

The University of the City of Toledo by heroic efforts has maintained itself as a distinct institution through many years of adversity. By their vote last Tuesday the people of Toledo voiced approval of their municipal university by giving to the institution the means by which it might establish itself on a permanent basis in a suitable home. The 49,475 persons who voted for the bond issue expect the Board of Directors of the University to give as statesmanlike an interpretation to the campaign promises of a new university as it is possible to give. It is on this basis, and only on this basis, that the special committee of the Board on relocation and rebuilding is working. The Committee is composed of George P. Hahn, Chairman, Messrs. Albert H. Miller, William P. Clarke, Stephen K. Mahon and Henry J. Doermann.

While no attempt was made to solve the problem of relocation prior to the passage of the bond issue, the Board of Directors has given considerable thought to the general principles which should guide them in the selection of a site. The problem is not a simple one. A municipal university serves two distinct groups of citizens. If the students of the University of Toledo were all adult night session students, as are those of Cleveland College, sometimes, though erroneously, cited as a parallel, the Pittsburgh skyscraper experiment might well serve as a model for Toledo. If all of the students of the University were boys and girls between the ages of 18 and 22 devoting all or most of their time to college work the distance from the center of population would be a comparatively minor consideration. Toledo today has 995 of the latter class of students and it has 1034 of the former. The bond issue did not provide us with funds to build a university for each group, nor is our annual income such that we can afford to carry the overhead of two plants. The problem before the Board is therefore one of finding a location which meets as many of the interests of both groups of students as possible. To this task the committee of the Board has given active consideration since the moment of the passage of the bond issue was announced.