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Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear Brother Chalk:

There are several hundred faithful preachers of the Gospel in the world who received training and inspiration from N. B. Hardeman. I imagine you feel as I do—that I will never be able to repay the debt I owe him. This is a major reason why I am closely involved in a current project concerning brother Hardeman and in which I believe you will have much interest.

As Freed-Hardeman College will always remain an outstanding monument to brother Hardeman's life and work, there is also a widespread interest in having something in his memory west of the Mississippi. To this end, the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Christian College has authorized the naming of the College's new 1,500-seat auditorium (now under construction) to be named the Hardeman Auditorium. Opening off of the foyer will be a small room containing his personal effects: the old desk, the bookcases, the chiffonier, the hat rack, even the rug on the floor; and, of course, his books and papers. This will be preserved as an N. B. Hardeman Memorial Room and reserved especially for students of Restoration History. The building will help the hundreds of people influenced by the College to be more aware, not only of brother Hardeman, but of the principle of fundamental respect for Biblical authority which so characterized him.

This new building will cost $650,000.00, and a brotherhood-wide steering committee comprised of: Mrs. Guy Comer, W. Elton Deacon, B. C. Goodpasture, Mrs. Worth B. Powers, J. M. Powell, Guy N. Woods, James Baird, and myself is leading an effort to raise half of this amount. Committees have been established in
fifteen states, and I would like for you to serve as a committee-
man in the state of Texas.

Hundreds of people are working together in this effort, and I hope that you will join us in helping also.

I am enclosing a return card for your convenience; I hope to hear from you shortly.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

[Signature]

L. R. Wilson
Chairman

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