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Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Dr. Wm. I. Haven
Marshfield, Mass.

My dear Dr. North:

If it were not so important, involving $2000. in cash, I would not write to you at this time.

Mrs. O.T. Johnson of Los Angeles last January indicated to me that she had a very definite purpose ~~of~~ in due time giving a $8000 Residence. I mentioned the matter in a letter to Dr. Stuart and, in a cable, he asked if it were not possible to get her to give it now. Using the urgency of the cable, I wrote to her and on June 1st she wrote me a long letter, telling of the various causes she was giving to. She has a tender and sympathetic heart. I am quoting a paragraph from her letter:

"I do see, feel and realize the needs of more and better homes for your instructors; I have expressed the wish that I might be able some time to do this - without a definite promise. But as to time I cannot tell. But this much I will say - if there are others like myself who would like to do something - but not the whole - if we could unite our efforts and put up one cottage or home, I would be one of four to give $2,000. How is this?"

Although I communicated the matter at once to Mr. Evans, it was not attended to, and it was among the items that I was asked to take up with Mr. Warner in early July. Our idea was that ~~large~~ undesignated money had gone into houses in various ways and if we could get this $2000 by promising that the $6000 would be arranged for, it would be good. We wanted also to arrange so that if and when she paid the other amounts we might assign to her a definite house. We thought this ought to be possible in view of the fact that there must be a great deal of undesignated money in the large number of houses. The part of my letter that bears on this I wrote to her under date of July 6,1927 and it reads as follows:

No, no! We have spent on houses, money designated for other purposes if anything!

"Since your letter came saying that you felt that you could not meet the entire need of a residence at the present time but would cooperate to the extent of $2000, I have been trying to arrange matters in a way that would be acceptable to all.

There is no $6,000.- assignable that I know of. Such a statement should have been checked with me first.

"We have now arranged for the extra amount but in such a way that it can be liberated for the much needed