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....The South Side Academy....

5418 GREENWOOD AVENUE.

Affiliated with the University of Chicago.

EDWARD O. SISSON, A. B.,
Principal.

Chicago, April 17, 1897. 189

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President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

Dear President Harper:

In answer to yours of the 15th, with regard to the Teachers College of New York City, I am glad to express my opinion. I ought to say perhaps that I have not had extensive opportunity to examine the work of the college. I hope to see it again much more thoroughly at the earliest opportunity. It seems to me that it is certainly needed. My impression is strong that it is worthy. As to its strength, I believe that it is certainly strong inenthusiasm, and I believe it is in ability of men. It seemed to me to be well in the front as an educational institution, both as to ideas and practicability, and likely to be a leader, and a great advantage in giving us trained teachers. I presume, of course, you remember that Dr. Dewey visited the college at the same time that I did, and I am sure would be a much safer judge than I as to its character.

I have received your two notes of the 16th, and hope to see you personally very soon with regard to these matters, and some others.

Sincerely yours,

Edward O. Sisson
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Until July 1st Address
5418 Greenwood Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

PEORIA, ILL. 6/10/97

Dear Dr. Harper:

I am leaving for Peoria tonight, and have one or two things which I should like to bring to your attention as soon as you are well enough to resume business, and I hope for your sake as well as our own, that may be soon.

I enclose a letter from Professor Salisbury with regard to Mr. Waldo. I met Mr. Fellows again today, and had a few minutes talk with him. He still insists on $2000.00, and the r ank of Professor.

With respect to the Latin position, I have been thinking more and more favorably of Mr. Tibbitts. I had an interview with him about a week ago, and have since got the opinions of Professor Abbott and some others who have known his work. I think certainlyhis name is well worth the attention of the committee. As assistant in Mathematics, Mr. Whitney seems to be the most likely person. I have not quite finished my investigation of his case however. I wrote to Mr. Bennett, saying that I was sure we should wnt him, but was also sure that we could not pay the salary he named. I mentioned the salary of $1800.00 as the probable maximum. I think we ought to get him if we possibly can.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

6/10/97

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5418 Greenwood Avenue,
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PEORIA, ILL.

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I have carefully revised the announcement, and submitted it to Professor Small and Mr. Bailey, and it is now in the hands of the printer. My trip to Peoria, at this time, is principally to visit the public schools which close next week. I shall also spend some time on the Horological School. Mr. Hammond thinks that the attendance of the full board will not be required at the next meeting, but that a quorum for routine business will be sufficient.

Yours very truly,

Edward O. Sisson.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
TROY, NEW YORK

Troy, N.Y.

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Yours very truly,

Edward Bowen

Please return to E. O. S.

THE TRENTON HOUSE,
WARREN AND HANOVER STREETS.

RATES:
$2.50 TO $3.50 PER DAY.

P. KATZENBACH, PROPRIETOR.
FRED. F. KATZENBACH, MANAGER.

TRENTON, N. J. June 6 1897

Mr. E. O. Sisson:
Chicago, Ill

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 31st relative to Mr. Waldo is at hand. I know him very well, and am glad to respond to your note of inquiry. I should perhaps say at the outset that he is my cousin, and you may therefore need to discount what I say. Nevertheless I give my opinion as you request.

He is a man. He is a cousin for whom I have never had to blush. I have known him from boyhood up and think he is thoroughly clean & honorable. He is very much a man. He thinks himself into his work with

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vigor, and gives it his whole strength. He is a man of large sympathies, and in touch with young people, and of more than usually strong character. I think you will find him worthy of very confidence, and a good adviser, as well for the whole institution as for his particular department.

2°. As a scholar. Since his time & mine are diverse, I am not well qualified to speak of his scholarship. Since thoroughness is one of his characteristics, however, I should have no fear on that score.

3° As a teacher: I have seen something of his work, and know a good deal about it from disinterested sources. All that I have heard has been to his credit. He gets hold of young people, and is stimulating. I know his influence has been good, both intellectually & otherwise.

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4° In general. My only question concerning his fitness for the place would lie in the fact that he has been dealing for five years with more mature people than you will have at Bradley. Nevertheless he adjusted himself rather easily. & I do not apprehend any serious difficulty in this line. He is a man of strong opinions, and he dares to advance them, even when it is not politic to do so. He will fight to carry his point. But if defeated, he will join in heartily to carry out the adopted policy, even though it be not his own.

In Belief, he did not harmonize well with two influential men in the faculty. Though he always got on

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well with students. The source of the friction was due especially to the fact that he was not sufficiently orthodox, & protested against giving up a class once a week for a prayer meeting. He is however a Church member in good & regular standing. I speak of this matter since some of the Baptist men might give a different account. His students there as elsewhere, were devoted to him

Yours truly

Rollin T. Salisbury

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with the University of Chicago

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PEORIA, ILL. July 19, 1897.

Pres. Wm. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear President:- Am sorry to disturb your vacation with any business, but there is one matter in which I do not like to act without consulting you.

It has been my idea, in publishing the circular of information of the South Side Academy for the coming year, to publish under some such heading as "Board of Control", the names ofyourself, Dr. Ingalls (if he consents to act), Mr. Owen and myself. I believe this will have a good effect in establishing confidence,and unless you see objection to it I think it ought to be done. I am not quite clear as to what I may or may not publish as to any new relations with the University. If the above matter can be inserted I am perfectly willing to let the circular go out without any further special statement.

Everything here seems to be moving along well. Matters of equipment, furniture, building, enrollment and general organization are all progressing.

I hope you are enjoying your holiday to the full.

Sincerely yours,

Edward O. Sisson
L. P.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago

Peoria, Ill. Sep 22 1897

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My dear Dr. Harper:

The Board met this morning, having barely a quorum, consisting of Bailey, Hammond, Pfeiffer and Holmes. The meeting was at Mrs. Bradley's house, and she and Mr. W. W. Hammond were present. A number of matters were discussed at considerable length, and on the whole the meeting was an excellent one. Practically all the points which we agreed upon as to the exercises and the banquet were approved informally. The matter was left of course in the hands of the committee for further development. The matter of the arrangement for Latin, involving if necessary my doing some work in the Latin department, or whatever other changes are necessary, was left entirely with the committee on faculty, curriculum and instruction.

Owing to some erroneous statements in the Chicago papers; one for example which called the Institute "The Peoria branch of the Chicago University," and to remarks which have been made to Mrs. Bradley by misguided persons, there is some little uneasiness with regard to the relations between the University and the Institute. It will be wise for us to avoid everything which can possibly intensify this feeling.

I delivered your message to Mr. Bailey. He has not answered definitely, but I shall use every means to persuade him to be present at the congregation dinner.

Will you please, if possible, find out whether Mr. Gage will be able to stay until the evening, so as to be present at the banquet. Those in charge here are very anxious to know about this. I am inclined to think that we ought not to try to bring more than about fifty from Chicago, inasmuch as there is no banquet room here which will hold more than 200. I shall be very glad to hear progress with regard to the special train if you should consider it wise to go on with that matter.

Sincerely yours,

Edward D. Sisson

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago

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Peoria, Ill. Oct 4 1897

My dear Dr. Harper:

I take great pleasure in informing you that this morning at 9 o'clock, the work of Bradley Polytechnic Institute was begun by chapel exercises, at which were present all the faculty, with the exception of Dr. Garner, and 103 students. No classes were held today, chiefly on account of the fact that class rooms were not available, but the work of registration and assignment was completed, and we expect to hold regular classes in all departments, with the exception of Domestic Economy, tomorrow. Our furniture both for offices and for school rooms, is practically all here, and the building itself, so far as the first floor is concerned especially, is rapidly nearing completion. Of course it will be long before the whole work is done.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Bailey to Mr. Gage, which will partially explain itself. The further facts are these: Mrs. Greenhut has made a determined effort to secure Mr. Gage in some way as her guest. It seems that she must have had some degree of success in her persuasions. Now I know personally that Mrs. Bradley is much opposed to any such arrangement, and that Mr. Bailey and the other Trustees are also opposed to it. I hope that it will be possible for Mr. Gage to be the guest of the Institute during the whole period of his stay in Peoria. I write these facts to you because I consider the matter an important one in the interests of peace and harmony.

I am anxiously waiting to hear further news from you with regard to the special train, and the lists of persons to be invited. May I explain our plan with regard to these lists? First, we have the following printed matter: Engraved invitations, printed programmes, and tickets of admission including a special ticket for the platform. I hope to get samples of all of these to enclose in this letter. Secondly, we are making up four lists; (1) persons to whom invitations will be sent as a matter of courtesy, but who are at such a distance, or so circumstanced, that they will not come; (2) persons to whom invitations, printed programmes and tickets will be sent; (3) persons to whom invitations, programmes and platform tickets will be sent, and whom we shall expect to occupy seats on the stage; (4) persons who will receive tickets without any other formal invitation; for example, pupils and their parents, and the city school teachers. We shall, so far as possible, send out invitations tonight on the first three of these lists, but before we can take anything like final action on the lists, especially the third list, we must hear definitely from you. We can put not less than 75 people on the platform.

May I suggest another name for the University list, viz: that of Miss Myra Reynolds?

May I emphasize particularly the necessity of my knowing just how many of the Chicago contingent will be expected to sit upon the platform?

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
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Peoria, Ill. Oct 5 1897

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My dear Dr. Harper:

Today in spite of a good deal of noise still going on on the first floor, we commenced work in most of our classes. We expect to have the whole first floor free from carpenters tomorrow, and to be able to carry on all our work without difficulty.

I am very sorry indeed not to have received your lists for invitations and tickets. I presume that they will come tomorrow morning without fail. In the absence of definite information we are counting upon a total of 60 in the Chicago delegation, 10 of whom will have seats upon the platform. May I ask if you wish engraved invitations, programmes and tickets sent up to you in bulk to send out to the persons on your list? I had taken it for granted that you would prefer to send us the list, and have us send them from here; but if you prefer the other method, will you not wire me on receipt of this letter, and I will send to you at once all the stationery you will need. I enclose herewith samples of the tickets and the programme. All tickets will be stamped on the back with the Institute stamp.

May I suggest that we ought by all means to have Mr. T. C. Burgess come down on that special train, and be present at the opening exercises. He ought to bring his cap and gown with him and march as a member of the faculty.

Very truly yours,

Edward O. Sisson

P.S. - I am glad to find that Axelson is to report for the D-H. Ought he not to come on the special train?

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
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Peoria, Illinois,

Sisson

February 17 1898

My dear Dr. Harper:

I am very glad to be able to write you a very encouraging report as to finance. Mrs. Bradley has expressed her intention of giving further sums for equipment, as fast as the income of the estate will permit it; and although perhaps not definitely so stated, she implied that she would be willing to continue this until the original $50,000 for equipment alone had been filled out. This of course will give us all that we shall need for a good while to come.

We are having some trouble in getting an orator for the 22d. I am sure you will feel as I do that it is very important for us to observe the day properly. I am writing tonight to Jenkin Lloyd Jones, and would be very glad if you could put in a word for us if you get an opportunity. If necessary I must come up Friday night to push the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Edward O. Sisson

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Yours sincerely,

Edward Sisson

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
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Peoria, Illinois,

Sisson

March 19 1898

My dear Dr. Harper:

I enclose revised copies of the two documents which I showed you when I was in Chicago. First, a statement of the actual and estimated expenses for the year July 1, 1897 to July 1, 1898. Second, estimate of expenses for the year July 1, 1898, to July 1, 1899.

I may call attention to the fact that the budget for 1898-9 calls for $36420.00. This would require $11420.00 to be received in tuition fees.

All arrangements are being made for a Board meeting and faculty meetings on next Thursday.

Yours very truly,

Edward O. Sisson.

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EDWARD O. SISSON
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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

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April 30 1898

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My dear Dr. Harper:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Remick in which he says he will accept an associateship at $800.00 per year if it is offered to him Shall we negotiate with Mr. Plant also, perhaps on a basis of $700.00 per year? I am inclined to think we might get him for that.

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Yours very sincerely,

Edward O. Sisson

Armour Polytechnic Institute
Chicago
Peoria, Illinois.

April 20, 1908

My dear Dr. Gilbert:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Rourke in which he says he will accept an assistantship at $800.00 per year if it is offered to him. Shall we negotiate with Mr. Plant also, perhaps on a basis of $700.00 per year? I am inclined to think we might get him for that.

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Yours very sincerely,

Edward Bell

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

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The Committee on Faculty, Curriculum and Equipment, recommend:

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The following changes in salaries of present teachers:

C. T Wyckoff to be raised from $1000 to $1200
J. B. Garner do 900 to $1000

The following reappointments of instructors appointed a year ago for one year:

F. D. Crawshaw, now Assistant in Manual Arts at $800.00, to be Associate at $1000.00.

M. E. Dougherty, Assistant in English at $600.00.

The following new appointments for the coming year:

Associate in Mathematics, B. L. Remick	$800 for two years
Assistant in Mathematics, L. C. Plant	700 for one year
Associate in History, J. W. Garner,	800 for two years
Associate in Manual Arts, C. S. Van Dusen	800 for two years
Assistant in Latin, A. T. Burns, at a salary of	600 for one year
Assistant in Domestic Economy, Mary E Lyman	600 for one year

There remain to be appointed an assistant or associate in French at a salary of $600 or $800; an assistant in Manual Arts at a salary of $700; an associate in Biology at a salary of $800.

The Committee ask for power to make these appointments.

Lucy Ed. Sumner

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

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May 7 1898

My dear Dr. Harper:

At the last meeting of the faculty, which was a special meeting called yesterday for the purpose of considering this particular matter, it was voted to recommend Chancellor James H. Canfield of the Ohio State University as the orator for convocation. I have submitted this choice to Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pfeiffer, and have written with respect to it to Judge Puterbaugh, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Holmes. It seemed to me that it was quite time for us to send the invitation, and that therefore we had better not wait for a regular meeting of the Board, but take a consencus in this informal way. I feel quite sure that all the members of the Board here will agree, and if you and Dr. Small also consent, I think we ought to send the invitation at once.

The members of the Board here seem so heartily in favor of Mr. Canfield that unless I should hear from you to the contrary on Monday, I shall write to him. Will you wire me as soon as you receive this letter, your approval or disapproval? May I suggest that if you approve of the matter you should write also to Dr. Canfield a good strong letter urging him to be present.

In view of some changes which ought to be made in the course of study, and in view also of the fact that the English Department will be ratherheavily loaded next year, it seems to me that it would be wise, instead of employing a new teacher to work entirely in the History department, to employ one who would do work in both departments as called upon. Have you any such person in mind?

Before receiving your letter of the 5th, which has just come to hand, I found that Miss Carrie Bourland, of whom we talked, and whom I understood you to approve, was still open to an offer for next year. I therefore wrote to her guardedly asking whether she would consider the appointment. I mentioned a salary of $700.00, inasmuch as Mr. Bailey felt quite sure she would not come for less, and probably would not be willing to come for that. I trust your objection to the younger Miss Bourland wi ll not hold against the elder. I feel the force of the point you state, but believe that in this case it is fully counterbalanced by other considerations.

I note what you say concerning faculty actions affecting the curriculum. The only action which has been taken so far is the one which I think I have already talked with you about, viz: that recommending the insertion of three-~~fourths~~ quarters of science in the Lower Academy. It is probable that in order to make room for this, we shall need to make the reduction in Latin which I mentioned to you in our last interview, but no definite action has been taken in that.

Sincerely yours,

Edward O. Sisson.

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Berkley Polytechnic Institute
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Harper:

At the last meeting of the faculty, which was a special meeting called yesterday for the purpose of considering this particular matter, it was voted to recommend Chancellor James R. Chadwick of the Ohio State University as the orator for convocation. I have submitted this choice to Mr. Bailey and Dr. Pfleiffer, and have written with respect to it to Judge Pusenkempf, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Holmes. It seemed to me that it was quite time for us to send the invitation, and that therefore we had better not wait for a regular meeting of the Board, but take a canvass in this informal way. I feel quite sure that all the members of the Board here will agree, and if you and Dr. Small also consent, I think we ought to send the invitation at once.

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Before receiving your letter of the 8th, which has just come to hand, I found that Miss Carrie Rourland, of whom we talked, and whom I understood you to approve, was still open to an offer for next year. I therefore wrote to her gratefully making whatever she would consider the appointment. I mentioned a salary of $700.00. Inasmuch as Mr. Bailey felt quite sure she would not come for that, and probably would not be willing to come for that. I trust your objection to the younger Miss Rourland will not hold against the older. I feel the force of the point you state, but believe that in this case it is fully counterbalanced by other considerations.

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Peoria, Illinois,

September 2 '98

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My dear Dr Harper:-

First, in answer to your letter of this morning, I comfirm what I said in the telegram, that I believe it will be a thoroughly good thing for you to come down. Mr. Bailey says the meeting will be a very large and representative one, and he seems to feel that it would be a very good thing for you to come. You have no doubt observed that the meeting being on the evening of the 7th, you will be here for the 8th.

The reason I telegraphed you concerning Fairfield is that Miss Bourland has been considered as one of the other applicants, largely through the mediation of Mr Bailey, and she was anxious to know whether there was any chance remaining. She can have work in the High School, but would prefer to teach at Bradley. I should be very glad to have you write me the full state of the case as soon as possible. Perhaps I ought to mention here what I have already mentioned to Mr Fairfield; that I consider it important for the French teacher, at present at least, be able to assist in the Department of German, if necessary.

Dr. Lyon and I have taken up very thoroughly the matter of further appointments in Biology and Physics. He urges the appointment of a special Physics teacher, and I agree with him that the time for this appointment has come. He is willing to sacrifice to some extent the work in Biology, in order that the work in Physics may be properly cared for.

September 2, '98

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My dear Dr Harper:-

First, in answer to your letter of this morning, I confirm what I said in the telegram, that I believe it will be a thoroughly good thing for you to come down. Mr. Bailey says the meeting will be a very large and representative one, and he seems to feel that it would be a very good thing for you to come. You have no doubt observed that the meeting being on the evening of the 7th, you will be here for the 8th.

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

9/2/98

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

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I enclose herewith the papers of the most promising candidate we have been able to find. The point is this, we can pay only a small salary, and yet we ought to get a man who has the ability to grow into the Head of the department. I am inclined to think from all I can find out about Mr Bishop, that he is such a man. My idea is that he should work next year to some extent under Dr. Lyon's supervision, then pursue graduate work during the vacation, at the University, and soon be just the sort of a man we want for the head of the department. He is very strong in Mathematics and in Chemistry, and has had a good deal of Mechanical work, which would be of great assistance in co-relating the work of the Physics Department with that of the Manual Arts Department. Mr Bennett has met him and speaks most favorably. One of the most important things is that we can get him to come and take the two Physics classes for $500.00 for the first year . I consider this of very great importance and believe that it should be acted upon very soon. I suggest that if you like the look of his papers, we should ask him to come on to Chicago and Peoria (unless I am to be in Chicago) with the understanding that if we do not emply him, we will pay his expenses. I ought to remind you of a letter which Dr Lyon wrote you some time ago which should be considered in this connection.

Up to date we have 91 new registrations and prospects of a great many more.

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Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

May 14 1898

OR

My dear Dr. Harper:

I submit herewith reco mmendations of the Committee of the Faculty on the College Curriculum.

The statement of this part of the curriculum is found on page 12 of the Circular of Information. I note danges which are to be recommended.

In the Scientific Group one change only, viz: the prescribing of three Majors instead of six in Shop and Drawing.

Second, in the Technical Course, Shop Work and Drawing increased from six to nine; Mechanical and Electrical Laboratory from two to three; Modern Langauge omitted; Mathematics increased from four to five.

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You will note that the three Electives would permit a student to specialize largely along any particular line of what might be called Literary Study, viz: Ancient or Modern Langauge, English or History.

Yours sincerely,

Edward O. Sisson

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Stanley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with the University of Chicago

Peoria, Illinois.

May 14 1898

My dear Dr. Harper:

I submit herewith rough memorandums of the Committee of the Faculty on the College Curriculum.

The statement of this part of the curriculum is found on page 72 of the Circular of Information. I note changes which are to be recommended.

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Second, in the Classical Course, Shop Work and Drawing increased from six to nine; Mechanical and Electrical Laboratory from two to three; Modern Languages omitted; Mathematics increased from four to five.

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Edward Sisson

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

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May 12 1898

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I am taking it for granted that unless I hear from you I am not to come to Chicago. I shall be out of the city from three o'clock this afternoon until early tomorrow morning, but shall hold myself ready to come to Chicago at any time.

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Yours very truly,

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Yours very truly,

Edward C. Sanders

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

5/12/98

1-1-98-3 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

Lower Academy.

(Numerals represent period per week)

First Year.

	Autumn Qu.	Winter Q.	Spring Q.
English	5	1	1
History	-	5	-
Mathematics	5	5	4
Science	-	-	5
Latin	5	4	5
Manual Arts or Domestic Economy	3	3	3
Drawing	2	2	2

Second Year.

English	1	1	5
History	-	-	5
Mathematics	4	5	5
Science	5	4	-
Latin	5	5	1
Manual Arts or Domestic Economy	3	3	3
Drawing	2	2	1

EDWARD O. SISSON
MANAGER

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

in affiliation with the University of Illinois

Peoria, Illinois.

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Manual Arts or Domestic Economy	5	5	5
Drawing	2	2	2

Second Year.

English	3	3	5
History	-	-	5
Mathematics	4	5	5
Science	5	4	-
Latin	5	5	3
Manual Arts or Domestic Economy	5	5	5
Drawing	2	2	3

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

5/12/98

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

Higher Academy.

(Numeral s represent Majors)

	Scientific Group	Literary Group	Technical Group
English	3	3	3
History	3	3	3
Mathematics	3	2	3
Science	6	3	6
Modern Language or Latin	5	5	-
Modern Language or Greek	-	6	-
Shop Drawing	4	2	9

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois.

Higher Academy.

(Numbers represent majors)

	Scientific Group	Literary Group	Technical Group
English	3	3	3
History	3	3	3
Mathematics	3	2	3
Science	6	3	6
Modern Language or Latin	5	5	-
Modern Language or Greek	-	4	-
Shop Drawing	4	2	3

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

May 18 1898

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May I hope to have from you at least aline by tomorrow's mail?

Yours very truly,

Edward O. Sisson

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Yours very truly,

Edward Bellamy

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

May 16 1898

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I should like to know your opinion with regard to two matters of nomenclature. We must decide upon some name for what wehave tentatively called The School of Arts and Sciences. Perhaps this is the right name. I think of only one other, viz: Collegiate School as distinguished of course from Horological School.

Next, concerning the names of the three divisions of this school. Wehave used of course Lower Academy, Higher Academy and College. I have been considering the Lewis Instituteplan, of calling them the Preparatory Division, Academic Division and College Division. It seems to me that the Lower Academy and Higher Academy resemble each other less, if anything, than the Higher Academy and College, and if that is the case it might be better not to suggest by names a resemblance which does not exist.

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

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May 30, 1898.

My dear Dr. Harper,

There was just one point concerning which I was very anxious to see you tonight; that is the case of Chas. Lyon, — Dr Lyons brother. He is far in advance of our requirements in language and science; but very seriously behind in Mathematics, not having had anything beyond Algebra and Plane Geometry; neither has he had any Manual Training. First then, can we possibly graduate him?

Secondly, does the Faculty confer diplomas or the Faculty recommend to the Board of Trustees.

If you think these points of sufficient importance will you wire me — as they must come up in faculty meeting ~~Monday~~ Tuesday at 4 p m

Yours very truly

Edward O Sisson

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Sisson

1-1-95-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

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May 26, 1898.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I am greatly relieved as to the Convocation address; to day I received and answered a letter from Judge Kohlsaat.

I am taking it for granted that you will be present on the day of Convocation (June 24th) I think ~~the~~ it will not be necessary for you to come down before that time. We ought, however, to have a board meeting here, some time next week to confirm the appointments of Remick and Plant, and the changes in the ~~present~~ ranks and salaries of present instructors. I think we shall be ready in a day or two to recommend one new teacher in the Manual Arts Department. I am afraid we cannot get Miss Bourland for French. (X See P.S.)

The Champaign people are after Mrs. Kedzie - two of the Regents were here the other day; I am very much afraid they will put strong temptation in her way. We cannot afford to lose her this year, at least. She has done much to place the Institute high in public esteem here, among almost all kinds of people. I think we can keep her, but it will take some persuasion. I believe a word of appreciation from you would

do a good deal; she is a woman who works with all her might, and she likes to feel that her work is appreciated. I am inclined to think that her salary ought to be raised to $1600 - which is the amount received by others of the same rank. (It is now $1500.)

I am sending by this mail a little of the proof for the Register. I hope to send it all on Saturday.

If desirable I can come up on Friday night or Saturday - I could of course stay over Monday, as it is Memorial Day. If you decidedly wish me to do so will you wire or write; otherwise I shall look matters over and use my judgement about it.

By-the-way, am I to present a report of the year's work, at the Convocation Exercises?

Yours sincerely,

Edward D. Lisson

P.S. - This board meeting ought also to empower the F.D & E. committee to make further appointments to certain stated positions at stated salaries.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago

Peoria, Ill. May 31 1898

The Committee on Faculty, Curriculum and Equipment, recommend the following appointments for the coming year:

Assistant in Latin, A. T. Burns, at a salary of	$600.00
Assistant in Domestic Economy, Miss Mary E. Lyman do	600.00
Associate in Mathematics, B. L. Remick	800.00
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Associate in History, J. W. Garner,	800.00
Associate in Manual Arts, C. S. Van Dusen	800.00

There remain to be appointed an assistant or associate in History at a salary of $600.00 or $800.00; an assistant in Manual Arts at a salary of $600.00 or $800.00; an associate in Biology at a salary of $800.00. The Committee ask for power to make these appointments.

The Committee also recommend the following changes in the salaries and ranks of present instructors:

F. D. Crawshaw, now Assistant at $800.00, to be Associate at $1000.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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in affiliation with the University of Chicago

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

Sisson

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I have written Fairfield and Garner.

Yours very truly,

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Edward O. Sisson.

EDWARD G. DRAPER
TREASURER

Armour Polytechnic Institute
in affiliation with the University of Chicago
Decatur, Illinois.

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Yours very truly,

Edward Dickinson

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

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Edward Bemis

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Official Statement of the Director.
June 24, 1898

For all concerned

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There is, however, a large part of the real history of the Institutewhich has neither been seen nor written, and which never can be written. It is that which has gone on in the minds of those who have planned and executed in accordance with the wishes of the founder, and above all, the thoughts emotions, purposes, and plans of the venerable and beloved founder herself, plans which began almost half a century ago, and which have gone steadily on through all these years. An attempt to chronicle this history would be impertinent and irreverent. It is enough for us to congratulate ourselves, and to congratulate er on this great and worthy beginning, on this partial realization of her great plans--partial indeed, and small compared with what shall be, yet sufficient thus worked out before her eyes so that she may have a clearer ideaof what shall be the character and magnitude of the school she has founded.

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6/24/98

Will you permit me to review rapidly the external and material history of Bradley Polytechnic Institute? The Trustees held their first meeting on November 16, 1896. Plans for buildings, equipment, curriculum and faculty were at once entered upon. The first member of the faculty was appointed February 25th, 1897. The plans for the buildings were adopted
and work was commenced upon this building in which we now sit and upon the building next south of us, upon these buildings in which work has now gone on for a whole school year, work was begun the 10th of April, 1897. That which through the spring and summer of 1897 was declared to be impossible, and indeed seemed to be impossible, was accomplished. Excavations, foundation, basement, first story, second story, third story, and roof followed one another with almost magical rapidity. On the 4th of Octoberin spite of unfinished roof, extreme scarcity of floor, and extreme abundance of carpenters, masons, plasterers, plumbers, steam-fitters, and who knows how many others, the school work of the Institute began. The enormous difficulties of preparation, and the annoying obstacles to successful work during the Autumn Quarter, cannot be understood by those who did not experience them.

Will you please to review briefly the external and
material history of Brandy Stevenson's Tabernacle. The
Tabernacle was dedicated first meeting on November 14, 1886.
Plans for its building, equipment, conversions and remodeling were
at once entered upon. The first session of the Academy was
opened January 20th, 1887. The plans for the building
were adopted

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and was the building work month of May, upon which building
in which work has not done on for a whole school year, work was
again the 10th of April, 1887. That which through the spring
and summer of 1887 was deemed to be impossible, was indeed
proved to be impossible, on accomplishing. Renovations,
foundation, basement, first story, second story, third story,
and roof followed one another with almost incredible
rapidity. On the 4th of December, 1887, a date of unfinished roof,
storm occurred of 70 hours, and numerous alumina of our workers,
masons, plasterers, plumbers, house-painters, and who knew how
many others, the added work of the Tabernacle to gain. The
enormous difficulties of preparation, and the arduous-
ness attended on to successful work during one winter, so often
cannot be appreciated by those, who did not experience them.

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In speaking of the internal work of the school mention must be made of the spontaneous activity of the student body. At the very outset interest was manifested in athletics. During the year the Institute has had a foot ball team and a base ball team, with interest also manifested in other forms of athletics. The foot ball team, in spite of the fact

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that the season was far advanced before the Institute opened played a number of creditable games. The base ball team has brought great satisfaction to all who are interested in athletics by demonstrating clearly its ~~ability~~ fitness to be matched in not unequal contests with college students. May I digress here a moment to state what I understand to be the policy of Trustees, Faculty and Students with reference to athletics? First, that all athletics must conform to the requirements of honor and courtesy; secondly, that no student will be permitted to take part in athletics to the detriment of his studies. For the better securing of these two ends the Institute has organized an athletic board consisting of representatives from the faculties, and from each of the divisions of students. This board, of course under the faculty, manages the athletics of the Institute.

A Literary Society named the Forum has ~~been in successful~~ had a successful and vigorous existence during most of the year. A students' paper has also been started, and has run with credit and success through six numbers. A number of students interested in problems of engineering have, with the advice and assistance of the head of the Manual Training Department, organized an engineering club, which has conducted a series of interesting investigations and discussions, and ~~has~~ also arranged for the delivery of a lecture illustrated by the stereopticon on the subject of war

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In addition to regular class exercises, the School of Arts and Sciences holds each day a chapel exercise in the Auditorium of Bradley Hall, which is attended by all students of the school. During thelatterpart of the year a special meeting has been held on Monday for all students of the Institute, both in the School of Arts and Science and in the School of Horology. This meeting has been held in the Auditorium of Bradley Hall, the time of the meeting has been lengthened, and a brief address on some topic of interest has been given. In a few cases by members of the Institute Faculty, but usually by some one from outside.

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Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago. Thirdly, a course of public ~~xk~~ lectures given during the greater part of the year on alternate Friday evenings. Public exercises along these three lines are included in the plan of work for the coming year. May I extend to all a cordial i nvitation to be present and share the benefits of these meetings.

One of the most important features of the past year's ~~work~~ is the work of the evening classes. The businessof the Institute is to make efforts looking towards the higher training and culture of all whom it can reach. To none of these efforts has there been more generous and encouraging response than in the caseof the evening classes. No less than 110 young men andwomen, although burdened in most cases with daily toil found their way out to the Institute in pursuit of education. I ought not to fail here to correct one phrase, for some of the most industrious and successful of these students could no longer be called young, but had reached the prime of life

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each with its separate faculty and separate body of students and separate work. The School of Arts and Sciences doing the work of an academy and a college, with the addition of Manual Training and Technical work, and Domestic Economy, and t the School of Horology training students in the trades of watchmaking, jewelry and engraving. This school was originally founded by Mr. J. R. Parsons, and was known as the Parsons' Horological Institute. Through the influence of Mrs. Bradley it was turned over to the Institute, and is now as much a part of Bradley Polytechnic Institute as is the School of Arts and Sciences. The work of the school is carried on along the same general lines as in the past. Vigorous efforts are being made, however, by the ~~principal and the faculty~~faculty in cooperation with the Trustees and Director of the Institute to improve the curriculum and the general work of the school. The equipment and facilities of this school may be said without breach of modesty to be the best in the United States, and perhaps in the world. The complexity and delicacy of the mechanism with which the watchmaker deals, and the universal use and importance of his wares are surely a sufficient reason for efforts looking towards the best training of workmen in this line.

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Itis perhaps right that a special statement should be included here with reference to the work of two departments ~~in the Institute~~ which distinguish ~~the work of~~ Bradley Institute from many other similar institutions. I refer to the department of Maual Arts and the Department of Domestic Economy. First, may I urge all those who are interested in educational work, and I think I must say even more those who are not interested in educational work, to see for themselves the equipment and the evidences of the work of thesetwo departments. There will be this evening opportunity for such observation. There has been much mosconception as to the purpose of the work in thse departments. Their prime purpose is not to make carpenters, blacksmiths, electricians, engineers, cooks, nor dressmakers. It is true that our students can and will in many cases, excel in these lines of work, and it is true that a student who wishes to follow one of these lines as a vocation, will be doubly benefitted by the work of these departments. The prime purpose, however, of manual training is precisely the same as the prime purpose of mathematics, science or literature, viz: the development of complete manhood or womanhood. This is not the time nor the place for a lengthy pedagogical discussion. Let me state flatly two facts which, if you doubt, I trust you will investigate. First, that the boy or girl who will follow a classical

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or literary course in college or University needs manual training or domestic economy as much as any one else. Secondly, and thisan examination of the catalogue of the School of Arts and Sciences will demonstrate, the curriculum of Bradley Polytechnic Institute prepares for the best classical and literary college courses. In the few cases where one of the regular groups of study will not secure this end, a special arrangement can always be made. The further statement that full academic and college instruction in English, History, ~~Mathematics, and Greek~~ German, French, Latin and Greek are given in the Institute will surely prove this last proposition.

It need not be said that this report owing to limitations of time and space, has touched merely upon the general outline of the work of the Institute, and upon a few details which seem of special interest and import.

In closing may I congratulate the Trustees, the Faculty and the Students upon the accomplishment of a year's work which in spite of difficulties never we trust to be repeated, has been pleasant because pervaded with kindness and patience and successful because animated by that determination

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

June 6 1898

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Yours very truly,

Edward O. Sisson

EDWARD C. BIGELOW
MANAGER

Armour Polytechnic Institute
in affiliation with the University of Illinois
Dexter, Illinois.

June 6 1928

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Peoria, Illinois,

November 7 1898

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

December 1 1898

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I enclose herewith bill for your expenses as you request. Will you approve this if it is correct, and send it back to be paid.

I think we have saved another $400.00. I am not quite sure yet. We find that not very many want to take French, and we are mildly discouraging all those who will not be injured by postponing their work in the subject, so that I think it will be unnecessary to organize any class in French until next fall.

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Peoria, Illinois,

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October 5 1898

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Troy, New York

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Edward D. Burton

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

November 19 1898

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I am relieved to find that you agree with me concerning Dr. Wyckoff. I suppose that you cannot use Mr. Garner? He is making a great reputation here.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
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Peoria, Ill. Nov 17 1898

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October 12 1898

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Harper

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DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES

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URBANA 24th September 1898.

Dr. William R. Harper,
President, University of Chicago.

My Dear Sir—

Your inquiry dated Sept 2d was delivered at a room no longer occupied by me at the University through the ignorance of our mail-clerk and has just come to hand. Please pardon therefore this belated reply.

I wrote you about the 12th or 15th of last July upon the advice of Mr. Sisson, saying that I could not leave my work here until I went to Peoria, not being able financially to put this time in residence at the University; but that I should complete the work for my degree at the earliest date possible.

I have been doing something all the time, especially the past two years with advanced students. I have had a class in Spanish every year. So I believe I can pass off my minors this winter, coming up to Chicago

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9/24/98

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for examination. Beyond that my main work will be my thesis which I have not as yet begun, but I have two or three lines of work ready to follow. My great desire is to get my degree as soon as possible but I cannot as yet set any definite date of its probable acquisition.

Very respectfully yours

Geo. D. Fairfield

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

November 14 1898

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Secondly, about Dr. Wyckoff: I have talked the matter over with him, and have thought a good deal about it since writing to you. The more I think of it the more I fear to let him go. So far as the instruction is concerned we could get along fairly well, but there are so many points at which he touches our work in his deanship--in relation to the music, the chorus, the orchestra which is just being organized, and the library work. Mr. Bailey feel quite strongly that it would be unwise for him to go. It seems to me that on the whole we had better give up the idea. We shall be glad to lend you Mr. Garner for the winter quarter if that will do.

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University of Chicago

People want to hear you tomorrow I suggest short address significant of founders day bust not arrived.

E O Sisson.
445PM

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Peoria, Illinois,

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September 9 '98

My dear Dr Harper:-

Mr Bishop will call on o you soon, if he has not already done so. I shall be glad to know what you think of hom. I believe he is the man we want, provided he stands inspection.

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EDWARD O. SISSON
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9/9/98

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Sept 23, 1898.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

I wrote Mr. Fairfield at once on my return; have heard nothing from him. If you have news from him will you wire me. Everything else is in good condition. If we don't get him we ought to try to get some one else to come at once.

I suggest as a first draft of the program of Founder's Day Exercises

1. Procession (from Horological Bldg.)
   - Band
   - Students (Lower Academy)
     - Higher Academy
     - College
     - Horological
   - Faculties
     - Horological
     - School of Arts & Sciences.
   - Trustees
   - Guests of Honor

   [The founder's party would fall in behind the procession in Bradley Hall.]

2. Music
3. Address
4. Reports of
   1) President of Board
   2) " " Faculty
   3) Director

   } to Founder.

Sept 23, 1898.

My dear Mr. Hayden,

I want Mr. Fairfield at once on my return; then hard nothing from him. If he has, none from him will do me no. Everything else is in good condition. If he don't get him he might let Dr. Dana or else I come at once.

I suppose as a first draft of the program Somebody's Son reads

1. Invocation (Rev. Hartford. Hall)

Prof.
Student (Miss Lindsay)
Mr. Lindsay
President
Trustee Hartford
Sec'y of Alt. Trustees

Music
Sweet of Avon
[The Dunlap Int. would fill in behind the Invocation in Hartford Hall.]

2. Music
3. Address
4. Report of 1) President of Board
2) " Treasurer } to Trustees
3) Secretary

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

9/23/98

1-1-98-2 M

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5. Presentation and Acceptance of Memorial Bust.
6. Recession.

Music interspersed; perhaps, ~~an~~ a short address from a prominent Peorian, to the founder primarily, voicing the appreciation of the city - but I thought the best speeches (No 5.) would fill this place

Will you wire me if Mr. Adams has consented to make the address. I want to publish it in Sunday's papers.

Packard and Bishop, and Miss Shattuck are making excellent impressions.

I am especially anxious about Mr. Adams, and Mr. Fairfield.

Yours sincerely
Edward O. Sisson

Dear Sir:

Your letter and leaflet of January 22nd were received.

These interested; perhaps one or other address from a learned Person, if it should happen, passing the affirmation of the city - but, I think it best effects (M.S.) would fill the place.

Will you write me if Mr. Adams be capable to make the address. I meet a public at Sunday before.

Garland and Bishop, and Miss Hatfield are making excellent impressions.

I am sincerely concerned about Mr. Adams and Mr. Garfield.

Yours sincerely

Edward Bellamy

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

9-8-98-1M

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois,

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9/27/98. OM

My dear Dr. Harper,

We have 257 registered, and more coming. The day has gone well, Faculty meeting yesterday, and chapel to-day showed fine bodies of instructors and students. Our new instructors, I believe, are genuine acquisitions.

I am very glad Prof. Chamberlain is coming; he is a splendid man for the occasion.

Yours sincerely

E. O. Sisson.

Dr. Hartley

Dear Sir:

We have 257 applicants, and more coming. At day has gone well. Usually meeting yesterday and night. Several fine talks I interested and students. Our new instructor, I believe, are giving satisfaction. I am very glad Oil Blomfield is coming. He is a splendid man for the course.

Yours sincerely

E.E. Brown

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Ill. Feb 4 1899

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Last night we had the Parents meeting, concerning which I have talked with you. I enclose a program. We had a glorious time, and I believe the meetings will be a great assistance to our work.

I am sorry to say that there has been a misunderstanding about equipment funds. Mr. Bailey and I had clearly understood from Mrs. Bradley that the amount which had been taken from equipment and put into building, would be made up; this amount is about $25,000.00, whereas in some way Mr. Hammond had got the idea that $10,000.00 was all that would be required. We are making a change in the system of accounts, however, which will entirely obviate any such difficulties in the future, and will enable us to see at any moment just where we stand financially in every department.

Mr. Burns does not expect to be here next year. I am inclined to think that in Mr. Packard's place we ought to have a man who would be stronger in Botany so as to supplement Dr. Lyon whose specialty is of course zoology. Miss Shattuck will not remain, and we are now seeking for a drawing teacher to take her place. Miss Lyman will not remain, so someone will have to be put in her place. I suggest these points so that you may have in mind the fact that we must be looking for some new material.

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Peoria, Illinois,

December 7 1898

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Edward B. Bishop

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
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Peoria, Illinois,

January 23 1899

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Armour Polytechnic Institute

Decorah, Illinois.

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Peoria, Ill. Feb 1 1899

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Peoria, Ill. Feb 7 1899

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William R. Harper

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Susan

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago

Peoria, Ill. Feb 11 1899

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I am very sorry to hear that you are suffering from the Grippe. I hope, however, that you will soon be better and able to make your trip as planned.

As to the Faculty meeting, the chief difficulty would be the fact that we have classes at all hours from 8:45 to 4:00, including the hour from 12 to 1. (One reason for this arrangement is that we cannot accommodate all our students in the lunch room at one time, so that we find it better not to have them all free for lunch at the same hour). I suppose we could dispose of these classes in some way, and use that hour for luncheon and the faculty meeting. That could be done without any very serious difficulty as there are only five classes at that hour, but that would not five us very much time for discussion, and it would be very hard indeed to arrange for a longer period without entirely breaking up the work of the afternoon, inasmuch as 1 o'clock is the beginning of a large number of two hour periods. If, however, you should like the one hour with the faculty for luncheon and discussion, I shall be very glad to arrange it.

I am glad to say that we seem to be progressing towards a reasonably amicable and satisfactoty settlement of the matter of Mr. Parsons. The plan is that Mrs. Bradley will pay him a certain amount, which will be no doubt much more than she thinks he has a right to, and much less than he thinks he ought to have, and he will withdraw entirely from the school. I think he has come to see that it is clearly for his own good that this should be done--especially on account of his health which is very much broken. He will probably go to Southern California.

I hope you will take good care of yourself, and not let the temptation of the immediate need lead you to overexert or expose yourself until you are quite recovered from the treacherous Grippe.

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Edward Bellamy

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-99-2 M

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

January 14 1899

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My dear Dr. Harper:

I was called upon this morning by Mr. Hansen, representing the University Association of Chicago. They want to introduce class work and lectures, and have requested the assistance of the Institute, and particularly haveasked that members of the Institute Faculty assist in giving the lectures. I take it that it would be a good thing for us to share in this work so far as it can be done without inconveniene or expense, provided the University Association is a responsible and reliable organization, as it would seem to be from the names in its circulars; and provided also that a considerable amount of public interest should be aroused in its work. I should be glad to hear from you about this.

I believe that for several reasons, and particularly to avoid expense, we had better try to arrange our Washington's Birthday exercises with home talent. I believe we can make them thoroughly interesting, and enlist the student body better by giving them both as individuals and in their organizations a share of the work and responsibility..

We have, by the way, an exhibit of the Horological School in Chicago during next week. Owing to the illness and absence of Mr. Parsons I was compelled at the last moment to take up the work of the exhibit and organize it as best I could. Possibly you may find it convenient some time to drop in and look at the work. The address is: 131-137 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

You remember that I spoke to you once about credit for work done in our Manual Arts Department. The fact is that in attempting to prepare an amount equivalent to fifteen units for entrance, and in addition cover the drawing and shop work we are loading ourselves too heavily. We cannot do it. Can we not have credit at least for the drawing? We ought to have credit also for some of the shop work. Much of it is in its nature almost identical with laboratory work. Will you instruct me what steps to take, if any, to aid in securing this?

The North-western Association of Drawing Teachers wants to have its annual meeting and exhibit in our building. This meeting comes about the end of April. If we should attempt to carry on school work during this meeting and exhibit which lasts a week, it would involve endless inconvenience and difficulty. Can we not transfer our spring vacation from the end of March to the end of April? The opportunity is a very valuable one I believe for identifying the Institute with the best educational interests of the city and the country, and for attracting the attention of people from all over the middle west to our institution.

Yours very truly,

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-99-2 M

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

January 19 1899

My dear Dr. Harper:

I find that Mr. Hansen had already seen Dr. Wyckoff, Mr. J. W. Garner, and Mrs. Kedzie, and had got them to agree to give talks in connection with the work. Of course the Institute is not officially involved at all, and I will see that it does not become so. I expect to be in Chicago before very long.

Yours very truly,

Edward O. Sisson

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

March 31 1899

My dear Dr. Harper:

A committee of the faculty consisting of the heads of departments, has been at work on our groups of courses in the Higher Academy and College, the Lower Academy course being left as it is. I am enclosing to you a list of the groups in the form in which they have agreed to recommend them to the faculty. I should be glad to have you look over them. In general the new groups affect the following changes:

The number of groups is apparently much increased; the apparent increase, however, is due to the splitting of the Literary Group into three, viz: Classics, Literature, and General, and of the Technical group into two, viz: Technical and Engineering. This splitting has involved more definite specification of the constituent parts of each group. It ought to be noted also that out of the six groups, four, viz: classics, literature, science, and engineering, prepare for Colleges and Universities; two groups, General and Technical, are rather to be considered as finishing groups.

The Committee also r ecommend that if the concurrence of the University can be secured, two degrees only be given at the end of our Junior College, viz: for literature, general, and classics groups, the degree of Associate of Literature; for Science, Technology, and Engineering groups, the degree of Associate in Science.

Yours sincerely,

Enc

Edward O. Sisson

EDWARD C. BYRON
BUILDING

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

in affiliation with the University of Illinois

Peoria, Illinois.

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Yours sincerely,

Enc.

Edward C. Byron

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TECHNICAL GROUP.

Higher Academy.

3rd. Year.

3 Physics.

1 Solid Geometry.

1 Algebra.

2 Freehand Drawing and Designing.

1 English.

1 History.

1 Framing.

1 Pattern Making.

1 Pattern Making or Cabinet Making.

4th Year.

3 Chemistry.

1 Trigonometry.

2 English.

1 History.

1 Clay Modeling and Wood-Carving.

1 Mechanical Drawing.

1 Foundry.

2 Forging.

College.

1st. Year.

3 Physics.

2 English.

1 History.

2 Descriptive Geometry.

1 Mechanical Drawing.

1 Plumbing and Steam Fitting.

2 Machine Tool Work.

2nd. Year.

1 Elementary Mechanics.

1 Material of Construction.

2 Steam Engine and Boilers.

1 History.

1 Civics.

1 Architectural Drawing.

2 Mechanical Drawing & Mechanism.

2 Electrical Construction.

1 Machine Construction.

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2 English.
1 History.
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1 Mechanical Drawing.
1 Plumbing and Steam Fitting.
2 Machine Tool Work.

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All Numbers Denote Majors.

	General		Literature		Classics		Science	
	H A	Coll	H A	Coll	H A	Coll	H A	Coll
English	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2
History	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3
Mathematics	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2
Science	3	2	3	2	3	2	6	6
Latin	3		5	3	5	3	0or5	
Greek	6				6	3		
Mod. L.	6	6	6	5		3	5or0	3
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History	2	3		2	3		3	2		2	3	3
Mathematics	2	1		2	2		2	2		3	2	2
Science	3	2		3	2		3	2		6		6
Latin	3			5	3		5	3		0or5		
Greek	6						6	3				
Mod. L.	6	6		6	5			3		5or0		3
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M A or D E	3	3		3	3		3	3		5		3

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E N G I N E E R I N G G R O U P.

Higher Academy.

3rd. Year.	4th Year.
3 Physics.	3 Chemistry.
1 Solid Geometry.	2 German or French.
1 Algebra.	1 Trigonometry.
3 French or German.	2 English.
1 English.	1 History.
1 History.	2 Freehand Drawing.
1 Framing.	1 Mechanical Drawing.
1 Pattern Making.	

College.

1st. Year.	2nd. Year.
1 Advanced Algebra.	1 Differential Calculus.
2 Analytic Geometry.	1 Integral Calculus.
3 German or French.	3 Physics.
2 English.	3 German or Chemistry(Cornell)
1 History.	1 History or Civics.
2 Descriptive Geometry.	1 Electrical Construction.
1 Mechanical Drawing.	2 Mechanical Drawing and Mechanism(Boston) or Shopwork (Cornell and Worcester.)

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ENGINEERING GROUP.

Higher Academy.

3rd. Year.

3 Physics.
1 Solid Geometry.
1 Algebra.
3 French or German.
1 English.
1 History.
1 Drawing.
1 Pattern Making.

4th Year.

3 Chemistry.
2 German or French.
1 Trigonometry.
2 English.
1 History.
2 Freehand Drawing.
1 Mechanical Drawing.

College.

1st. Year.

1 Advanced Algebra.
2 Analytic Geometry.
3 German or French.
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2nd. Year.

1 Differential Calculus.
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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-5 M

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago.
Peoria, Illinois,

April 26 1899

My dear Dr. Harper:

The more I think over the matter of the budget the more I am inclined to suggest the dropping of French entirely for next year. My idea would be to publish the same announcement of courses which we had last year, adding the note that these courses would not be given in 1899-1900.

I have received your letter concerning the Congregation and expect to come up. Can you tell me what members of our faculty are members of the congregation, also the hour of meeting of the congregation. I understand that there is a meeting of the Deans with the Board of Affiliation at 3 o'clock.

Yours truly,

Edward O. Sisson

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Edward G. Sassaro

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

1-1-98-2 M

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

May 13 1899

My dear Dr Harper

I should like to have your idea as to the signatures which ought to go on our diplomas and certificates. First, in the School of Arts and Sciences in which we have the Academy Certificate and the Junior College Diploma. I take it of course that on the diploma would be the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the President of the Faculty, the Director; ought all these names also to go upon the certificate? Secondly, in the Horological School we have diplomas for watch work, engraving and optics, and also a certificate in watch work which is given to those who do not complete the course for diplomas. Ought the President of the Faculty to sign these, or is the "President of the Faculty" really President of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and not of Horology?

Ought the seal of the Institute to be on all of these papers, and ought the officers of Trustees to sign all of these papers?

I have not yet receivednotice of the exact time of meeting of the Congregation next week. I am very anxious to be present and should like to know when it will take place.

Yours truly,

Edward O. Sisson

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois,

June 19 1899

My dear Dr. Harper:

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The day as planned is as follows: Breakfast at the hotel. 9 to 11 faculty meeting; (I will arrange in some way for the entertainment of Mr. Adams during this time). Luncheon 12:30. Board meeting 3 o'clock. Base ball 3:30. Dinner at Mrs. Stevens 6 o'clock sharp. Convocation exercises 8 o'clock. I shall be glad to have any suggestions or further instructions on this program.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

9-98-2

Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois, July 27 1899

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Pres. W. R. Harper
University of Chicago

My dear Dr. Harper:--

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I have been largely disabled for some days by dental work, but expect to be on deck again to-day and shall have some business to report. I am planning to take an entire vacation for the first two or three weeks in August, which I know you will approve. May I ask whether you will be in the city on next Monday?

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E. O. Sisson

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago

Peoria, Ill.

Sept. 8, 1899.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Just a word in answer to your telegram. I am entirely unwilling to be involved in anything like litigation over the house, and am therefore unwilling to sign a lease that may so involve me; I cannot afford the time and money that it might cost. I am very willing to sell the place, and should much prefer to do that; the more so because I am thinking seriously of buying or building a house here. It seems to me that this would be the better way for the school also; they would then <u>own</u> their improvements. I will take $1000 cash and the rest on any reasonable terms - the price is $7500.

Everything is going well here; we have already enrolled 75 <u>new</u> students, and more coming every day.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Lisson.

Oct. 8, 1899.

My dear Mr. Peters:

Just a word in answer to your telegram. I am entirely unwilling to be involved in anything like speculation over the house, and am therefore unwilling to carry a lease that may so involve me; I cannot afford the time and money that it might cost. I am very willing to sell the place, and should prefer it that way; the more so because I am thinking seriously of buying or building a house here. It seems to me that this would be the better way for the school also. We will talk over the situation when I come. I will take $900 cash and the rest on my reasonable terms - the price is $5000.

Everything is going well here; we have a delightfully small but very intelligent, and more earnest lot of students.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Sullivan.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
In affiliation with The University of Chicago

Lisson

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Peoria, Ill. Feb 7 1899

My dear Dr. Harper:

I have been considerably worked up in my own mind over an idea which struck me the other day as I was thinking over the idea of my working for my degree. I have never been able to satisfy myself with the idea of a degree in Pedagogy, and on analyzing the feeling I found it to be due, first, to an objection to the word, which to me seems a narrow one--at least in its ordinary acceptation--referring rather to the methods and details of education than to the great questions. And secondly to the fact that Pedagogy is at present at the University a sort of sub-division of another department, viz: that of Philosophy. It certainly seemed to me that I should be infinitely more attracted by a full fledged department called not Pedagogy but Education, and I believe I am not different from all other people in this respect. Of course it is presumptuous for me to express these ideas. My only excuse is that they have struck me so forcibly, and have grown on consideration. If there is nothing in the idea I know very well that you will demolish it very quickly.

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Edward D. Lisson

Decatur, Ill. Feb 7 1899

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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois, Sept. 14, 1899.

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President William R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

My dear Dr. Harper:- I have received your two letters and have just wired you in answer to the shorter one. I regret extremely the situation as to the orator, and will explain, when I see you, how it came about. I should be very glad if we could have Mr. Gunsaulus or Mr. Bailey's other suggestion, viz., Luther Laflin Mills. I shall probably go to Chicago soon. I understand there is to be soon, a meeting of the Board of Control. I will wait to hear when that meeting is to be. Monday next would suit me very well.

The opening of school is to be Tuesday, September 26th; Founder's Day would come properly on Sunday, October 8th. I suppose we could make it Saturday or Monday if desired. I should like, however, to see it kept on Sunday.

Concerning the Physiological school, I am very much afraid that there will be trouble if any attempt is made to organize it. I have not receded, however, from my original proposition, viz., to rent the building for three years with an option of five, at $40.00 per month, on the following conditions: First, that the tenant should make all repairs and improvements required, which at the expiration of the lease shall become the property of the owner. Second, that the rent shall be satisfactorily guaranteed. Third, that guarantee shall be given against litigation.

I may say that I am receiving offers for the purchase of the building and have agreed to sell it at $7500.00, if such an offer is made.

Hoping to see you soon, I remain,

Yours truly,

E. O. Sisson.

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

Peoria, Illinois, Sept. 14, 1909.

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DIRECTOR

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Peoria, Illinois,

9/21/99.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

(1.) You may remember that some months ago I spoke to you concerning the appointment of Mr Burgess as Dean of the High Academy and perhaps, for the present, the College. I think it important that the work of advice and discipline, in the first instance, be taken off my hands, so as to leave me free for general oversight and for cases referred to me by other officers. This is of course the more necessary as long as I have direct charge of the Horological School, and this is likely to be the case for some considerable time.

In this connection I may say that it seems advisable to put the actual class registration in the hands of one person - (Dr Uyckoff, in this case) - the probable plan is this:- the student is assigned by his own Dean or Adviser; the memorandum of this goes to Uyckoff's office and is entered on class lists, &c. This would give Dr Uyckoff a position of special importance, which I think he ought to have.

Dr. Burgess is willing to do some work of this kind; and I am convinced that he would do it excellently well; he is well-balanced, conservative, and wins with students as soon as they know him. I think he would do better with the older students.

Another factor in this matter is the frequent

necessity of consulting Mr Bennett concerning students in the mechanical groups; this however can be managed by an understanding between the Deans and Mr B.

I should be glad if action could be taken in this at the Board meeting Oct 8th.

(2) Mrs. Winchip, who was appointed with rank of "Assistant" ($800) should be "Associate".

(3) The Faculty voted to ask the Trustees to permit text books to become the property of students at the end of their year. I think it is by all means the best plan.

Everybody is delighted that Miss Addams is to deliver the address.

All going very well.

Yours sincerely

O. O. Lisson.

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W R Harper,

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In affiliation with The University of Chicago.

Peoria, Illinois, Oct. 11, 1899.

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
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Peoria, Illinois,

October 13, 1899.

My dear Dr. Harper,

I wrote you some time ago concerning the appointment of Dr Burgess as a dean - to take charge of men in the Higher Academy and College. Although I did not hear from you, I felt compelled to ask him to look after the assignment of these students, in order that I might be able to do other work that needed my attention; the arrangement has worked extremely well; for days Dr Burgess was busy almost continuously with the registration - I was also fully occupied in general oversight - this is, I think, a considerable part of the cause of our starting this year, though we have many more students, yet with far less difficulty and confusion than ever before. I believe the arrangement ought to be confirmed by the Board; but did not wish to raise the question in your absence, not having your mind definitely.

There is a point of difficulty; the Dean of the College would naturally outrank the Dean of the Lower Academy - but Dr Wyckoff has really taken a sort of general oversight of registration and classes; this must be done by some <u>one</u> officer, to keep sections from being overcrowded. So it seems to me

that there ought to be some understanding, at least, that Dr Upjohn is the senior dean; perhaps he might be Dean of the School?

I should like at least to be authorized to consider and announce Dr. Burgess as Dean of the Higher Academy and College. Can it not be agreed to by the Instruction Committee, and then submitted to the Board by correspondence and interview?

Sincerely yours,

E. O. Sisson.

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Armour Polytechnic Institute

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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

Jan. 22, 1900.

President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill, Station N.

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Jan. 25, 1900.

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Chicago, Illinois, Station N.

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Burlington Institute,
Office of the Dean.

With 3/26/1900

Burlington, Iowa, March 20, 1900.

Pres. W. R. Harper
The University of Chicago.

My Dear Dr. Harper:- I have just learned from Prof. Jordan that Dr. Lyons is going to leave Bradley Polytechnic Institute this year. She suggested that it would be well for me to write to you in regard to the position. I enjoy my life here, but as you know, there is hardly a living salary in it and practically no opportunity for work of the kind that I have been prepared for. I cannot see

Burlington Institute,
Office of the Dean.

Burlington, Iowa.

how there can be any probability of an increase of salary here for several years. Therefore I wish to make an earnest effort to secure a position in such a school as Bradley. I remember that you spoke to me last year of the possibility of my securing a position at Bradley. This opening seems to me to be just the kind that I am well fitted for. It will give me an opportunity of finishing my thesis work, which for want of library and laboratory facilities, is out of the question here. Do you think I will have much chance of securing the place?

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Burlington Institute,
Office of the Dean.

Burlington, Iowa.

I have gotten the science work started here and feel that my year's work has given that line of the school work, quite a good start. Dr. Pentuff is a grand fellow who is doing good work in the face of great difficulties. I know however that my going away from here would not cripple him in any way.

I also have seen that there have been some changes announced for Rush. Is there any prospect of my getting in there another year?

I have taken the liberty of writing to you on these matters, on account of your many kindnesses and your

Burlington Institute,
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Burlington, Iowa,

advice in the past.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Rainey.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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President W. R. Harper,
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Get my letter his referred to WRH

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All her recommendations are excellent. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Comstock are anxious to have her here and I am quite convinced that we cannot do better and in all probability, if we do not take her, shall have to take some one considerably inferior.

The appointment will be strictly for the year, with the understanding that it probably cannot be renewed. If I do not hear from you to the contrary by Thursday I shall write to her Thursday evening saying that she can have the position at a salary of $600.00.

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