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March 8th, 1919.

My dear Sir:

I wish to express to the Navy Department my deep appreciation of the valuable services of Rear Admiral Goodrich as the Commanding Officer of our Naval Unit at Princeton. His efficient organization and instruction of our young men in the Naval Unit have been most gratifying. The personal contact of our undergraduates with Admiral Goodrich has been inspiring and helpful in every way. My own relations to him both officially and personally have been delightful and it is a matter of great regret to me that his relation to the University now ceases.

I wish to call particular attention to his foresight and skill in making the complete preparations for handling the influenza epidemic when it struck Princeton with a terrible force. Owing to the suggestions of Admiral Goodrich I was able to take the precautions in dealing with our own students as well as with the members of the Naval Unit, and with his cooperation and wise organization of our medical forces both of the Navy and Army we were able to go through the campaign without losing a single life, although there were, in the Army and Navy Units, the Aeronautical School, and the Paymaster’s School, over 2,000 young men on our campus. Our freedom from the disastrous results at such a time is due in a very large measure to Admiral Goodrich, and it gives me great satisfaction to be able to make this report to the Bureau of Navigation.

With warmest regards, Faithfully yours,

To-
The Commanding Officer,
Bureau of Navigation,
Washington, D. C.