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Dear Brethren:

I was very much pleased to receive yours of the 15th ult. containing an extended report in the form of a communication to Foster Stearns of the American Embassy on the relief work carried on there from the time of the tragedy down to the present. This is a valuable document that you have presented and has been read with thrilling interest. I also thank you for the accompanying letter. It is the latest word we have had from Smyrna, and it would indicate that up to that time the work was going on with encouragement. I was writing Mrs. Kennedy the day your letter came, and I took the liberty of quoting from it as a word of encouragement to go on without fear and with hope.

I want to express my own deep personal appreciation for the way in which you two men have stood by the work under most trying conditions. It is profoundly appreciated by all the members of the Board of Trustees and by the American Board as well. May the Lord give you an abundant reward for the faithful, self-forgetfulness of the way you have got under the load and remained under it.

The Board of Trustees and the American Board are standing by the College to the best of their ability. I was in the State Department last week and find that the Secretary of State feels that the College holds a strategic position in the settlement of diplomatic issues now existing between Turkey and the United States. Secretary Hughes said: "By all means keep the College going while we negotiate." It is one of the points where the work has not been stopped and it is nine points of the law that it is going on. Dean Reed is here and we are working together to strengthen the things that remain to the best of our ability.

With every personal regard and good wish, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

James L. Barton

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