

WARD-BELMONT SCHOOL

BELMONT HEIGHTS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 28, 1951

Dear Alumnae:

It has become apparent through conversations with a few of you in other parts of the country that you are not aware of the future status of Ward-Belmont under the board of trustees acting for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. When the transfer was made, we assumed that it was merely a change in the board of trustees. However, we find that the Tennessee Baptist Convention has the right to do with the property whatever they wish, even to the point of discontinuing the school.

For over two weeks a committee of the Nashville Ward-Belmont Alumnae Association has been working constantly to develop a plan to liquidate the school debts and return Ward-Belmont to its former status.

According to a recent newspaper statement, the college will operate next term as a co-educational junior college and eventually develop into a four-year co-educational college; the preparatory school will continue next year with such changes as will be essential "under the Baptist pattern of Christian education."

The committee is working hard and fast (night and day) to secure funds in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Only with this money can the alumnae of Ward-Belmont hope to return the school to its former status. We need substantial donations and if you are able to contribute in this group, telephone the Alumnae Office and then mail your pledge card. The participation of every alumna, regardless of the size of the pledge, is necessary in this campaign. We ask you to sign the enclosed pledge card and mail it immediately in order that you will have a part in the future of Ward-Belmont.

The need is imperative and immediate.

Sincerely yours,

PATTY CHADWELL, President
Nashville Ward-Belmont Alumnae Association