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The Davis Fund was established upon the urging of Professor Archibald to increase annual funding for the Mathematical Seminary Library as part of the Brown University Library system. An endowment of \$ 10,000.00 was sought through subscriptions. The annual yield expected from this endowment fund was \$ 500.00 to \$ 600.00 for collection development. The fund was named in honour of Professor Nathaniel F. Davis of the Brown University Department of Mathematics. The committee responsible to formulate and guide the fund drive consisted of Chancellor Chace, Librarian Koopman, Colonel Brown, Professors John S. French, Edward S. Shedd and Raymond C. Archibald. 1915 saw the beginning of the efforts, and by 1920 the goal for 10,000.00 \$ worth of subscriptions was reached.

The correspondence in this series gives witness to the thoughts and efforts which went into the venture, to the solicitation of subscriptions, to the responses to these solicitations, the receptiveness and efforts of individuals, and to certain aspects of the administration of the fund.

In folders 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, and 14 different examples of letters of solicitation can be found, as can be found an example in folder 9 of a letter reminding the subscriber to send his donation.

Some documents of importance are Archibald's explanations as to the necessity of a fund drive for mathematical books, contained in folder 1. Further important documents for the matter at hand are: letter to the Executive Committee in folder 2, drafts of a letter to the president of the University in folder 4, and fund report in folder 20.

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Of interest might also be some of the people contacted: Governor R. L. Beekman, Andrew Carnegie, Chancellor A. B. Chace, Samuel P. Colt, President Faunce, Theodore Francis Green, Henry F. Lippitt, and Henry Dexter Sharp.