

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

March 28, 1901.

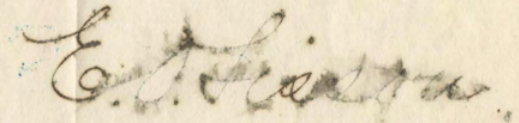
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My dear Dr. Harper:-

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These appointments cover all the force of instruction needed for next year, except two teachers of drawing, at salaries of \$700.00 and \$600.00 respectively.

I enclose also a copy of the Budget as planned, concerning which I have also talked with you.

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Yours sincerely,

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Stratford Polytechnic Institute

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April, 15, 1901.

Mr. E. O. Sisson,

Bradley Polytechnic, Peoria.

My Dear Mr. Sisson:

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I note the point you have made with the Board of Trustees and will take them up with Dr. Small.

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Peoria, Illinois



Baltimore, Md., 4/23/1901.

My dear Dr. Harper,

I am sorry that the shortness of your stay last Wednesday prevented fuller conversation concerning some Institute questions; however, I think that I left all present matters in excellent condition, and the future contingencies as well arranged for as possible.

The probability of Mr Moffatt's resignation caused me to make the following plan of readjustment:

		Present Budget -	Readjusted
Latin -	Moffatt	\$1000	\$600 (new)
"	Deach	$\frac{1}{2}$ } 300	\$600 (Deach, whole time for Latin.)
Math.	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ } 300	\$300
Physics	Student	150	\$300 } Assistant in Phys. and Math. - (more time to Physics.)
Undistributed		300	\$400
Chemistry	Student	150	\$100 or 0
			\$300 - available for best assistance to be secured for Chem. for this sum.

This would allow a) 3 full assistants in Latin, instead of $2\frac{1}{2}$ b) A new assistant (\$600 or possibly \$700) in Physics and Mathematics; - Physics is in great need.

It is by no means certain that Mrs.

Kedzie will stay another year; this however is
not at all ^{settled} ~~certain~~ and I think should be kept
private; in case she leaves, we should, I believe,
put Miss Spahr temporarily in charge, at a salary
of say \$900; I think there is every chance
that she would not only do well for the year,
but would develop into a good permanent head.
That would save another \$700. But if this
latter change should take place, I think I shall
be back in time to look after details beyond the
arrangement with Miss Spahr.

My wife and I are both very send, and
send our kindest regards.

Sincerely yours

Edward D. Lissner.

EDWARD O. SISSON
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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

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There is a Rock Island train leaving Peoria at 12:20, and I suppose, if it were absolutely necessary, you might get on that train, but it would crowd us very much and would probably result in our leaving some matters of business poorly arranged.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall take it for granted that you and Dr. Small will arrive on the early train, Wednesday morning, and will leave at 3:20 on the C. & A.

I shall expect to meet you at the Rock Island station, so if you plan to come down on the Alton, instead of the Rock Island, will you let me know.

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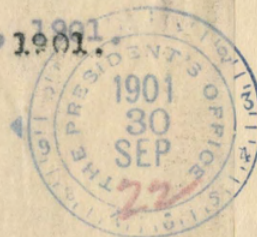
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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

September 28, 1901
October 1st, 1901.

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University of Chicago,
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My dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. E. O. Sisson, Shall we have you or Dr. Small or both with us on
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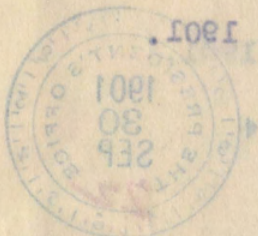
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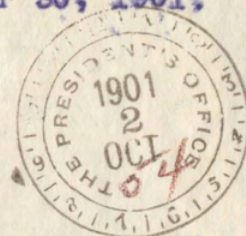
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My dear Dr. Harper:-

We have finished up our first week's work, and I wish to report to you concerning it. The opening days have gone off more easily and smoothly than in years previous, as a result of more thorough organization and improvement in some of our methods. It is a general impression that the quality of the attendance is higher than in other years.

The enrollment on Friday night was 333; this is a little below the maximum for last fall quarter, which was 345. I hope, however, that we may reach this maximum and pass it before the quarter is much further advanced. It is a fact, however, that a good many of our boys have secured profitable employment, especially in the manufacturing establishments about here, and are not returning to school. The same reduction in numbers is found in the public schools, from the eighth grade up.

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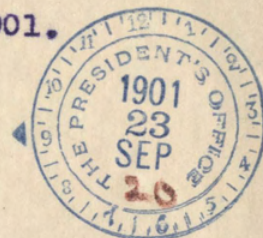
F. Miller
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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

September 21, 1901.

President W. R. Harper,
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Dear Sir:-

I beg to report to you that the Bradley Institute scholarships
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Adelia Swanson.

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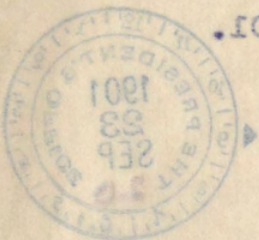
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Can we arrange to have our meeting next Monday afternoon? When the committee adjourned it adjourned to meet next Tuesday at one o'clock. If we could meet Monday and get things into shape to present to the committee, much time would be saved.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

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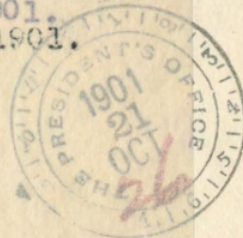
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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

Oct. 19, 1901.
Oct. 29th, 1901.



Pres. W. R. Harper,

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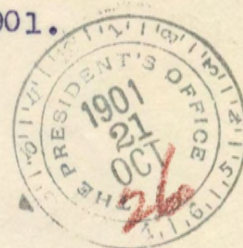
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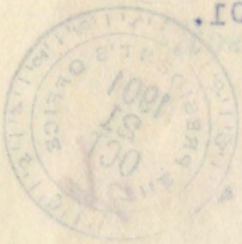
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Arboretum Polytechnic Institute
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Evanston, Illinois

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10/29/1901.

Oct. 30th, 1901.

My dear Dr. Harper,

My dear Mr. Sisson:-

There seems to be two possible ways of carrying on the Chemistry for the rest of the year - either by putting some one in temporarily, or by finding the right person for permanent appointment. I know him personally and would endorse everything Burgess has said concerning him. See what you can do at once.

Yours very truly,

Our being able to do the latter; but if we could, it would be a grand thing for us, and would go far to prevent injury in public opinion.

Dr. Burgess has spoken to me once or twice in the past concerning Ransom - now at Purdue - he took his Ph.D. at the University. Dr. Burgess speaks very highly of him. I should be glad to know whether you think I had better look him up. Also to know of other men likely to suit us.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Sisson

P.S. Dr. Burgess spoke particularly of his belief that Ransom would be a fine dean, if we could want to use him in that capacity.

Oct. 30th, 1901.

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Peoria, Illinois

10/29/1901.



My dear Dr. Harper,

There seems to be two possible ways of carrying on the Chemistry for the rest of the year - either by putting some on in temporarily, or by finding the right person for permanent appointment. Of course the chances are against our being able to do the latter; but if we could, it would be a grand thing for us, and would go far to prevent injury in public opinion.

Dr. Burgess has spoken to me once or twice in the past concerning Ransom - now at Purdue - he took his Ph.D. at the University. Dr. Burgess speaks very highly of him. I should be glad to know whether you think I had better look him up. Also to know of other men likely to suit us.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Lissner.

P.S. Dr. Burgess spoke particularly of his belief that Ransom would be a fine dean, if we should want to use him in that capacity.

State Polytechnic Institute

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Georgia, Illinois



10/22/1901

Oct 20th, 1901

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Yours sincerely,

E. O. Bissou

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To Mr. E. O. Sisson,

Peoria, Ill.

Letter received. Suggestion concerning Garner approved.

Will am R. Harper.

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

October 27, 1901.

My dear Dr. Harper,

Dr. Garner came to see me early this morning to inform me that he had received an unsolicited call to the headship of the department of Chemistry at Wabash College. Of course he wishes to accept the position, provided he can be honorably released from us. He must know at once, and ^{they} want him to go at the earliest possible day. He was very emphatic in saying that he would not leave except on conditions satisfactory to us.

Now even if we were satisfied as to Garner's complete fitness for our work, I doubt whether we could justly try to retain him when such a place offers; and I am far from being satisfied on this point; the very intensity of his special interest, which causes my doubt of his adaptation to secondary work, is an important qualification for the college and graduate instruction to which he would go at Wabash.

I am therefore in favor of releasing him - with the provision that he is to stay here as long as can possibly be arranged without absolutely closing the other position to him.

I have talked with Mr. Bailey, and he agrees with this proposition. I commenced writing a telegram

Arzobley Polytechnic Institute
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Georgia, Illinois

October 27, 1901

My dear Dr. Harper,

I have come to see me early this morning
to inform me that he had received an invitation
call to the leadership of the Department of Chemistry
at Washburn College. Of course he wishes to accept
the position, provided he can be financially released from
us. He must turn at once, and, ^{that} wants him to go
at the earliest possible day. He was very confident in
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Peoria, Illinois

to you, but found I could not very well put what I wanted to say in brief form, so decided instead to write, and ask you to telegraph a reply. I shall hope to hear from you as early as possible on Monday.

In case we let Garner go, I must try to see some men for the place on Nov. 8 and 9, when I come to Chicago. I think I shall plan to get in on Friday morning, so as to have the two days entire.

I have a good many things to tell you; I think matters here are working out in a most gratifying manner.

Sincerely yours,

Edward O. Sisson.

P.S. I take it that we should hardly make a permanent appointment to the vacant position at present.

10/27/1901

EDWARD O. Sisson
DIRECTOR

Arzobley Polytechnic Institute
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Georgia, Illinois

I have a good many things to tell you; I am a busy man, as you know, but I shall try to get in some time for the place on Monday and I shall plan to get in some more for the place on Tuesday. I shall be glad to see you as early as possible on Monday. I shall be glad to hear from you and will write and ask you to write what I wanted to say in brief form, so I can find out very well.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

Nov. 27, 1901.

November 30th, 1901.

President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Mr. E. O. Sisson,

Our hopes of getting Mr. Ransom have been disappointed. Purdue met our proposition with one which was so far from the Bradley Institute, Peoria, Illinois, that he could not see his way to leave there. I got into communication at once with Mr. Ashman,

My dear Mr. Sisson:

I note what you say concerning the University, and Mr. Ashman, and I am glad to know that you have secured him. I am pleased that Mr. Ransom is so much in favor of our getting him as being the nearest thing to Mr. Ransom in demand. I think that Mr. Ashman is all right. He understands, of course, his responsibilities at the end of the year depends upon his demonstrating that he can do the work of the department, and also do his share of the general work of the faculty. He will be paid at the rate of one thousand dollars per year for the remainder of this year, and received no definite promise for the next year. This will make it possible for us to provide for increase in a number of other salaries which very much need increasing.

Not the least advantage in getting him is that he can take up the work next Monday.

I shall be very glad at the first opportunity, to report more fully concerning Mr. Ashman, and show you that we have not acted rashly in the matter. I am very strongly convinced that he will be a very useful and harmonious member of our force.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Sisson

November 30th, 1901.

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Bradley Institute, Peoria, Illinois.

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President W. R. Harper,
University of Chicago,
My dear Dr. Harper,

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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

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Stratton Polytechnic Institute

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Decatur, Illinois

Nov. 27, 1901.

President W. R. Harper,
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

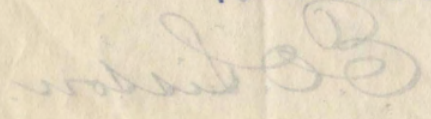
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Yours sincerely,



Dec. 2nd, 1901.

My dear Mr. Sisson:-

I have your note of November fifteenth. I have gone over it and thought over it a dozen times. I cannot bring myself to be reconciled with the idea of "Professor Comstock", or even "Professor Bartlett", or "Professor Ransome". It seems to me that you will do a great injury to the whole situation if this step is taken. Let us discuss it again when we meet next time.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 2nd, 1901.

My dear Mr. Stinson:-

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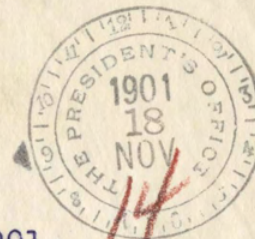
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EDWARD O. SISSON
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Bradley Polytechnic Institute

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois



Nov. 15, 1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:

In accordance with our conversation the other day, I enclose herewith a plan for rearranging the ranks of the faculty of Bradley Institute. The plan provides for three ranks, Professor, Instructor and Assistant. These three seem to me sufficient for a faculty of the size and standing of ours. It has occurred to me that we might later wish to insert the rank of Associate Professor for teachers of high standing, but not heads of departments. This would be with the idea of restricting the title of Professor to those who were in charge of departments. I am inclined to think this is a restriction which it might be well for us to follow.

Our negotiations with Ransom are going on favorably. I hope that we may succeed in getting him.

Yours very truly,

E. O. Sisson

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
AN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Deoria, Illinois



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Yours very truly,

Proposed Ranks - for 1902-3.

11/15/1901

Professor { Salaries from
\$1400 up

Sisson
Burgess
Bennett
Wyckoff
Bartlett
Comstock
Ransom

Instructor { Salaries
\$800 - \$1300

Craushaw
Bishop
Packard
Van Deusen
Spalding
Spahr
Plant
Bourland
Winchip
Breslich
Deach
Raymond
Swingle (?)

Assistant. { Salaries
\$600 - 700

Morehouse
Wright
Mickel
Gurney
Denson
Leffingwell
Wynman
—
Olmsted
Kech.

"Ranks"

Copr for
President Harper

EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

Dec. 14, 1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:--I have just received your answer to my inquiry concerning Senator Beveridge. I am sorry that I made the mistake of saying "Founder's Day" when I meant "Convocation Day".

Unless you have some one else in mind who would be better for Convocation Day, we will try to secure Senator Beveridge for that occasion. If I do not hear from you to the contrary, I shall in a few days write to Senator Beveridge.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Sisson.

EDWARD O. Sisson
DIRECTOR

Biological Polytechnic Institute

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

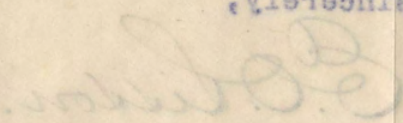
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EDWARD O. SISSON
DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois



Dec. 7, 1901.

President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:--I have suggested to Mr. Bailey the name of Senator Beveridge as Founder's Day orator for this year. Mr. Bailey heartily approves. The name is already on our list of nominations, and if you approve, I will at once communicate with Senator Beveridge.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Sisson

EDWARD O. Sisson
DIRECTOR

Stratley Polytechnic Institute

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Peoria, Illinois

Dec. 7, 1901.

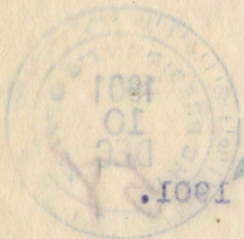
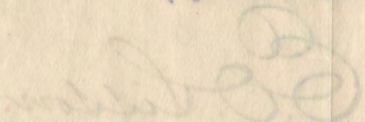
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Yours sincerely,



Dec. 13th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Sisson:-

I think Mr. Beveridge would be a
splendid man for the Founder's Day address. Go ahead.

Yours very truly,

Dec:13th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Stinson:-

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Yours very truly,

*Private and
Confidential.*

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Peoria, Illinois

June 14, 1902

My dear Dr. Harper,

I want to write briefly about some personal questions that are upon my mind, so that we may talk to advantage in what little time you may be able to give me individually next Friday.

There seem to be reasons for thinking the time ripe for my further study; some of them will occur to you; it would be a good thing for my wife to be away from Peoria for a time; Dr. Burgess is still with us, and while he has wished for three months leave of absence, Mrs. Burgess' health is so uncertain that he cannot plan definitely for his journey; consequently he would be quite willing to stay in charge next year.

I have considered three places of study - Chicago, Germany, and Harvard. Just at present my mind is turning quite strongly toward Harvard. I have about concluded that what I want can be better got in America than in Germany; there are three or four men at Harvard with whom I should like to come in contact - especially James, Münsterberg, Royce, ^{Hansen} and Palmer; also of course

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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Peoria, Illinois

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The reasons that would make for Chicago, or for Germany, need no stating; so I have put the Harvard case as it has come to me; it has grown upon me for several months.

I hope for a few moments talk with you on Friday, on the two questions of when and where.

I am glad to say that my wife continues to improve as fast as we could hope.

Sincerely yours

Edward D. Lissner.

Rocky Polytechnic Institute
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Decoria, Illinois

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