

Lyman Abbott.

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My Dear Dr. Harper.

I have heard of your  
lectures at Philadelphia last  
winter & I wish I could arrange  
for some analogous lectures in  
Brooklyn next winter - I am sure  
that I could get of our Trustees  
Plymouth Church for the purpose.  
But before I move in the matter  
I want to get of you some  
information. I write to you because  
in such cases I always go to the  
fountain head.

I could you give a course of

believe, adaptable to thoughtful lay-  
men, in the English Bible - especially the  
O.T. - its structure, contents, authorship &c.

II. How many would be useful  
to give either a birds eye view of the whole  
O.T., or to give such a view of any particu-  
lar part, as the Pentateuch, or the  
Prophets?

III. Would you prefer Sunday  
evening or a week day evening?

IV. What would the course  
cost?

If I could get some light  
on these questions I should then  
be in position to talk intelligently

with some friends of Bible study about securing the  
necessary means for such a course.

I hope you will not object to writing &  
two great help, thank you, I shall repeat your  
communication as confidently, and using the in-  
formation which it contains in my religious  
discussions here.

Yours truly,  
D. W. L. H. 14.

15 May 1890.

Yours sincerely,  
Frederick H. H.

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287 Fourth Avenue  
New York

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December 27, 1902.

Dr. Lyman Abbott,

287 Fourth Ave.,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Abbott:-

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When you reach there, will you ask for Professor Parker or Miss Parker. They are in charge of the Hall. I myself expect to reach Chicago Saturday morning, January 3rd, and I should be on hand to welcome you.

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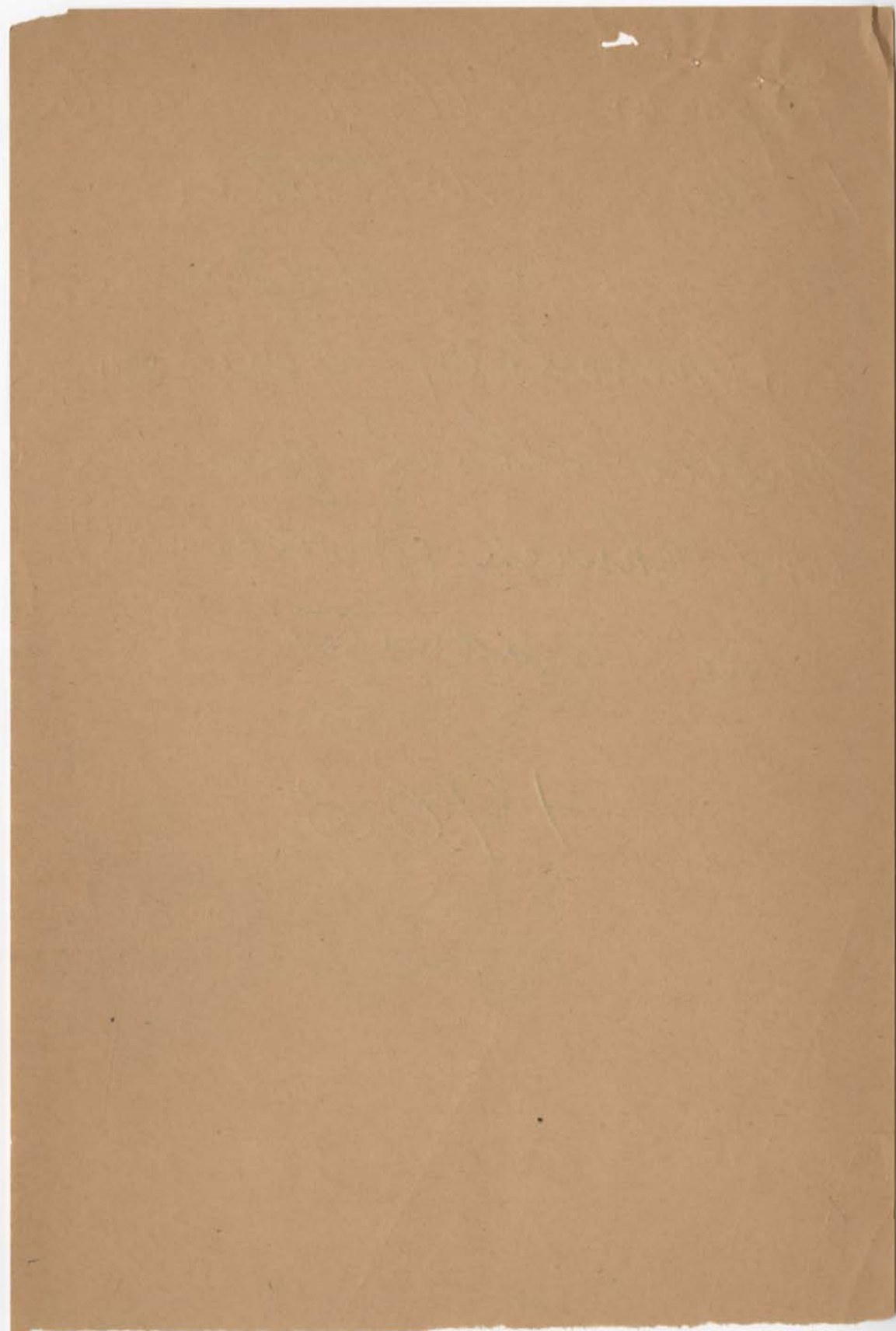
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school graduates.

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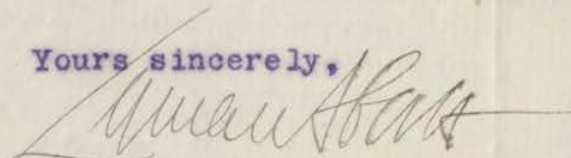


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*Comes to University  
as Preacher*

October 4th, 1902.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D.,

287 Fourth Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Abbott:-

Your letter of September 27th has been received. You are right in supposing that your Sundays in Chicago are to be January 4th, 11th and 18th. It is understood, however, that as at Harvard, the University Preacher shall give a very brief (five or eight minutes) address on Monday before the freshman and sophomores; Tuesday, before the juniors and seniors; Thursday before the ~~quadrangle club~~ and Friday before the divinity students, this being the daily chapel exercise.

We have a very pleasant room in one of our new halls. I have wondered whether perhaps you would like to occupy that room and take your meals at the Quadrangle Club which is close by. If you prefer, however, we can arrange hotel accommodations. I shall be glad to correspond with you further in reference to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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September 27, 1902.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Am I right in supposing my  
Sundays at Chicago University to be January 4th,  
11th, and 18th, and am I also right in supposing  
that I have no University duties except on  
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the Baptist Ministers' Social Union wanted me  
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that body. I was not able to do so then, but  
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would communicate with him. I am sorry to say  
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October 26th, 1903.

Dr. Lyman Abbott,

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My dear Dr. Abbott:-

Your letter of October 15th was duly received.

I have taken up the question which you have been good enough to suggest with some of our gentlemen. It is our conclusion that we have no statistical information which would give us a basis for judgment on the question suggested. We feel that any reasoning on this subject is of a speculative nature. We do not quite see how to go to work to secure data. I should like very much to be of service in this investigation, but we do not know how to go to work in the matter. Perhaps you can make a suggestion.

Yours very truly,

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October 15, 1903.

(25) W.H.N.  
What are you  
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about it?  
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