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My dear Dr. MacLaurin:

I have just received your telegram and appreciate the emergency which necessitated the calling away of our students at the very beginning of the academic year. I am very desirous, however, of having their places supplied as soon as possible. We have made all of our financial calculations for the year upon the basis of a full quota of our students. We can take at least 200 more in the S. A. T. C and would appreciate exceedingly any efforts that you may be able to put forth to send us the desired number of new men.

I have just heard from Br. Richmond, our Regional Director, in reply to a question of mine that it will be the policy of the Government to send us from the Depot Brigades a number of men to take the place of our students who have been called away by the Government. Dr. Richmond adds that these men sent from the Depot Brigades to the various colleges and universities will hardly be of the standard high school training. In this connection I would like to ask this further question of you, - if the Government has compelled to send us students who have less than 13 units of high school training, may we at Princeton at this time admit students who have already applied to us but have somewhat less than the 13 standard units? I learn from our Registrar's office that we have refused to admit some 100 young men who have not fulfilled the condition of 13 high school units. We would be very glad to admit the best of these men now to Princeton, if the Government is expecting to lower the standard generally. May I trouble you to telegraph me whether we may be allowed to admit these men above described at once to Princeton?

Dr. Richmond also writes to me that during his recent visit to

Washington and in conference with a number of the members of the Committee he received the impression that the Government expects to withdraw students from the colleges and universities every month. This of course may be a war necessity, but it is a policy which tends directly to destroy all interest among the students in their academic studies. With a knowledge that the Government is withdrawing them at these short intervals of time they will naturally feel that it is not worth while to do much work upon their studies. The original plan as given in the circular sent out by your Committee gave all the universities and colleges a leaway of twelve weeks at least for the academic and military work.

Faithfully yours,

To-
Dr. MacLaurin,
Washington, D. C.