more floors of a high building, perhaps in the vicinity of our present Trinity Place buildings, or to build a high gymnasium with a small ground area. Any one of these plans would involve a large outlay which cannot be avoided without conflict with the present accepted views in regard to the physical interests of the students.

It is, in our judgment, this situation of the Institute which offers an altogether exceptional opportunity to its alumni. The $100,000 which we have to secure is of course not adequate for land, building and maintenance of any gymnasium worthy of the Institute or of being called a memorial to President Walker. But $100,000 may be immensely helpful to the Corporation of the Institute in the erection of a new building and may turn the scale between a building limited by the temporary financial capacity of the Institute treasury and a far better gymnasium such as would satisfy Corporation, alumni and undergraduates.

It may be opportune to speak a little more generally of the relations which ought to subsist between the Corporation and the alumni. The Institute owes its existence and its great success, as we know, to the farsightedness, energy and liberality of a comparatively small number of men. Its continued progress after these men are gone—and how many of them are gone already—must depend and ought to depend in large measure upon the loyalty of its graduates. The alumni of the Institute have a high responsibility toward the future of education in this country. They should strive to value that responsibility as they value their own education; as they value the higher things of life. Already many of the alumni are carrying the burden of service as members of the Faculty and as time passes more and more will become members of the Corporation. But the alumni cannot expect the recognition that they ought to have by the Corporation without showing the evidence they ought to show of substantial interest in its welfare and progress. We have never yet had such an opportunity to show that we are worthy of our responsibilities for the future. We must not fail to meet it.

2. The Committee has not to determine the form of the memorial, not to build a gymnasium, not to buy land, but to secure funds from Institute men who are interested in the form of the memorial already adopted and who have sufficient confidence in the future judgment of the Alumni Association and Institute Corporation to believe in the wise disposition of the funds contributed.

3. Above all stands the memorial element in our undertaking. The Institute had the great good fortune to have President Walker at its head during the best years of his life. The great majority of us knew him personally and are by that fact broader and better. The enrichment of student life by a good gymnasium with opportunities for other proper social purposes is one of the things in which he would have taken the warmest interest. Shall we not see that his ideals and his name thus live?

He gives twice who gives quickly. Some wait for others being doubtful as to the scale of contributions. If all hesitated, our work would be paralyzed. We owe much to the generous faith of a few who have been willing to lead the way. We appeal now to every man in every class not to let a few bear the burden longer, but to do his share whether large or small.

Interesting and difficult questions can hardly be separated from the subscription work with which we are charged. These relate mainly to the location and the character of the gymnasium. As to both we must repeat that authority rests wholly in the government of the Institute. We believe that the gymnasium should be very near the other buildings, that it should be of simple but dignified architecture, that it should be planned for future and not merely for present needs, that it should be not only a place for physical exercise, but should by means of reading rooms, society-rooms, offices, etc., concentrate a wide range of student interests. For the present we desire to mark the position we have reached by presenting for your action the following votes, stated in substance in the call for this meeting:

VOTED. — That the Walker Memorial Gymnasium Committee be authorized to confer with the Corporation of the Institute, in behalf of the Association, in regard to the purchase of suitable land for the gymnasium.

VOTED. — That it is the sense of the Association that the Walker Memorial Gymnasium should include if possible provision for other social objects, with a view to the promotion among the students generally, of a closer attachment for each other and for the Institute.