

My dear Alumnus:

In 1922 a group of Peabody graduates headed by Miss Elizabeth W. Baker and Miss Annie C. Allison, wishing to honor one of Peabody's most distinguished professors, Dr. Charles E. Little, started a movement to secure \$10,000.00 as a fund for a fellowship to be known as the Charles E. Little Fellowship.

The purpose of the fund as then conceived was to enable outstanding students of Latin to travel and to study in Italy as a supplement to their work at Peabody. This was in accordance with the wish so many times expressed by Dr. Little that his students might benefit by the same experiences he had enjoyed in the three trips he had taken abroad.

This idea has since been enlarged both in amount and purpose. The plan now is to form at least the nucleus for endowment of a chair, to be known as "The Charles Edgar Little Chair of Classics", with minimum sum of \$25,000.00. The function of this chair would be broad enough to include the classical languages and literatures, the remains of classical culture presenting ancient life in the field of archaeology, and the men and measures of classical public life. All these should be possibilities for the teaching and research contemplated by this chair, which could be greatly and indefinitely expanded as an effective agency in its own broad domain and in many features as a most vital help to history and social studies.

Over a period of years Miss Baker and Miss Allison, with the help of Miss Miriam B. Elliott and others, secured donations from former students, interested friends, and alumni to the amount of about \$4,000.00. The depression which began in 1928 caused the fund to stand at the above figure. Authorities at Peabody and many graduates, especially those who have studied under Dr. Little, are anxious to see this fund completed, to honor a man who has been identified with Peabody 55 years as student and professor, with 50 years of distinguished service as a teacher. Recognized by his confreres as a leading figure in the South and the Nation, he has served Peabody not only in the classroom but he has filled various offices of responsibility as occasions have demanded. Chairman of the faculty, advisor on matters of policy and acting president after Dr. Paynes' death until a new president was elected by the trustees, are some of the additional duties that he has cheerfully and successfully assumed.



A native of Eatonton, Georgia, Dr. Little received the L. I. diploma from Peabody in 1887 and the A.B. degree in 1891; in 1899 he was granted the Ph.D degree by Vanderbilt University at which institution he became also a member Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity, and was president of that chapter in 1929. Recognized widely as a scholar of distinction and broad culture, he was made honorary Litt. D. in 1935 by Oglethorpe University.

Not only has Dr. Little been recognized by institutions, but he has won recognition in educational circles throughout the United States. "Who's Who in America" lists him as member and president of the "Classical Association of the Middle West and South"; Representative and Vice-President at different times of the "American Classical League"; member of "American Philological Association"; member of the "Linguistic Society of America"; of several "antiquarian and Archaeological Societies in Great Britain"; "Hellenic Travellers Club of England"; and many other societies of interest to a Latin scholar.

As a writer he has discussed a wide range of subjects in printed articles dating from 1890 onward. As an author he has contributed to the study of Latin several valuable books known as "First Latin Lessons"; "Second Latin Lessons"; Manuals to the above named; "Grammatical Index to the Chandogya-Upanishad"; and innumerable articles on the classics in various magazines and journals.

Dr. Little whose physical vigor and mental alertness belie the years which "Who's Who in America" records as his, is still an active figure on Peabody campus. In the recent Founders Day celebration, February 18, 1941, someone described him as "the man of the hour, not of the past". He is an interested friend to all students and alumni, particularly to all those who studied Latin under him.

Won't you make a generous donation to help us complete this Fund of \$25,000.00? Or better still, let us try to increase it to \$50,000.00. Thus we can not only honor but perpetuate the influence of one who has brought to Peabody not only his own fine personal influence as scholar and gentleman, but who has brought honors and distinction to our Alma Mater.

Please send any contribution that you may want to make to \_\_\_\_\_.