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Dear Eric:-

We were not able to pull off our advisory luncheon at Rochester, because two key men were called out of town. We have it all set up so that we can go back there without having to do the preliminary work again, though we will do it in the face of apparent unwillingness on the part of the powerful stand-pat Presbyterian minister there. We, Mr. Caskey and I, think that we will do "good" if we get a residence.

At Buffalo were similar conditions prevail, we were able to get it across. They are thinking in terms of $30,000. If you had been at our Buffalo luncheon yesterday I think there would have been no doubt in your mind that they want to know what we want in dollars and cents, as a guage indicating what they are in for if they agree to cooperation. We could not have left things in better shape at Buffalo. The luncheon was attended by the most influential pastors and one or two laymen, and Convening Committee of six, appointed to call together a larger and working Committee on further word from us. Apparently they are thinking around in the neighborhood of $30,000 for Buffalo.

It became clear to us that we are short of offerings between $7,000 and $50,000. A Dining Hall, $35,000, does not seem an entirely attractive proposition for a city-wide appeal. It has occurred to me that we ought to work out some scheme indicating the different items which would cover the $400,000 endowment, just as we have for the $600,000 for buildings. Have you any suggestions as to how it could be done and data to serve as a basis? When we are asked for what the $400,000 endowment is intended, at the present moment we can make only very vague statements. This does not leave a good impression.

I am here mainly to see my friend Payne who gave the Missionary Apt. house to Princeton Theological Seminary. I have heard he is in failing health.