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Newport, New Hampshire
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President Ernest Martin Hopkins
Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

Seldom do I go out of my way to express myself on controversial questions. It seems to me that, more than commonly, these times demand that we express our convictions. Not long ago, I withdrew my contribution to the Dartmouth Alumni Fund because I could not reconcile your attitude toward repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment with the ideals of Dartmouth college as I have understood them. This action brought me a letter from our Class agent, "Mose" Linscott. I answered the letter stating my case briefly and clearly as possible. Still he protested, and rather than discuss the matter further with a third person, it seems more straight forward to come directly to you. Hence this letter.

The strength of my protest lies in my love for my alma mater, not in a desire to be argumentative. I do not propose to take your time to explain myself more fully unless you should wish me to do so. I come with no ill

will, no rancor, no discourtesy, no intolerance, -unless it be intolerance of that which I think is wrong; but with the utmost courtesy I do come to say that I feel very earnestly that you, with the Presidents of other prominent colleges and Universities, are mistaken in your attitude on this vital question. If this seems presumptuous on my part, I can only say that I, as a layman, feel modest enough about taking exceptions to the views of such eminent men, but I have to have the courage of my convictions. On a major issue, an outstanding moral question, I cannot separate the President of Dartmouth college from the college. And I cannot conscientiously support the college with it's chief officer and spokesman taking the attitude you have taken.

Yours most sincerely,

Harold L. Parsons.

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