

Worcester Feb 1 92.

Dr J S Hall

Prs. Cl. Univ.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Trustees of this Univ held Jan 30 with the concurrence of 21st signed by several members of the faculty tendering their resignations, was considered and therefore the following vote was passed, to wit:
"Voted that the Trustees of Clark Univ receive with great regret through Pres Hall a communication from several members of the Faculty, under date of Jan 21 92 in which the gentlemen whose names were appended tender their resignations of the positions they have severally held as instructors in that institution: and that the Board avails itself of the opportunity to express to those gentlemen its high appreciation of the service each and all of them have rendered the Univ:-

Voted that the extreme & conciliatory action character of the action presented in a paper containing the resignations not only gives it precedence over all other matters but if formally acted on by the Trustees would seem to leave them no other recourse but to accept the resignations tendered -

It is however voted that the Trustees refer the communication to which allusion is made to President Hall in whom of all interests involved, and devotion given to the Univ they have entire confidence with full power to represent the Board and to take such action with regard to any or all of the resignations tendered as he may deem advisable
(This is signed) J. S. Hall
J. S. Hall

Copy of Memorandum read by Mrs. Wall letter.
Feb 292 -

As I understand it the Trustees felt it necessary to provide for the worst, a worst in which all would suffer and the Union receive a blow from which it could not recover in years. This they most earnestly deprecate. They desire rather as you do a modus vivendi arranged between us as the parties most concerned.

As a contribution to this end, I wish first to waive all I said and did in connection with the late painful meetings. Under the peculiar circumstances it did not represent my deliberate view and I desire to reconsider it. Further in all that has transpired and in many details in which individuals have told others and that have been reported to me so far from contravening your inferences and even your feelings towards me, I now and more realize that they have been natural conclusions from your point of view and with the facts within your reach.

It is because as you gradually know all the facts you will be certain to view me in a very different light, that I do not and ~~can~~ not harbor any resentment against any one - I have no doubt of the integrity of purpose of each and believe you are all honorable gentlemen. I am glad to say this and can do it heartily and do it from my own impulse without the suggestion by or knowledge of any one.

I must do all in my power to place everything where it was before the first meeting, that results of which I am sure I brought upon myself against the advice of at least one of you.

Another resentment is a communication from Mrs. Clark which make some things possible not so before - The Trustees and I wish to remove every obstacle toward the mutual re-determination of powers, rules and methods of the party. This would be slow but begun at once - 12th to open negotiations for the future with individuals and with all if the funds will permit. These painful days may bring a better state of things and nothing so soon to still be wanting to bring good instead of agony out of the discussion.

Copy of Memorandum read by Dr. J. C. ...
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dictated.

April 27, 1892.

Prof. J. A. Neff,
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

Your letters of April 20th and 21st were duly received. The matter was laid before our committee yesterday but not before the Board. In view of the fact that nothing had been heard from Mr. Freer - although I had telegraphed him - and in view of the desirability of putting the whole matter into shape at once, we postponed the question until Saturday. I hope you will not think that this postponement was due to any other reason than the desire to lay the whole Department of Chemistry before the Board at one time. I am inclined to think from the tone of the letter received from Mr. Freer before your letter reached him that he will not be ready to accommodate himself to the plan as outlined in Worcester. I shall hope to carry the matter through within a week and trust that you will not be disturbed by this delay.

I remain

Yours truly,

W. R. Harper
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I remain

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W. A. New

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To Prof J M McNeef
Clark University
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Thank it well for you
to come West at once

William R Harper



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, May 1st 1892.

Prof. J. M. ref.

Dear Sir:

I regret that I shall not
be able to see you this evening. Am not
feeling very well and think it better
to remain in doors. Will you kindly
meet me at 7212 - Chamber of Commerce
at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sincerely trusting that we may be able to
arrange matters to the satisfaction of all concerned
and that I may have the pleasure of seeing
you in the morning.

I remain

Yours truly

W. R. Harper

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMERCE

Chicago, Ill. May 1st 1892

Prof. J. M. ...

I am in
I regret that I cannot
to see you this evening, I am not
feeling very well, and think it better
that you should
to remain in town.
I will be at 1215 - C. Taylor St.
at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

I am sure to
be able to
discuss the matter that is
before you, and to the satisfaction of our common
interest. I am very sorry that I cannot
see you in the evening.

Yours truly,
J. M. ...

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

Dictated.

CHICAGO, May 4, 1892...

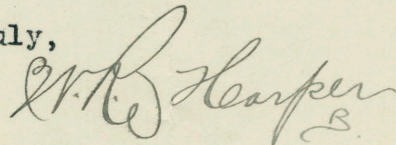
Prof. J. U. Nef,
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

I received your telegram yesterday morning and concluded that in view of it I would better postpone your election a week in order that we might have time to hear from Mr. Freer. I think this was only courtesy to him in view of your conference with him. Very late in the afternoon, however, a telegram was received from him in which he said that he would accept only on terms of equality with yourself. This, I suppose, was final. For this I am very sorry. I should be glad to hear from you again before next Tuesday at which time everything will be settled.

I remain

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. R. Harper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours truly,".

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE: THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNANCE BUILDING

May 4, 1902

CHICAGO

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Yours truly,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dictated.

May 11, 1892.

Prof. J. U. Nef,
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

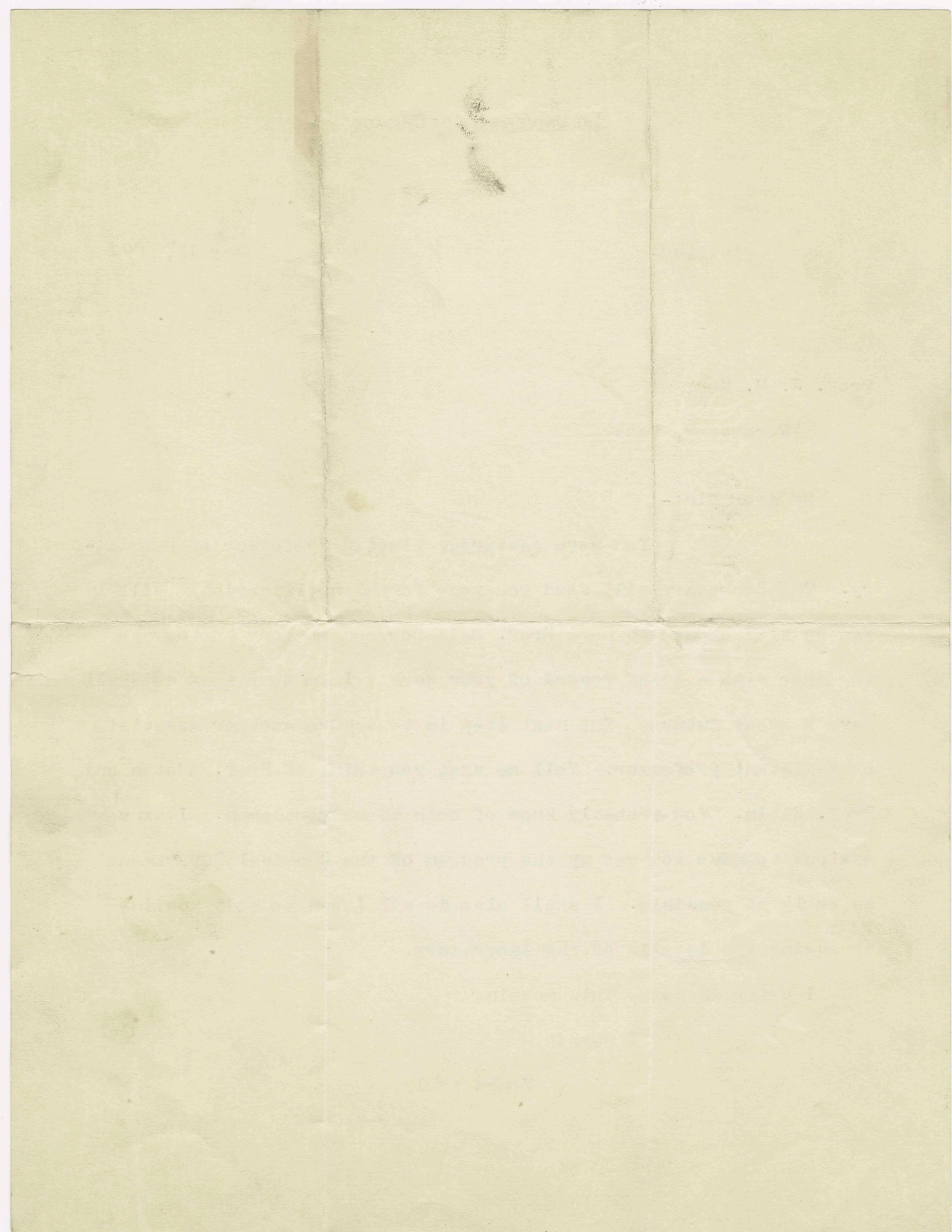
You were yesterday elected Professor of Chemistry. The Secretary will send you your formal notification. Will you be kind enough to have Prof. Mall forward me your photograph together with a brief record of your work. I am sure that we shall have a great future. The next step is to secure another associate or assistant professor. Tell me what you think of Prof. Austen and Prof. Sabin. You probably know of both these gentlemen. I am very anxious to have you get up the program of the Chemical Department as early as possible. I shall also do all I can to help you in arranging the details of the laboratory.

I write in haste this morning.

I remain

Yours truly,

W. R. Harper
B.



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, May 13 1892

Prof. John A. Stef.
My Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago held May 10. you were elected Professor in the Department of Chemistry.

The salary will be \$3000. payable monthly, at the end of each month. It is understood that your term of service begins Oct. 1. & the salary will begin at the same time. Hoping for an early acceptance of the position on the terms indicated, I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

T. W. Goodspeed

Secretary.

P. S. It is understood that you will have charge of the Chemical Laboratory.

Washington, May 14, 1892.

My dear Prof; In reply to your letter of the 13th, I shall try to give you just as impartial an opinion of Headwell as I possibly can.

H. P. Headwell is Professor honorarius (I think that is the term) in the Eidg. Polytechnicum. This title corresponds to the ausserordentlichen Professor of the German universities. He is, as you must know, a native American, but has lived abroad since a boy. I copy from this winter semester's program the following list of his duties.

- 1 Analytische Chemie (Vorlesungen)
- 2 Gasanalyse mit Apparaten.
- 3 Analytisches Colloquium.
- 4 Probirkunde mit Apparaten.
- 5 Analytisches Praktikum.

You see his duties are confined entirely to inorganic analytical chemistry. He is a pupil of Brunner, & was his lecture assistant. He was also assistant to Heinrich Meyer, & lectured in his stead at times, when Meyer was away on leave. I worked for over two years under and with him, always at analytical work, so I had a pretty good chance to observe him. My opinion is, that he

Very sincerely
H. P. Headwell
H. P.

is a first class analyst, with much of the painstaking and conscientious nature which characterizes Brunser, like him somewhat unsystematic in his methods. He is old enough to have had considerable experience, & at the same time not too old to take up with new methods, in the adoption of which he is very hesitating. He is a hard worker, & the only reason I know of that he has not advanced further than he has is that he is not a man of independent means, who had to devote his spare time to "pay work", so that his he has not been able to bring his name before the public, & besides, he is not a knocker, more likely, the very essential requisites to getting ahead. That is a matter of accident merely, & I think he would soon take up with research work again, provided his salary permitted it, if he understood that he was to do that kind of work. He certainly showed us lack of ability in that way when occasion presented. Though an analytical specialist, I think he would do very well at general inorganic chemistry, though of course time would have to be allowed for him to get out of the rut. He is a very good lecturer, clear & concise, & a good speaker, either in German or English, & has had plenty of experience in that line. As to character, he

Treadwell

he is settled & steady, conscientious & very popular
with the students. He has undoubtedly more
than average ability, & certainly knows of no
one among my acquaintance whom I would rather
recommend for the position.

The only criticisms I can make are those which
would apply to any man who has settled down
to a specialty, but I think he would easily overcome
those disadvantages if occasion offered, more easily
than most. In brief, in taking him, you would
secure a very good lecturer, a steady, hard worker
of high skill & conscientiousness, with sufficient
training, experience & ability to do well in any
branch of inorganic chemistry to which he may
devote himself, & one who would be popular
with his pupils. Whether he would accept the
position would probably depend on the remuneration
& have understood from him that he would not
be asked to return to America, if the induc-
ement were sufficient.

Hoping these details will be sufficient, I am

Yours very sincerely

Wm. D. Treadwell

Please return
to N.Y.

Confidential

to better understand the very nature
of the student. It has been
their average ability, to be
in many of the experiments
conducted in the laboratory.
The laboratory is a place where
one can learn the principles of
science, but I think it would
be a pity if the students were
not encouraged to do some
of the experiments for themselves.
In fact, it is better to have
a few good experiments than
many of the kind which are
done in the laboratory. It is
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the student to understand the
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Respectfully,
J. H. H.

U. S. Geological Survey
Washington. D. C.
May 17. 1892

Dear Professor Tref

I have heard a few days ago of your appointment to the professorship in Chicago. One of the reasons that I did not seek an interview with Mr. Hall was my suspicion that you were a candidate for the Chicago position. Should you need in Chicago an ~~man~~ assistant for the inorganic branch of chemistry I would be happy if you should consider me among other candidates. My pretensions as far as salary goes are not very great. I am rather looking for a chance to continue my research work.

Yours very truly

E. A. Snider

I send you with this mail two of my latest papers.

Chicago, Ill.
March 7, 1893

Dear Professor Tappan
I have been thinking of you often of late
the friends of the Chicago office of
the American Museum of Natural History
are very anxious to see you
and for the Chicago position, should
you wish to discuss an American
start for the American branch of
the work. I would be happy if you
should consider me among other candidates.
My preference is for an unpaid position
and not very great. I am rather
hesitant for a while to continue my
service and I have very much to
do. I am, however,
Yours very truly,
J. A. Allen

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
BALTIMORE.

CHEMICAL LABORATORY.

May 17, 1892.

Dear Sir:

Leugfeld is an exceptionally good man. He was a "fellow" here, and afterward went abroad, and spent some time in Munich, working especially with Bamberger. I shall be glad to see you, and have a talk with you in regard to the plans for the laboratory, and also in regard to men to cooperate with you. I hope you will find the laboratory convenient. I don't know how far along they have got with the work. Perhaps

it may not be too late for you to re-
arrange things to suit your own notions.

Yours very sincerely,

Prof. J. M. Neff.

Ja. Renssen.

P.S. I shall be in Baltimore until June 16
- possibly later. Please let me know
a day or two in advance of your
coming. J.R.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dictated.

May 19, 1892.

Prof. J. U. Nef,

Worcester, Mass.

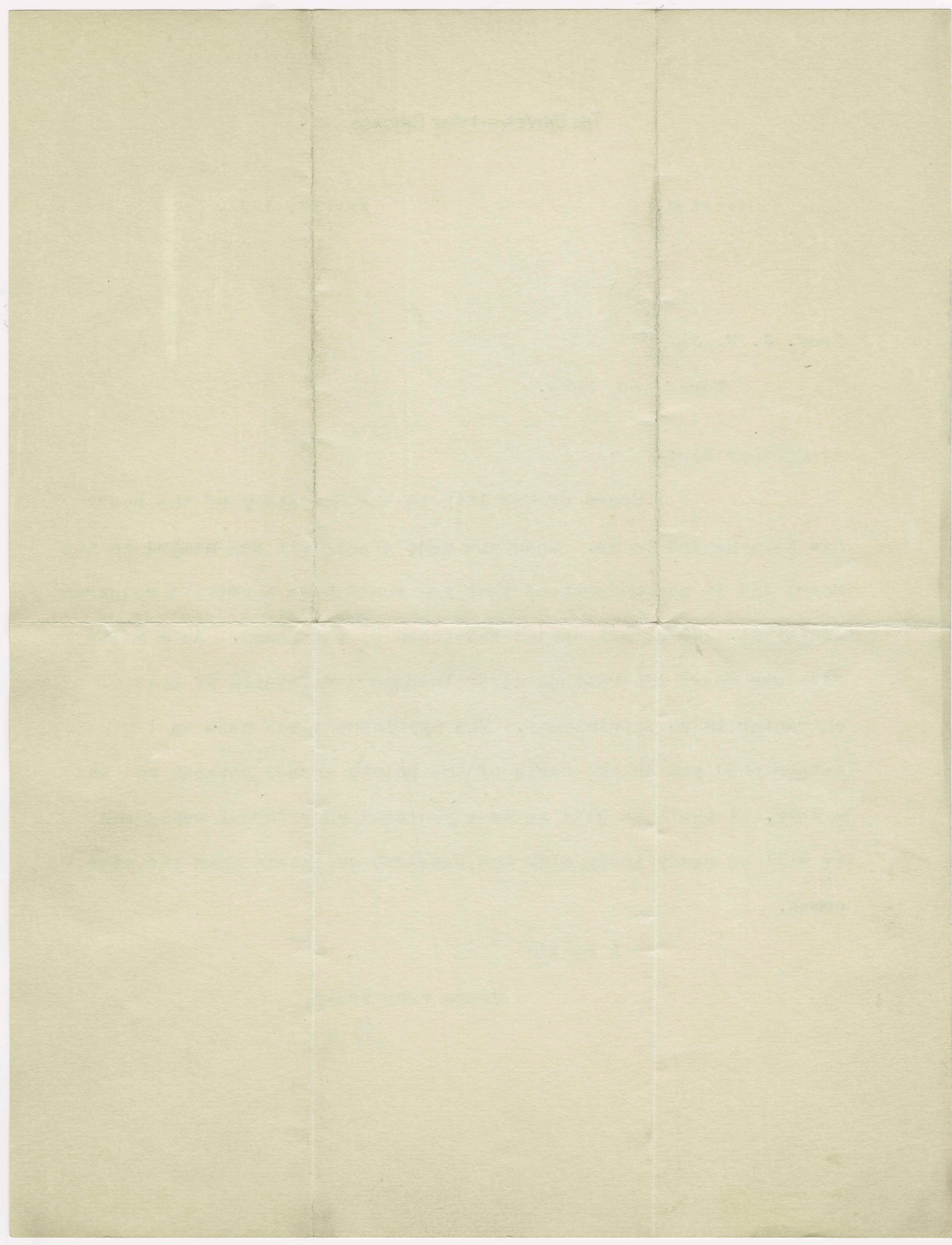
My dear Sir:-

Yours of May 16th to the Secretary of the Board has been handed to me. When you were elected it was stated to the Board and it was understood that you would have a private research assistant. No formal action was taken by the Board. As a matter of fact our Board of Trustees never incorporate details of this character in an appointment. The appointment was made as I telegraphed you on the basis of the points agreed ^{upon} between you and myself. I shall be glad to have you send your formal reply and we will be ready to appoint the research assistant when the time comes.

I remain

yours very truly,

W. R. Harper



U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

May 27. 1892

Dear Professor Ref:

I have received your note of May 26th. To save you the bother of sending telegrams I will be Friday, June 3rd, in Baltimore 9 a.m. I will leave ^{word with} Remsen & Dr Penouf so that you may find me at any time of the day in Baltimore. Most of the time I will spend in the University library or in the laboratory library. I will remain in Baltimore on that day until late in the evening and will leave with Prof. Remsen a note concerning my whereabouts in Washington on the next day should I not have met you. Telegrams will reach me in Washington every day in the National Museum from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.

I have to thank you very much indeed

for your great kindness to have paid attention to my recent letter.

The mere possibility to obtain a position at the Chicago University agitates me greatly. I am afraid I have not done much work to day and will not be able to do much to morrow as my thoughts are too much occupied with this matter. I must confess I am not satisfied with my present situation. Although an assistant Chemist of the U.S. Geological Survey I am in reality the private assistant of Prof. Clarke and am doing all the experimental work which we publish jointly. For a man of my age and my experience this can not be very pleasant. Only the time outside of my official hours can be devoted to my own researches.

I intend to go to Europe in the beginning of August to see my relatives from whom I have been separated the last 8 years. A meeting with you may modify my plans.

Yours very truly
E. A. Schneider.

Washington

June 1. 92

Dear Professor Ref

In reply to your note of May 30th
I can state that physical chemistry is not
my specialty. I have had some experience
in teaching and am rather fond of it. I
have specialized in analytical chemistry
and would be fully prepared to undertake
lectures on the subject as well as to teach
in the laboratory. I am also able to direct
laboratory research work in inorganic and in
organic chemistry. I would be glad to
go to Chicago for even a modest salary
my allowance here being \$1400 per annum.
At present I am laboring under the diffi-
culty that I am handicapped by an
abundance of urgent routine work etc
and what ~~at~~ work I have done has
been threshed out in scrap moments of

leisure. Under more favorable conditions as I expect Chicago would offer to me, I am convinced that I could be more successful and organize the inorganic research work in a manner, which would compare favorably with the Universities in the East.

In making your decision please do not forget that my ambitions as far as position & salary is going are modest. I believe every position can be improved if only a good man holds it. Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Yours very truly

S. A. Schneider.

P. S. Our mutual friend Dr. H. N. Stokes would be willing to take your former position in Worcester. I believe you could help in the matter if you should recommend him to Pres. Hall. Stokes is very modest and he seems to be averse to pushing his own interests.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dictated.

June 2, 1892.

Prof. J. U. Nef,

Worcester, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

I have written to Schneider. Perhaps while you are in Baltimore you might call upon him. I think that we shall be able to obtain temporary quarters in the basement. I had conferred with the architect and supposed that he had written you definitely in reference to the matter.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as you reach Baltimore,

I remain

yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dictated.

June 2, 1892.

Prof. J. U. Nef,
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

Prof. Remsen has recommended very strongly Noyes of Terre Haute. I think he would be a good man. I have seen him. Richardson's case seems to be a little doubtful as indicated by a letter which I herewith send you. I think I have answered his questions satisfactorily. Will you not consider the case of Noyes very favorably? I should like to hear from you.

I remain

Yours very truly,

H. R. Harper

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, June 3 1892

Prof. J. U. Nef,

Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of May 31st. with the estimate of books, chemicals, and apparatus which will be needed by Oct. 1st. has been received. I will lay the same before our committee. We shall be pleased to receive the list of apparatus, and to find out anything additional which you may be able to send us concerning it.

I remain

Yours truly,

William R. Harper

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

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Prof. J. U. Nel.

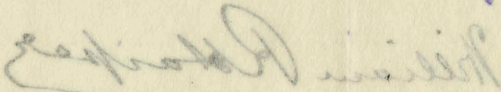
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RECEIVED at Chicago 4:46p June 7, 1892

Dated June 7, 1892

To Prof. J. H. Nes

Cornell University

Please come to Chicago to confer
about chemical laboratory

William K Harper

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Na pms !!!

W. R. HARPER, PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY.
E. NELSON BLAKE, PRESIDENT OF BOARD.

C. L. HUTCHINSON, TREASURER.
T. W. GOODSPEED, SECRETARY.

The University of Chicago.

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Chicago, June 13 1892

My Dear Prof. Aef.

I have sent you plans
of Building for Scientific Depart-
ments. Judge Shovey wishes me
to ask you to have your friends
examine these plans & return
them to me as soon as possible
as the money need them.

Yours truly,
T. W. Goodspeed

The University of Chicago.

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Chicago, June 18 1892

My dear Prof. Stef.
I have sent you a copy of
of building for scientific depart-
ments, Judge Henry Nicholas me
to ask you to have your friends
examine these papers & return
them to me as soon as possible
or the owners need them.
Yours truly
A. M. Macpherson

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dictated.

June 16, 1892.

Prof. J. U. Nef,

Worcester, Mass.

My dear Prof. Nef:-

There are thirteen applications for Fellowships in Chemistry. The most that can be assigned at present will be two first class and two second class. One of the first class, as agreed upon, will be given to Swartz; the other first class will lie between Bernhard, Smith and Rogers. The two \$300. Fellowships may be assigned to the remaining two. Will you decide the matter and let me hear from you at once? No announcement can be made until the Board has acted officially. I should like very much to place the names before them next Tuesday. To do this I should have them by Monday noon. Will you telegraph me simply the names which you finally select? I have other data here. Indicate in the telegram whether first class or second class.

I remain

Yours very truly,

J. R. Harper

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Dictated.

June 27, 1892.

Prof. J. U. Nef,

Worcester, Mass.

My dear Prof. Nef:-

Yours of June 19th has been received. The recommendations for Fellowships have been received and the gentlemen have been written to. It would be better to give Rogers a Fellowship than to make him an assistant, would it not? For how much money would he be willing to go on as a graduate student and do the work which you indicate? Would he do it for a smaller amount than the amount paid a Fellow?

I think you do not quite understand the arrangement with D. C. Heath. We are not paying a commission to three persons. He is simply the University representative in this whole matter of organizing the Purchase department of the University just as, for example, the Department of Latin is organized. It is impossible to arrange for every professor to buy separately. Much would be lost in this way. Certainly not more than half of the professors are capable of making the purchase to advantage. If you desire a certain quality and desire the materials purchased in a certain

place, the purchasing agency would of course carry out the instructions. The matter of purchasing alcohol is, I suppose, in the hands of Mr. Heath. I have turned over your questions to Judge Shorey about the building and he will see that they are answered. Prof. Michelson is here and we have been having a very good time getting things into shape.

I remain

Yours very truly,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

June 29, 1892.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE; 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, July 6 1892

Prof. J. U. Nef,

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of June 19 to Dr. Harper was in part referred to Judge Strong, & by him handed to me.

1. The Laboratory fronts South. I mean the temporary one.

2. The porch you indicated can be closed up as you suggest

3. The place marked fire place will project into the room 4 inches. The mantel piece can be left out if you wish.

Yours truly,
T. W. Goodspeed

Prof. W. W. R.

1. The laboratory reports to the
2. By being handed to me.
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4. For better of June 15 to Dr. Hax

University of Michigan.

Department of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Please return to
Vef
confidential

Ann Arbor, July 7 1892

My dear Vef.

Your letter of June 28 has been here for some days but I have not answered because I wanted to think matters over. The salaries in this place are to be raised after Sept. 1st, so the reports have decided, the difference between salaries here and in Chicago will then = 0, I have not any faith in the promise that salaries will be raised there within a year - it all depends on Harper's raising the money, and he has had the greatest difficulty in getting the last million - he has not collected it yet, for that matter. I am going to have a leave of absence here next year, will go to Leipzig and study mit Ostwald and when I return I will develop a department of physical chem. mit an assistant Prof. at the head. I sent you a reprint today of some work done in that line. The work of physical chemistry

in this country is very low, and a department if
 it should be started at Chicago - Now, if Harper
 will undertake to give me a year abroad, after
 the laboratory is started at Chicago, and will do
 what ~~the~~ I hope the regents of this University will
 do for me, i.e. let my salary be paid to me during
 my absence, I will be willing to go there to take
 charge of the work in general chem. physical chem.
 & ~~organic~~ analytical chem., provided he fixes it
 so that this will lead to a \$7000 salary when
 the University is able to pay both of us such a sum.
 I would then undertake to do good research work
 in physical & mathematical chem. I would
 like "independently well" as Putnam says, to be in a
 lab. with you - the two of us could bring all
 branches of chem. up to the highest standard,
 but I am so well fixed here that I can't leave
 without some good inducements.

Your body obtained by action
 of $\text{ClCO C}_6\text{H}_5$ on β -phenylthioazobenzene is the
 same as the 36° melting body from phenylthio-
 hydrazone. in acetoacetic. It is not the body
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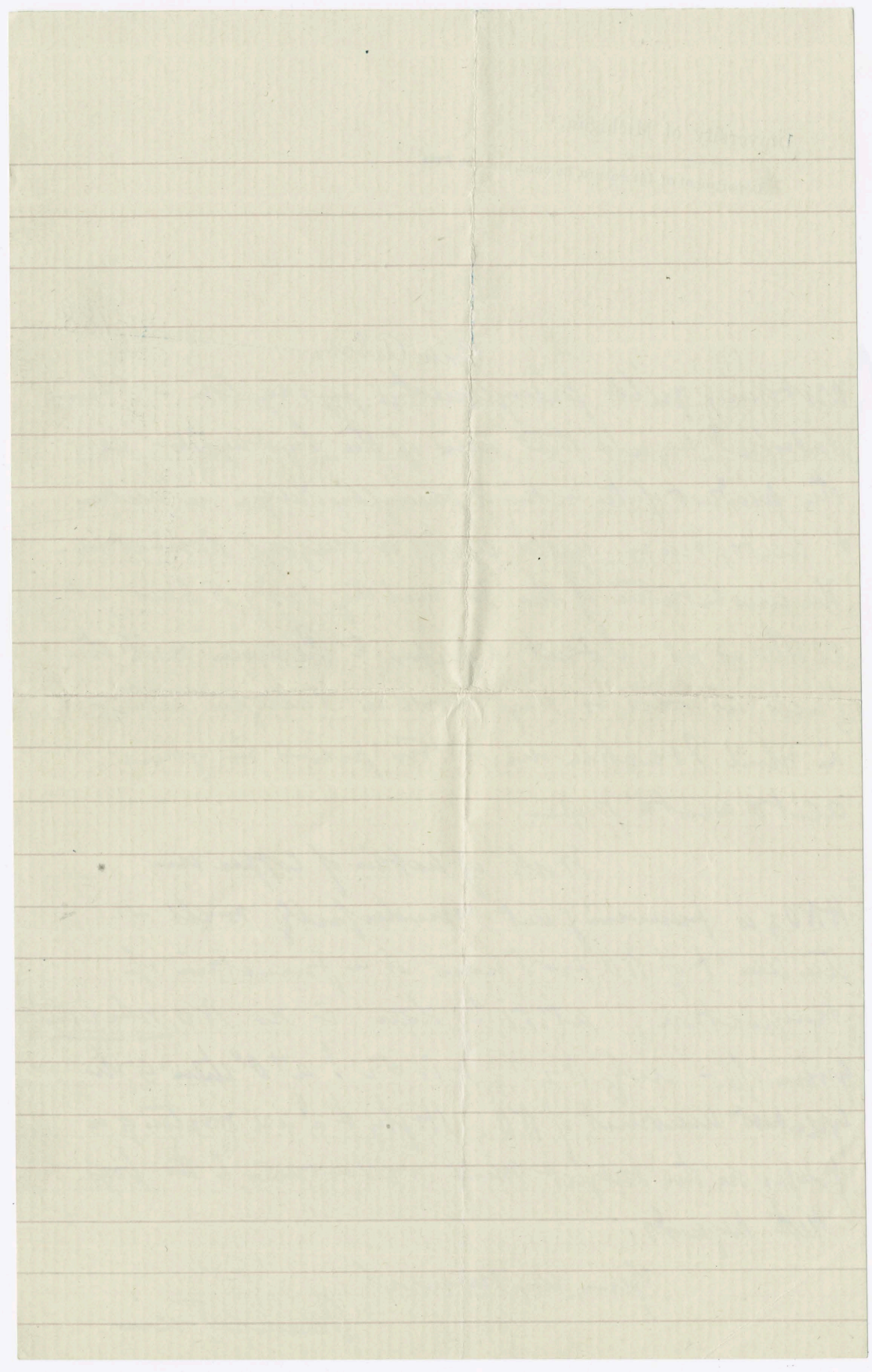
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Ann Arbor, 188.....

eritonic, yields phenylmethyl pyrazolone - I have
satisfied myself that none of the by products - i.e.
the product of the action of phenylhydrazine on acetone
+ acetophenone yield acetyl or benzoyl derivatives -
The constitution of the 36° melting body I have not
settled as yet. I sent a paper to Berne with the
facts as well as my work on Saliglin ester -
in which I tackle one or two points in your
acetone acetate paper.

Work of action of copper on
 HNO_3 is running out wonderfully well -
the am't of NO produced is a function of
temperature, at 50° there is no NO whatever
given off - only N_2O_3 + NO_2 ! at 0° there is the
greatest amount of NO. Highly & I am writing a
paper on the subject which will answer to the boys.
With regards,

Yours very sincerely
Paul F. Farn



Washington

July 9th 1892

My dear Professor Rep

I have received your telegram from Woodholl and hasten to write you as you evidently did not understand the meaning of my telegram.

Let me state the case in few words.

Early in spring I made up my mind to spend 6 or 8 weeks during the coming summer in Europe. I have lost long ago my parents, but I have a dear sister, whom I have not seen for 8 years and who has anxiously watched my progress in this country from week to week, from month to month, from year to year. For her sake I made up my mind to undertake this trip. On June 18th I received an offer from President Harper which I accepted. Under these circumstances I do not think it safe to leave

the country without consulting you, as
the head of my future department. I do
not know for instance when I am wanted in Chicago.
I do not think it either safe to resign
from the U.S. Geological Survey without
having had any further news from you and
from Pres. Harper. — I have made arrange-
ments (to day) with the steamboat agent
concerning tickets. He gives me time to
decide until July 16th. Otherwise I
lose a small sum of money. At any
rate I wish you to understand that
I am willing to subordinate all my
private interests to my future duties.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Yours very truly

E. A. Snider.

Woods Hole, Mass. July 12, 92.

My dear Freer:—

Yours at hand. It does seem from your letter as if some arrangement might yet be made whereby we could be together.

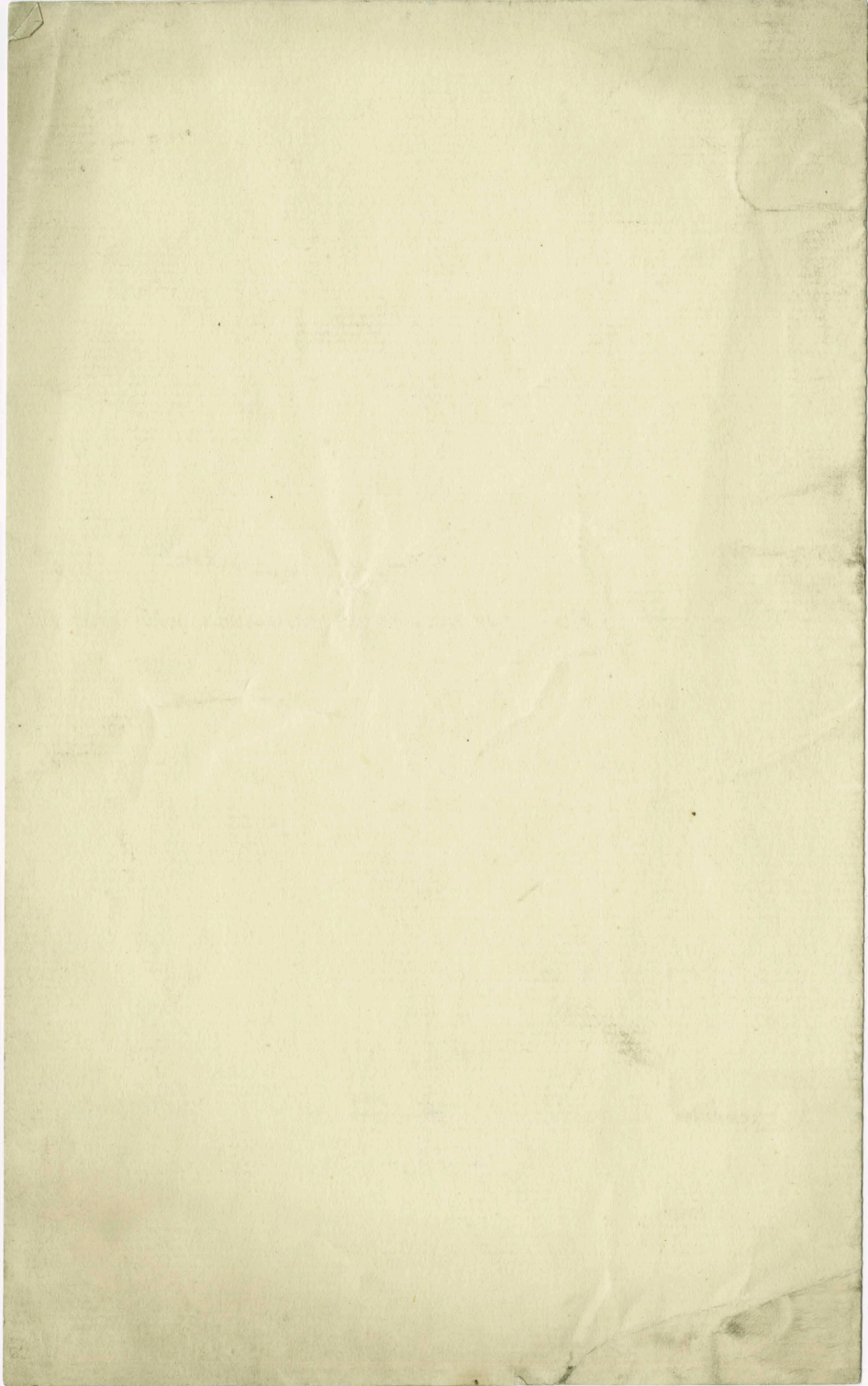
Are you willing to come provided you are left in charge of the undergraduate department? and can see your way clear to a 7000\$ position in time?

E. A. Schneider has been appointed assistant Professor of anal. chemistry

H. L. Luggold, docent.

Julius Dieglitz
and 5 fellows— I have changed the laboratory plans so that the building will cost \$130,000.

Yours very truly
J. H. Vef



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
DIVISION OF CHEMISTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14th, 1889

Dear Professor Kup

I have received your letter of July 12th. It has filled my heart with joy as I know now what I am about.

I will send you in a few days a list of things I shall want the next academic year. I have to think it over a few days.

It suits me very well indeed to lecture the first two quarters on analytical chemistry, as this subject requires the least amount of preparation. The third quarter I shall be ready to lecture on some special subject. Two hours a week will be enough for the beginning, I think. Later on I may lecture more if necessary.

I shall send you the announcement together with the list of desired chemicals.

You ask my opinion about Prof. Treadwell. I think he would be an excellent acquisition for the Chicago University. He has the reputation of being a careful, painstaking chemist.

He would do very well for the beginners as teaching is his specialty. He is certainly also competent to lecture on general inorganic chemistry. I don't know him personally, but have heard the very best about his character.

He has not done much original work, but this deficiency is fully counterbalanced by the fact that he has received his training as teacher in an excellent laboratory, as the one in Zurich.

I leave Washington July 23 for New York. Won't you be by that time somewhere near New York? Perhaps we can have a meeting.

Yours very truly
E.A. Schneider

Washington, July 15, 1892.

My dear Prof;

I hear through Schneider that you are looking for an assistant professor of inorganic chemistry for Chicago. To come to the point, do you think I would suit you? I want to get a place which is not dependent on the whims of politicians. Besides, my inclinations have always been towards an academic position, where I could devote myself partly to teaching, & partly to research. You already know me tolerably well; as to what I am now doing & what I think I could do, I shall be glad to enlighten you. If you wish, I understand the rank of the place you wish to fill is about the same as that of the position to which Schneider has been appointed. I think I am fully as well qualified as he, for a position in pure inorganic chemistry,

& I don't doubt my friends would be able to
say a good word for me.

In short, if you are willing to consider
me as a candidate, I shall be glad to
correspond further with you in regard to it.

Very truly yours,
H. Stokes.

Dr. W.R. Harper

Personal Please return to
Hef

Stokes is a Johns Hopkins Ph.D. 1885. He worked in Munich
at a desk near me where I saw quite a little of him.

He afterwards went to Zurich ^{Politechnicum} and spent two years there working
chiefly on analytical chemistry. He has been at the U.S. Geol.
Survey since 1889 in a similar position as Schneider.

We all had a very high opinion of Stokes at Munich. He is somewhat
peculiar and very stubborn and has very decided originality, which
however has not developed as I hoped in this country.

He was offered ~~at~~ a docentship at \$1000 at Clark University in
1889 which he refused at that time because he had just
gone to Washington (U.S. Survey). Stokes has had no teaching
experience ^{and} is married.

Schneider writes me very favorably of Treadwell, ^{whom} Stokes also has
spoken very favorably. He ^(Stokes) saw a great deal of him at Zurich.

Yours very sincerely

J. H. Nef

Hoopa Valley - July 16 - 1892

Dr. J. U. Nef.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 4th inst. I should like to state that I hardly feel able to deliver a course of lectures on physical chemistry, that is such a course as should be given in a university. I have always taken great interest in the subject and have followed carefully the work done but at present though I can understand a mathematical discussion of results I can not undertake such a discussion myself nor can I state definitely that the discussion is correct. Therefore I should not undertake research work on the subject. I can if you desire give a rather elementary course, such a course as would be given if Ostwald's Outlines were used as a text-book. Would it not be better to call it theoretical chemistry? That would give a somewhat wider field and special attention could be paid to physical methods, etc. I should not care to give any laboratory work in physical methods during the first term. After that a course such as laid down in Krüss' new book might be given. During the last year most of my spare time was devoted to work on California Petroleum and as the subject is of more or less local interest

I shall probably leave it to my co-worker. When I left Munich Dr. Bamberger advised me to continue the study of hexahydroquinoline but I have not had the necessary laboratory equipment since. Unless he objects I should like to take it up in Chicago. You will probably have the necessary chemicals, quinoline and hydriodic acid 1.96. I shall also try to do some work on one of the alkaloids. If possible I should like to assist in the instruction in the organic laboratory. I shall be delighted to again get into a place where pure scientific research is considered of value and shall do what I can to help you make it "the keynote of the chemical department."

Yours truly
Felix Lenzfeld.

Please answer as soon as convenient
and address

202 Stockton St
San Francisco.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
DIVISION OF CHEMISTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

July 17, 1892

Dear Professor Rees:

Please find enclosed the announcement of my lectures and the list of my wants. Supplementary to my remarks about Prof. Treadwell I should like to ~~ask~~ express my opinion that it will be a rather hard thing to get him over to Chicago. I heard he refused some time ago ~~the~~ an offer from the Stanford University.

Should you be hard up for candidates of your own choice I can recommend you our mutual friend H. N. Stokes.

He is a very thorough man and has made some interesting researches in inorganic chemistry which will soon appear in print. He has done a good deal of work with Treadwell and would

be certainly fully competent to lecture on inorganic chemistry and to teach the beginners. The main point in his favor, at least in my eyes, is that he is not working for his bread and butter, being financially independent; but simply for the love of the Thing.

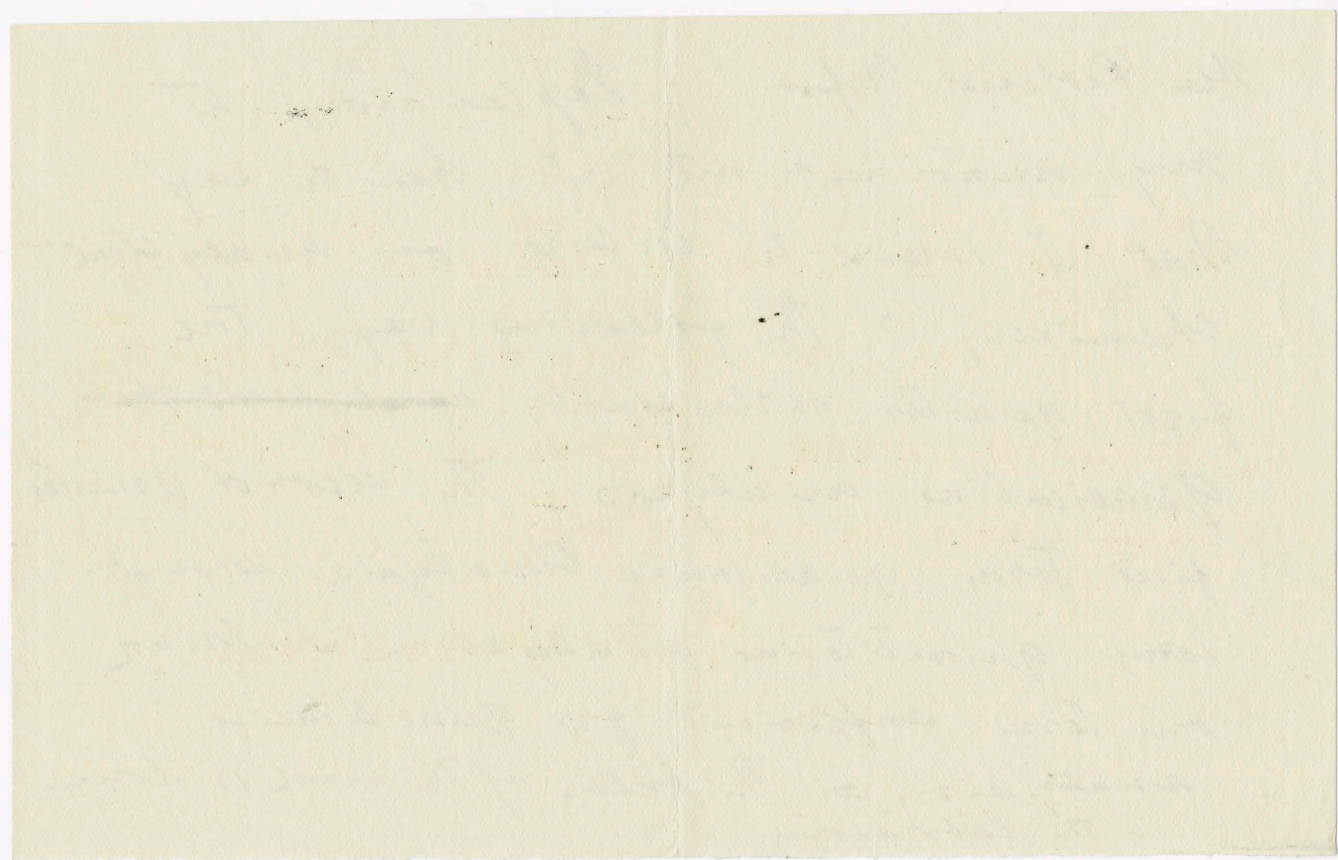
I leave New York for Europe earlier than expected, to-morrow 1 p.m. and shall be in Chicago the last week in September.

I have received the official notification of my appointment from the University.

Please address letters to The Survey. They will be forwarded to Europe.

Yours very truly
E. A. Schneider.

Dear Professor Ref: ^{July 17} Explanation to
my announcement I have to say
that I intend to lecture on analytical
chemistry in the following way. The
first quarter exclusively ~~analytical che-~~
mical qualitative analysis; the second quarter
first term qualitative analysis, second
term quantitative analysis. I think
one term sufficient for quantitative
analysis, as the bulk of the work is done
in the laboratory



During the coming term I intend
to lecture on analytical chemistry
twice a week. Hours to be definit-
ely announced later.

E. A. Schneider.

During the coming term I intend
to lecture on evangelical Christianity
three a week. I have to be definite
the common and false.

E. A. Johnson

Washington July 21, 1892.

My dear Prof: Congress has suddenly & unexpectedly cut
in the Geological Survey, & especially in the Chemical
Laboratory, having cut the appropriation down from
\$17,500 to \$5,000, with the result that all
the chemists, except Clarke & Hillebrand
have to leave at once. I am therefore in
the market, & if you know of any opening,
I should be very much obliged if you would
let me know of it at once. What I prefer is
a place for lecturing & teaching general inorganic
chemistry, with some opportunity for research,
but should be glad of most anything which
doesn't turn me too far out of my track.
I wrote you the other day asking about
the Chicago place, which you wrote to
Schneider, so I need say no more about that
further than that I should be glad to get in
there. Are all the places at Clark
university filled? If I can't get anything else
to do, I want to get right into a good
laboratory where I can work till something
turns up. What accommodations have they
at Clark for inorganic work? I shall probably

So to Pease's let. but he is always so modest
& don't know that I can get a place there.
They sprung this matter on us so suddenly
that I haven't yet got on the sound of
the exhibition - If you can offer any instruction
or suggestions, I should be very glad to hear
from you. My address remains for the
present, National Museum.

Yours very truly
Theobald.

THE
MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

C. O. WHITMAN, *Director.*

Wood's Holl, Mass. Aug 4, 1892

My dear Prof.

Thanks for
your fine paper.
(I congratulate you
on delivering so promising
a child.) Hurrah for
the Chemistry of Chicago.
I miss you at our
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you back.

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has been offered to all
the biologists in the
country, and none
accept, perhaps it
will begin to dawn
on the "Pseudomaniacs"
that lying does not
bring good men.

Hall has just
directed Wilson to request
me to return property
of Univ. by Aug. 20. He
knows that any term
here closes Sept. 1 and
that it would interrupt
our work were we to
return microscopes
before that. I presume
that "pedagogy" has become
stale, and that for want

of some respectable
occupation, he now
turns his attention
to picking another quarrel.
Thank Heaven, we
shall soon learn
him and he forever
rid of him.

I have very amiable
feelings towards the
base hypnotizer, as
you know.

Wishing you
every pleasure and
success in your work,
I remain, My dear
Prof. Jones, sincerely

C. O. Whitman

Washington, July 23, 1892.

My dear Prof; your note of July 20 just received. I shall
give you as well as I can the information you ask. If you
wish to talk further on it, I might very well run up
spend a day with you at Woods Hill, as I want to
see that part of the country again, & talk in Clark County.
If you would let me know about when you will be there, I
can wire you when I will be in. Charles just teleme
he has been recommending me to Hall, so perhaps I may have
to go on. I never made any effort for the place, because I
was settled here, had family reasons for staying in this part
of the country, & didn't know the hurry was to get into such
a hurry. It was only when things began to shake that I
wrote to you.

I got my early training in Chemistry at Johns Hopkins.
I was there from '79 to '84, but none of these years was spent in
a physiological work, as I then thought of following
physiological chemistry, & even held a biological fellow-
ship two years. I took all the chemical courses, inorganic,
organic & analytical, & all the laboratory courses of that
time. The advanced work was under Remsen,
organic chemistry, & I took all that & worked out my