

The University of Minnesota

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

Minneapolis

DR. THOMAS G. LEE, DIRECTOR

To the person who shall open this box deposited in the cornerstone  
of the Institute of Anatomy, Tuesday, September 5, 1911.

Certain articles have been placed in this box for the purpose of preserving some bits of local University history for the use of future generations. It is to be desired that certain of these be preserved in the archives of the Institute of Anatomy or whatever portion of the University of Minnesota may be in charge of the anatomical work at the time.

In 1892 when the Medical Department of the University first occupied buildings on the University campus, the work in Dissection was carried on in certain rooms in Millard Hall, while the remaining portion of the anatomical work was taken care of under the direction of Dr. Lee in the one story wooden building now used for a medical chemical laboratory.

In 1895 Dr. Lee secured an appropriation of \$50,000 with which to build the Medical Science building. (This building is designated in certain of the pictures as the Histology building, in other photographs by error has been named the Chemistry building. Its correct title was the Laboratory of Medical Sciences.) Half of this building was occupied by Dr. Lee for anatomical work, taking care of all of the work in Anatomy except that of dissections which were carried on in a small brick building adjacent to Millard Hall indicated in the pictures. This latter building suffered from fire on three occasions, the last fire ruining the building with all its contents.

In 1909 Dr. Lee secured from the Legislature an appropriation of \$200,000 toward building a new Institute of Anatomy. Plans were drawn and an additional sum of \$43,342 secured from the Legislature of 1911 to erect the present building. In addition the sum of \$67,000 was appropriated with which to equip the same.

The building now to be erected consists of the central portion and the north wing only. The fourth floor story and the south wing are to be built in the future when additional appropriations have been secured. This will undoubtedly bring the total cost of the Institute of Anatomy up to between \$450,000 and \$500,000. The plans of the building are the result of several years work on the part of Dr. Lee after making a careful study of laboratory construction in this country and making a tour of all of the European Universities for the purpose of noting all desirable features of construction and

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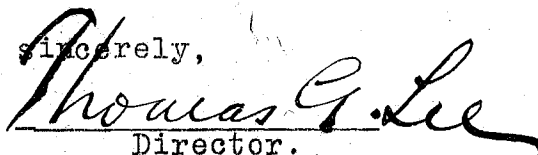
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equipment with the idea of combining these in this new building. At the present moment the University Hospital and the two medical laboratory buildings in process of construction together with the two engineering buildings now building, represent an expenditure of over \$1,000,000, and the new campus site which itself cost another million.

Enclosed in the box will be found photographs of the landscape arrangement for buildings designed by Mr. Cass Gilbert, architect. The construction plans for the present new buildings were made by Mr. Clarence H. Johnston, State Board of Control architect, St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to matter pertaining to the University enclosed in the box, I have placed therein certain Masonic reports and proceedings for the benefit of the Craft at the time this box may be opened.

The laying of the cornerstone of the Institute of Anatomy will be performed this afternoon in connection with the proceedings of the official opening of our new University Hospital. See enclosed program.

Very sincerely,

  
Director.