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Hats Off To John F. Cushing.

"When I was a student at Notre Dame I found myself in some financial difficulties. I went to Father Morrissey, and he helped me out. I have never forgotten that kindness, and I am glad today to be able to reciprocate."

With these words John F. Cushing prefaced his donation of \$300,000 for a new engineering building at Notre Dame - the first old student to make such a gift to the school. Edward H. Hurley, donor of the Commerce Building, is an honorary alumnus; Mr. Cushing is a graduate of the Class of 1906. Wm. P. Breen, of the Class of 1877, has endowed the college of Law magnificently; Mr. Cushing is the first old student to donate a building.

These three men have understood thoroughly the two-fold purpose of Notre Dame, and they have emphasized the fact that here the spiritual must always come first. Mr. Cushing expressed his appreciation of this in his letter of donation:

"I conceive that an engineer, speaking particularly but not exclusively of my own field of civil engineering, must be a man with a conscience in his profession. The gravest of all natural responsibilities are borne by him. He will be responsible for human safety and human lives. He must know his materials and his principles of construction. He must respect the one and be faithful to the other."

His college training had impressed these things upon him; and he found how true they were in twenty-five years of practice in his profession. Not like the misguided medical student who thought of throwing aside his faith in order to make money, Mr. Cushing made religion the ordering force in his life and made his way in the world without detriment to his religion. And if we may risk of ending his modesty, we may add that the most patent evidence of Mr. Cushing's Catholicity is his large and happy family - and old-style family of the size God loves and the world scorns today.

He concluded his letter to Father O'Donnell with this appreciation of Notre Dame:

"Being deeply impressed with the needs of Notre Dame and because I find at Notre Dame the conditions that make for the two-fold training of great engineers in all the departments of engineering, a technical training that ranks with the best and a training in character foundation nowhere excelled, and because I feel I owe Notre Dame a debt of gratitude which I can never fully discharge, I ask you to accept from me a gift of \$300,000 toward the erection of a hall of engineering."

Hats off to John F. Cushing! For the past ten years we have been making Novenas for the needs of Notre Dame, and when these needs have been posted during these years there has always been mention made of a commerce building, an engineering building, and dormitories. How much of that dream has come true during the past twelve months!

The least we can do to show our appreciation of Mr. Cushing's munificence is to offer a Novena of Holy Communion for his intentions. The Engineering students should feel that this is a primary obligation upon them; all students interested in the advancement of Notre Dame should associate themselves with the engineers in the Novena. The date for the Novena will be May 11-19, the first free time after the Novena for Mothers.

PRAYERS: Wm. Gaussein is quite ill at home with flu. George Watling, a student last year, asks prayers for his mother, who is quite ill. The mother of George Driscoll, a recent alumnus, and his brother William, a former student, is also seriously ill. An uncle of Joe Thornton is in critical condition with pneumonia. A cousin of Jack Laux was seriously injured in an auto accident. Five special intentions. Three thanksgivings.