been connected with this School almost from the first; you have seen it grow and develop from its meager beginning until it has become one of the great institutions of the land. We feel deeply the hope that your interest and work for the School will not abate. We know that the Lord has blessed you in your past efforts for the welfare and upbuilding of the School. We pray that He will give to you, now that you terminate your official connection with the School, the blessing of cherished memories of the service you have rendered to the Church and to the Church membership in this high calling which you have held.

With the compliments of the season, and praying that the Lord will bless you in your future labors, we are

Faithfully your brethren,

Heber J. Grant
J. Reuben Clark Jr.
David O. McKay

The First Presidency