

Lodge, President of Limestone College, an institution situated at Gaffney, South Carolina, and one of the oldest and most famous in the State. The college is in my own Congressional District, and is backed by some of the largest capitalists in South Carolina.

President Lodge has conceived the idea of establishing as a department of this college, "The Winnie Davis School of History," in which, while other branches of the subject will not be neglected, especial emphasis will be laid upon southern history and southern literature. A beautiful home of white marble, to be called "The Winnie Davis Hall of History," will during the present year be built for this new department of the college. Mrs. Jefferson Davis has given her hearty support and endorsement to the project, which has been enthusiastically approved in South Carolina, and by many of the most prominent men throughout the country.

Dr. Lodge would be greatly gratified if you would be so good as to contribute to the enterprise the valuable assistance which a word of commendation over your distinguished name would give.

May I join in requesting of you this favor?

Very truly yours,

(Signed,) D. E. FINLEY.

Whereas, Limestone College, at Gaffney, South Carolina, with the hearty approbation of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, has established the Winnie Davis School of History, in which, while not neglecting other branches of the subject, especial emphasis will be laid upon Southern history and Southern literature, in which the rich historical material of the South may be collected, preserved, organized and interpreted; in which thorough instruction in history is to be given by expert scholars trained in university methods, and in which historical investigators will be given a cordial welcome and afforded every assistance; therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Maryland, heartily approving this movement, hereby directs the State Librarian to donate to the Winnie Davis School