

G. J. JOHNSON, D. D.,

PASTORAL SUPPLY

OF

First Baptist Church,

MONMOUTH,

ILLINOIS.



BURLINGTON INSTITUTE.

—AND—

GENERAL MANAGER

FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF AFFAIRS OF

Burlington Institute,

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Burlington, Iowa, Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1891.

Prof. W. R. Harper,  
Dear Sir:

I have a horror of making myself an annoyance or for a moment seeming to suspect you or find fault with you. Let me do none of these things. The Lord bless & prosper you. You are doing a great & good work.

But your last dated Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> says, "We shall take action during the month of December." And so I have held on here, staying by & taking care, & suffering much embarrassment in that I could say nothing for nothing was done or promised to be done. If we only knew that the Board of University of Chicago would & would

promise to adopt our Institute as a  
part or department of itself at some  
time, when ready. Then we could be at  
rest & announce that at some time  
again our School would open & under  
most promising auspices &c. & we should  
be relieved & at rest.

Besides another Institution is  
wanting to adopt ours as a branch,  
& by effort, we are staying them off for  
a while, & are in danger in fact of  
losing their good will & one opportunity  
in that direction while so long waiting  
for what we more desire - an alliance  
with Chicago University.

Can you possibly yet say anything  
definite & encouraging for us then? I  
know you are busy & oppressed with your  
multitudinous labors. Still, if you can find  
time & can say anything relieving &  
hopeful - even if not definite or positive, I would  
indeed like to hear.

Tratonally L. J. Johnson

P.S.

Now a word in reference to my very last letter to you before this.

I should have said that I desired you to speak to Mr. J. D. Rockefeller about endowing our School only when & if your judgment approved of your doing so. Of course, you will not do it unless in your judgment you think it best - ~~still~~ I should have said this to you.

Also, I should not have forgotten to say that if you were spoken to Mr. Rockefeller, not to mention to him that I had asked you to do it - simply because I have once asked him to do <sup>for this school</sup> & he had declined.

That's all,

G. J. J.

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My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst.

in relation to the matter of the  
land in the town of  
and I am sorry to hear that  
you are having so much trouble  
in getting the land. I am  
sorry to hear that you are  
still in the same state of  
affairs.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. B. Smith

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Burlington, Iowa, *July 27<sup>th</sup> 1894.*

Prof. Harper,

Dear Bro.:

Am afraid of annoying  
you by my many letters. But let  
me confidentially suggest:

If you should name it to our  
Bro. John D. Rockefeller, would he not  
add to his already so munificent  
gifts, yet another to endow this  
Institute & make it self-supporting  
& efficient right from its new start?  
I think he would be pleased with  
the name we suggest - Clough  
Institute. - Through we want you &  
him & all to understand that  
we make no conditions as to name,  
grade, management & quality of the

School - other than that it be a good  
& respectable Baptist Academy. The  
name & all else is only suggestion.  
The Lord guide & help  
Fraternally

Yrs  
G. J. Johnson

P.S. Euclow is an amusing slip  
concerning our brother R. J.

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Burlington, Iowa, Feb. 2<sup>d</sup> 1894.

Prof. W. R. Harper.  
Dear Bro.:

Yours of 26<sup>th</sup> at hand, & requires really no answer & is satisfactory, unless it be in two particulars, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> That you are willing, if any other institution can & will put any money into our Institute, that we transfer our property & good will to it - instead of to the University of Chicago. Now we do not wish to accept of any offer from any other institution, we are "in love" with Chicago & wish to marry there & are jealous & totally opposed to any union elsewhere.

that is, if one can be effected there. 2

1 Indeed we do not wish to be in position where we can propose elsewhere or in which <sup>from</sup> overtures, elsewhere would be proper. In short, we desire to be able to say & to have it understood by all the world: We are committed to Chicago University & Chicago University is pledged to us to, sooner or later, take our Institute into appropriate or integral relations to itself & to revive our School & conduct it forevermore as a cooperative or auxiliary Baptist Academy & feeder for its higher departments or institutions.

2<sup>nd</sup> We should be happier & more at rest if we had a more definite & positive promise from you that this would (that is, that which I have said above <sup>would</sup> ~~that we want~~) be done.

Still we accept what you say in closing: "Time will certainly come when we shall be able to help you." Respectfully Yrs. L. J. Johnson

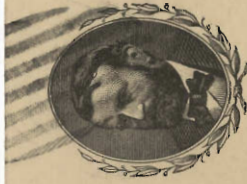
~~Burlington~~ Burlington, Iowa  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1892

Thank you, thank  
you for all kind &  
hopeful words for the  
resuscitation of Burlington  
Institute. Of course,  
we will wait until  
after the important Board  
meeting Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1892 after  
February. We are like  
the corpse that can do  
nothing else but wait -  
& ~~with~~ ~~which~~ ~~is~~ whose fate  
whether of burial or resurrection  
depends upon a power outside  
itself. Yrs G. J. Johnson

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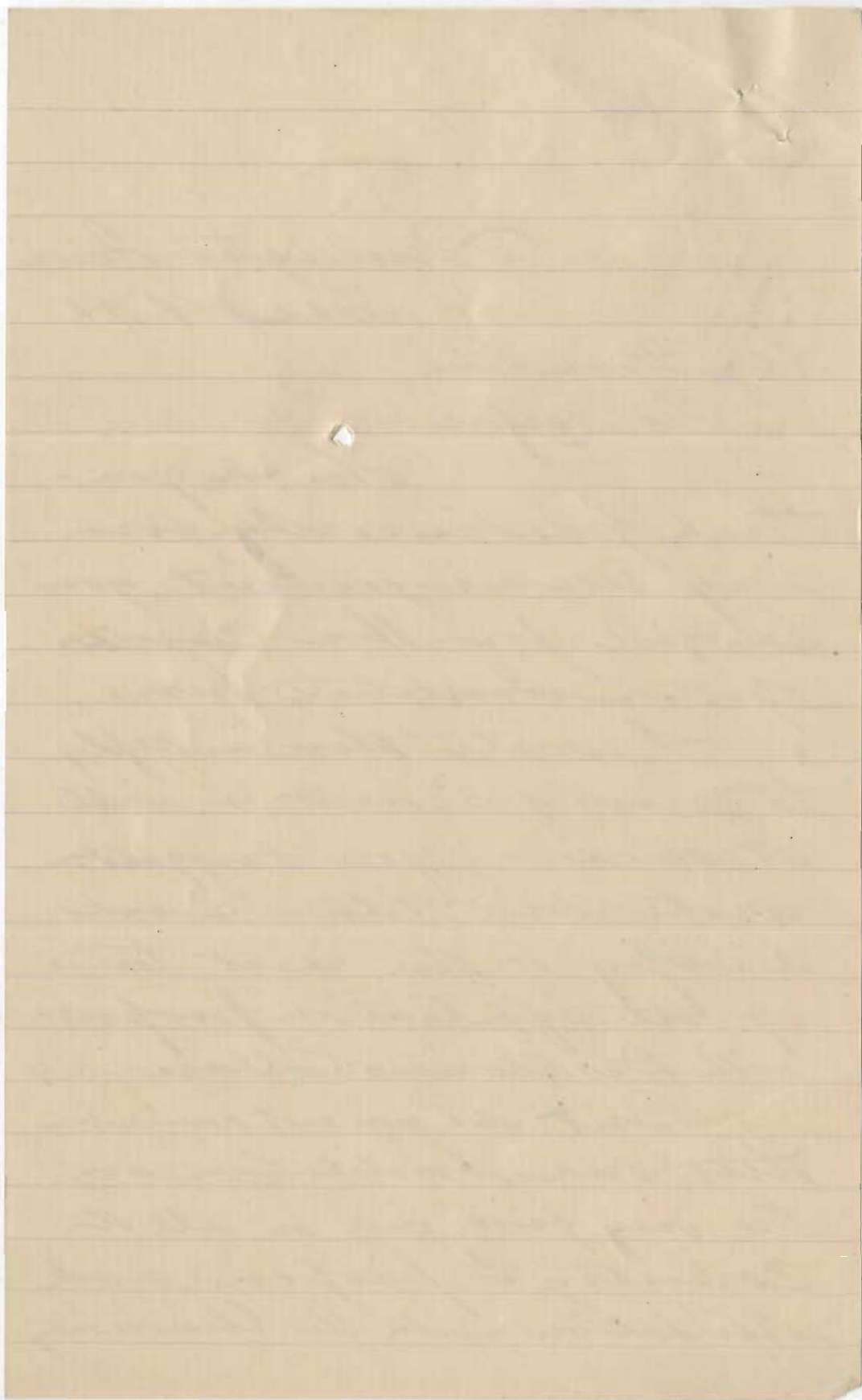
My Dear Bro,

Dr. Harper:

Thank you -  
thank you sincerely - for  
any encouragement you  
can give for the cause  
of our Institute here.

I write this in reply  
to yours of 3<sup>d</sup> inst. & will  
at once, as you suggest,  
write Dr Stetson & ask  
a copy of the exact terms  
of the affiliation proposed,  
with Des Moines College.

But do you not remember  
that our Institution was  
the very first one in all the  
country to propose & ask  
affiliation with the University

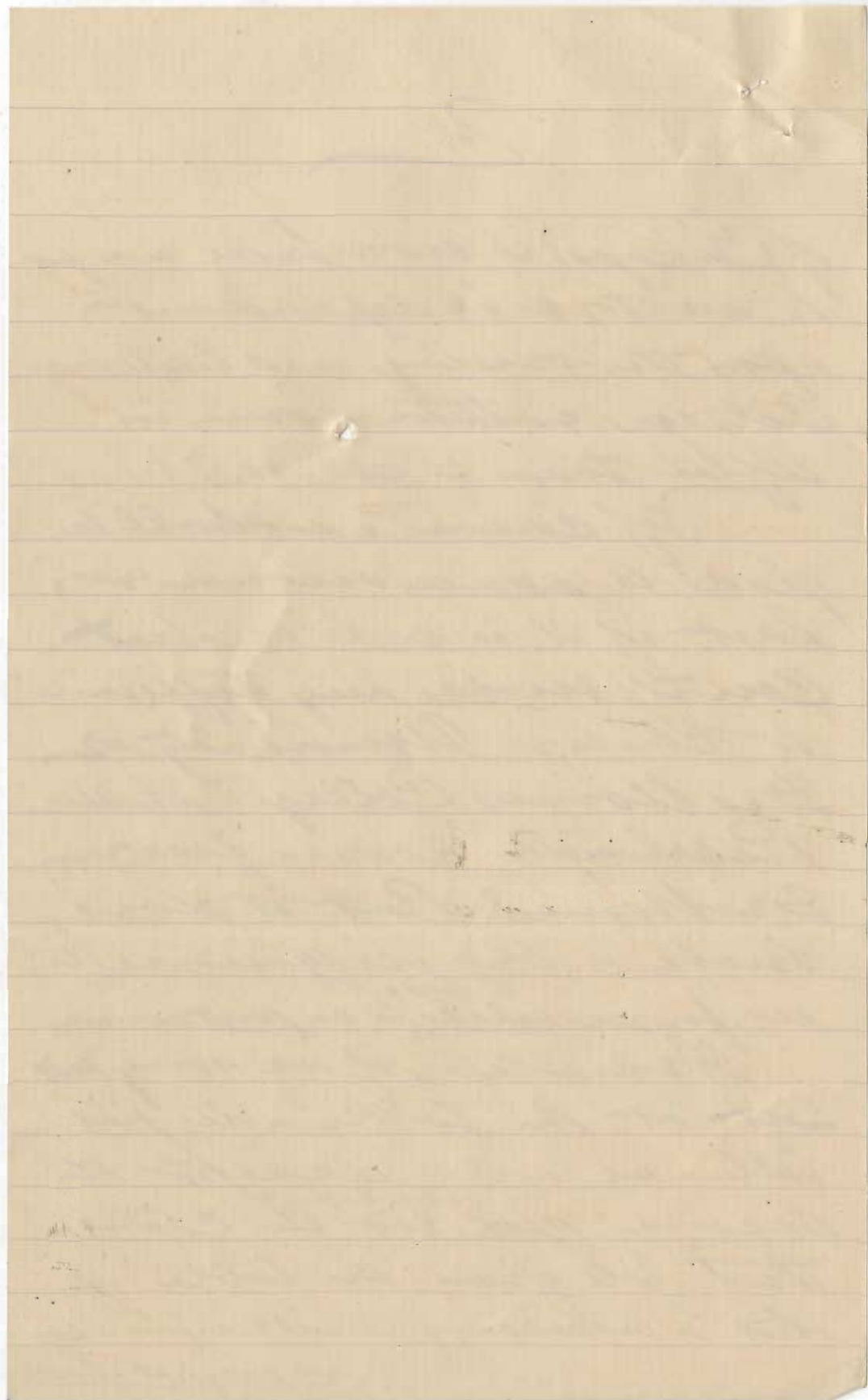


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of Chicago? & now have we got  
to wait & be dependant  
upon the coming in of Des Moines  
College, & then come in  
after them if at all?!

Of course, we shall be  
glad to come second &  
last, if it is so to be, - but  
can it make any difference  
to Chicago University or  
Des Moines College whether  
Burlington comes first or  
Des Moines? But it does  
make a big difference to  
us, for we asked <sup>first</sup> to be first received.

And, still, if we may not  
sit at the table - the first  
table - we will accept the  
second, <sup>- sit on the floor &</sup> eat the crumbs  
that fall from the table, if  
that is necessary, & will rejoice if  
we may eat at all.



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Now we have a meeting  
of our Executive Committee  
next Monday morning  
at 9 o'clock. The Committee  
to whom all is referred  
with power. Please do  
not forget but remember  
that we have made a  
full, formal, free tender  
to the University of Chicago  
— see the enclosed marked  
\* — & if you have any  
special word that I may  
lay before our Committee  
at their meeting, next Monday  
morning, write it to me  
to-morrow & it will be here  
in time.

Fraternally

Yours

G. J. Johnson

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My dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to inform you  
that your letter of the 10th inst.  
has been received. I am sorry  
that I cannot give you a more  
satisfactory answer at present,  
but I am sure that you will  
understand my position. I am  
very sorry that I cannot do more  
for you at present, but I am  
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I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Signature]

## To Whomsoever It May Concern:

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The Board of Trustees of the Burlington Institute, Burlington, Iowa, assembled in the Institute Building on the 5th day of November, 1891, in Special Meeting, in compliance with the Call of the Executive Committee, for the purpose of considering a Circular Letter, sent to all the members of this Board individually, by Rev. F. T. Gates, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Education Society, making Statement of the affairs of the Institute and a Proposal for transfer of all its interests to the Education Society, after prolonged and earnest consideration of the many points involved, adopted the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That, whatever shall finally be the issue as to the fate of our cherished Institute, we are profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father that it has ever existed, and for the good name and great usefulness maintained by it through most of the more than thirty-nine years of its history, and the thirty-six years of the uninterrupted continuance of the School—for fully one-half of which period it ranked, in the popular estimate, and, especially, in the estimate of more than two thousand men and women, now scattered over the broad land, who have been educated here, as among the very best, if not the decidedly best, Christian School in the State of Iowa.

*Resolved*, That, inasmuch as very erroneous representations, especially upon two important points, have gone abroad—perhaps, mainly, as the result of our own inadvertant expressions, and still of such a nature as to be quite likely to prove injurious to our interests as a Board—we would affirm:

*First*, that we are not expecting to pay the indebtedness upon the Institute, amounting at present to about \$3500., alone from the rentals of our five residence houses; indeed, we are sure that we cannot do this in any early time, inasmuch as, at present, there is so little demand for houses to rent, and they often stand idle for even months and years, and rentals are so low, that very nearly or quite all that can be realized from this source will be required to pay the annual taxes and insurance, and repairs that cannot be neglected and the property preserved; but we are hoping, and have all confidence that we can, at length, sell some outside property, as unimproved lots, or even one of our residence houses, and thereby pay all debts; and

*Second*, that we are not paying any salary of \$750. a year to Dr. Johnson, the President of this Board of Trustees, for his services, notwithstanding that we did, by a unanimous vote, at our Annual Meeting over two years ago, when we committed the care of our property and the general administration of our affairs largely to his hands, then authorize him to compensate himself as he might deem necessary and be able to do from the incomes of the Institute; and yet he has thus far, during his administration, drawn from our treasury only \$50. in money on account of compensation, and has, several times, meanwhile, publicly announced in our meetings that, if the Institute can be sustained and the School revived and made permanent here in its present location, he would never expect to receive any additional compensation; and this Dr. Johnson reaffirms in our hearing to-day, and also that, if assured that

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these conditions will be fulfilled, and his services should still be desired (though anxious as he is to be at once relieved), he would continue to serve the Institute at the same rate for five years to come; and also engages, additionally, that, if \$50,000, or more, shall be raised for the Institute and for the rehabilitation of the School, he will himself give \$1000. toward the same; but, in case there is a failure to revive the School in its present location, or a transference is made of the property of the Institute to any other Board or party who shall use the proceeds for any other locality, then he would want, and, we believe, would be justly entitled to receive a compensation of \$750. a year for the services he has rendered, and that the same should be paid to him.

*Resolved*, That, in view of the difficulties that environ us in our present depressed financial condition, and the loss of prestige and reputation that we have suffered through the suspension of our School, and even more largely have suffered through the false representations that have gone abroad concerning our affairs, we declare ourselves as wholly willing and ready, at any moment, to transfer our entire property, good will and name, to any respectable and responsible party who will accept the transfer at our hands and fulfill for us the requirements of our Charter; and we believe that we have fully proven our sincerity in this position in that we have already made a tender of such a transfer to the new University of Chicago, and that upon this one only condition specified.

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*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be sent to Rev. Mr. Gates, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Education Society, as our answer to the Letter sent us and the Proposal made by him.

Attest as true copy,

T. W. NEWMAN,

BURLINGTON, IOWA, November 6, 1891.

*Secretary of Board of Trustees.*

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Burlington, Iowa, April 13<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Prof. W. R. Harper.  
My Dear Sir:

I am thankful for your favor of 9<sup>th</sup> inst. as it shows that you are not annoyed or discouraged by the lengthening out of our correspondence & my frequent communications.

You ask what I think as to two good young men, of first-class ability being able to make a fair income if opening up the work without endowment, - to which I answer:

One School has entirely run out - being now two years suspended, & still, if they could come early upon the ground & be known as such by their advertising & canvassing beforehand

for pupils. I have no doubt, but  
with a guarantee fund of \$1000 to fall  
back upon, they would succeed in  
having a good school & fair income  
the very first year.

Then you ask: Could \$1000 or \$1500.  
guarantee fund be obtained in Burlington?  
Yes, I will say this:

If your Board of Trustees will  
promptly accept our tender of the  
School Campus & the School property  
upon it, with library, apparatus & furniture,  
all worth, we think, at least \$40,000,  
& is free of all encumbrance, - taking it  
on a free lease of 99 or 999 years - with  
unlimited control of same - except to  
use for support of a respectable Baptist  
Academy here (& as much higher grade <sup>School</sup> of  
as may be wished by your Trustees) - & you may  
open the School in 1891 or 1892 - our Board  
will <sup>(from certain outside property we have)</sup> pay all debts - amounting to about \$4000 -  
& guarantee \$1000 for support of school the first year.  
Now what say you? Yrs Truly, Wm. F. Johnson

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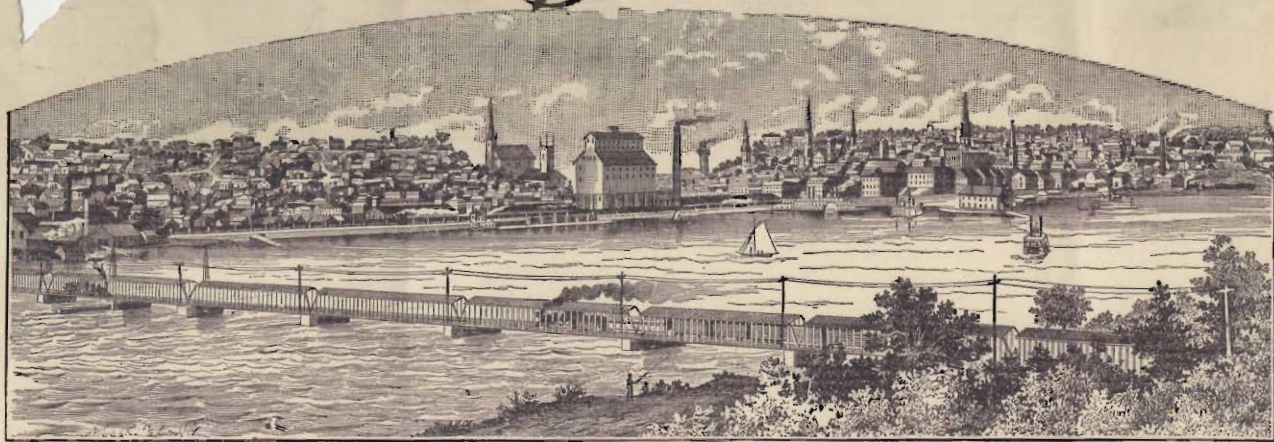
President W. R. Harper.

My Dear Bro in Christ:

Pardon the  
irrepressible anxiety for the salvation  
of this School, that constrains me yet  
again to ask your attention to our  
Case. As you probably know, while you  
were recently absent from the Country,  
Dr. Goodspeed kindly brought our case  
before some of the Trustees of your  
University - particularly Mr. Blake,  
the President of the Board, & he decided  
promptly & earnestly against our appeal  
to be adopted as an adjunct Institution  
& in this proper time resuscitated under  
your auspices, & hence we despaired  
of ever receiving any help from your direction.

Then we made the same tender of all our interests & effects to the American Baptist Education Society - to transfer all our interests to them if they would fulfil ~~for~~ us the requirements of our Charter. They answered that they were willing to accept the trust - except to guarantee the revival of the School at this location. Of course, that is the vital point. A thousand people or parties & Societies & Colleges would be willing & glad to accept a donation of \$5000 or more or less of property, if they might have the option of reviving the School here or transferring all our interests elsewhere. Hence their offer was practically declined as see the enclosed action of our Board of Trustees.

Now, under these circumstances, we should have despaired & said no more, except that our cherished alumnus, & distinguished Missionary



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Burlington, Iowa. 189

Dr. John E. Clough, writes us not to  
abandon hope of University of Chicago,  
for I have seen Dr. Harper a few  
days that he will do something  
towards the saving of the Institute  
through its adoption by the University  
of Chicago before next January?

Oh, there is a gleam of light  
shining into the darkness of our  
grave, & we open our eyes again in  
hope & wait & wonder if there will  
after all - yet be a resurrection for us.

Now what about this? Can you  
do anything? Do please let us know  
- for I cannot hold on to present  
hope always.

Passion my again troubling you &  
may the Lord move you to help us.

Fraternally & Respectfully Yrs. J. J. Johnson



My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I am sorry to hear that you are not well, and hope you will soon be able to resume your usual avocations.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

Burlington, Iowa, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1892

President W. R. Harper,

My Dear Sir:

Yours of 5<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand  
and considered.

You speak of it as a question  
whether this School of ours, Burlington Institute,  
should go into affiliation with the University  
of Chicago or with our own State College  
at Des Moines.

We should & would surely be  
sincerely willing and ready to affiliate with either  
or both, if it could benefit or relieve us in  
the least to do ~~either~~ so. But remember  
~~that~~ our School is dead. True, we have  
a history, & we feel that it is a glorious  
one. We rejoice over it & thank God for it  
-all except our dying. That part we cannot.  
True, we have a valuable property left  
in our hands with only a small debt.  
But unless somebody can give us at least  
about ~~4000~~ <sup>for five years</sup> a year, we cannot ~~revive~~  
nor again live.

Is it of any use for us to offer  
to affiliate with either School unless they can to  
do something to restore us to life & to perpetuate  
that life until we can again become self-sustaining? Yrs. L. J. Johnson

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not well, and hope that you will soon be able to resume your usual avocations.

I have been thinking much lately of the state of our country, and of the progress of our civilization. It seems to me that we are passing through a great crisis, and that the result will determine whether we are to remain a united people, or whether we are to be divided into warring factions. I trust that the wisdom and patriotism of our people will prevail, and that we will emerge from this crisis as a more united and more powerful nation than we have ever before been.

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*Secretary of Board of Trustees.*

service for the glory of the Divine One and the good of mankind. No small number of those who have been graduated here are already occupying foremost positions in our own and in foreign lands, in the various learned professions of Church and State.

### SPECIAL ADVANTAGES.

Burlington is a healthful, growing city of already at least 25,000 population, and is easily accessible from all directions through its several Railways and "the Great River" flowing by its side. Its churches and local schools are equal to the best in this section of our country, and its public library of 6,700 volumes is free to students of this Institute as to all its own citizens. Gas and electric lights, water works, fire department and street railways are also here enjoyed. Horse cars run directly from the Union railway depot to the Institute premises.

The Main Edifice of the Institute, which is a pleasant, commodious, substantial and convenient building, of over forty apartments, is located upon an elevated campus of several acres in the very center of the city and surrounded by ample lawns and shade trees. The entire building has recently been thoroughly renovated at a large expense and put in complete repair. The Institute has also other valuable property immediately adjacent, consisting of five residences that are rented, which, with the main edifice and campus, and several unsold lots, constitute assets of at least \$50,000 cash value. The Corporation is practically free from debt, and through tuition fees and its rentals the School is self-supporting.

The Library of the Institute contains toward 2,000 volumes, embracing many of the English Classics, three general Cyclopedias, and one of English Literature, together with a large number of other books of reference, histories, travels, biographies &c. It is open for the use of students without expense to them. The Philosophical apparatus is large and varied, including an air pump, electrical machine and telescope.

### NOTICE PARTICULARLY.

As far as possible all students should be present on the first day of the session, and be ready to enter at once upon school duties. Students may, however, enter at any time and join the classes for which, in the judgment of the Principal, they are prepared. A record of scholarship and deportment will be kept, and a copy transmitted to parents or guardians from time to time.

On passing satisfactory examination in the work assigned in the course of study, those entitled to the same, will receive from the Board of Trustees a Diploma, under the Seal of the Corporation.

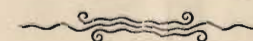
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## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1888-9.



## BURLINGTON INSTITUTE,

BURLINGTON, IOWA.



The Thirty-Sixth School Year of this Institution  
of Christian Learning will open for instruction,  
under direction of

PROF. S. H. BALLARD, A. B., PRINCIPAL,

Assisted by able Associate Teachers,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1888.

BURDETTE COMPANY, BURLINGTON, IOWA.

SESSIONS OF THE YEAR.

The two sessions, each of eighteen weeks, will begin and close as follows:

The First Session begins on Monday, September 17, 1888, suspends one week for the Holiday Vacation, and closes on Friday, February 1, 1889.

The Second Session begins February 4, 1889, and closes with the end of the School Year and the Anniversary Exercises, Thursday, June 5, 1889.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

I. **PRIMARY**, which will embrace the Rudiments of Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic and the daily study of the English Bible.

**II. PREPARATORY**, will embrace Advanced Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Practical Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and the English Bible.

**III. BUSINESS**, in which, in addition to such of the studies of the foregoing Preparatory Course as may be desired, Commercial Law, Stenography, Type-Writing and Book-keeping, will be taught.

IV. **NORMAL**, in which, in addition to the studies of the Preparatory course, the first year will include Physical Geography, United States History and Botany. The second year, General History, Algebra, Rhetoric, Physiology and Literature.

**V. ACADEMIC**, embracing, in addition to the Preparatory Course, and to the first year of the Normal Course above, Latin or German. The second year will be the same as the second year of Normal Course—excepting Literature, with Latin or German continued. The third year will include History, Geometry, Latin continued or French, and Literature.

VI. CLASSICAL, to enter which the studies of the Preparatory Course will be required. The first year will embrace Ancient History, Algebra and Latin. The second year, Latin continued, Greek, Rhetoric, Literature, and Algebra reviewed. The third year, Latin and Greek continued, and Geometry.

VII. MUSIC, ART, &c., embracing Vocal and Instrumental Music, and Painting, and in which instruction will be given, (as also in the German and French, and in Commercial Law, Stenography, Type-Writing and Penmanship,) by competent teachers who make a specialty of their department.

Particular attention to Composition and Declamation will be required of all students in the Literary Courses, and special training in Elocution and the Art of Public Speaking given.

Special attention is solicited to the fact that this School, while inviting students of all religious beliefs, and guaranteeing perfect freedom in these matters to all, and avoiding all distinctive Denominational or Church teaching, will nevertheless be conducted on positive Christian principles. The School will be opened every morning with devotional services which all will be expected to attend, and the English Bible will be daily taught to all students—excepting only such as may be specially excused.

### RATES OF TUITION AND RENTS.

Tuition per session of eighteen weeks.	Primary Course.....	\$10 00
" " " " " "	Preparatory Course.....	12 50
" " " " " "	Higher Courses.....	15 00
For French or German, extra per session.....		8 00
Vocal Culture and Art of Singing, 20 lessons, 2 per week, extra..		12 00
Private Instruction on Piano, Violin or organ, 20 lessons, 2 per week, extra.....		10 00
Charge for use of Piano or Organ, 1 hour daily, per term, extra... 2 hours " " " " .....		3 00 5 00
Instruction in Art, for 20 lessons, extra.....		10 00
For complete course in Stenography, 60 lessons, extra.....		20 00
For Type-Writing, 20 lessons, extra.....		5 00
For special instruction in Penmanship, an extra but reasonable charge will be made.		
Room Rent, per term, 2 in a room, each extra.....		5 00
" " " " 1 " " " " " " .....		8 00
Rooms, furnished with stove, wash stand, bedstead, springs, mat- tress, bowl and pitcher and glass cost, additionally to rent, per term.....		5 00
Other furniture and all else needed must be provided by the Stu- dent.		
Fuel, lights and washing can be procured at moderate cost.		
No deduction can be made on any bills for a less time than half a term; and all bills <i>must be paid in advance.</i>		

EXPENSES, FOR BOARD, ETC.

Young gentlemen can procure board and rooms in private families at prices varying from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per week; or, if desired, they can rent rooms in the neighborhood of the Institute and board themselves; or can be furnished with meals at the Institute at \$3.00 per week. Rooms for about fifty young ladies can be had in the Institute building, where table board is furnished to them also for \$3.00 per week. There is probably no Institution of Learning in our country, situated amid so large a city, that offers opportunities for acquiring education at more economical rates than this. Even the Rates of Tuition, as is seen above, have been largely reduced from those of previous years, and are now thereby, it is believed, brought within the reach of many who heretofore have felt themselves excluded on account of expensiveness.

## AIMS OF THE INSTITUTE.

This School being among the oldest in the State of Iowa, having now already advanced three years upon the second third of a century in its history, has adopted for its motto, EXCELSIOR, and proposes, therefore, *a constant progress* in all that appertains to a first-class School of its grade. It is believed that, in the instruction to be given and in all the appointments of the School for the current year, there will be no falling behind, but rather an advance made upon the work of the preceding years.

Already many hundred students have received more or less of education through this Institution, and are thereby, not only largely benefitted in themselves, but are prepared and are now doing better



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Burlington, Iowa, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1870

Prof. W. R. Harper,

Dear Bro.:

This is to inform you  
& through you, your associate Trustees  
of the University of Chicago upon two points  
First, That our Board of Trustees  
here of Burlington Institute, through  
its Executive Committee, to which all  
has been entrusted with power, has  
formally voted to tender, as I did in  
my letter the leasing of all this  
property & good will of this School  
for 99 years to the University of Chicago  
Board on the simple condition that  
they accept meanwhile its full &  
exclusive management & control, with  
liberty to use as they please & sustain  
here a good & respectable school as an

Institute or Academy. Baptist in its  
general influence & reputation, & a  
feeder to the University of Chicago, &  
also we suggest as a suitable &  
desirable name for the Institution  
Clough Institute. This action  
was unanimous & hearty on the  
part of our Trustees. This is also to  
tell you, Second, That already we  
have been visited & approached by  
another College desiring this very  
offer from us, & we shall be  
embarrassed & liable to complications  
until the acceptance is made by  
the Trustees of Chicago University & we  
therefore wish an early action could  
be taken.

This is not to push your  
Board into any hasty action, but  
we shall be relieved the sooner  
it can be done.

Respectfully & Fraternally

G. J. Johnson

President of  
Board of Trustees of Burlington Institute

Durlington, Iowa,  
Sep 22<sup>d</sup> 1890

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,

My Dear Sir & Bro. in Christ.

Allow me to express my joy & gratitude  
over our Bro. Rockefeller's magnificent  
liberality to the new Chicago University  
-gratitude to him & to God. I was sure  
that he was contemplating some  
great & good thing. Because I wrote  
him concerning our <sup>Institute</sup> ~~School~~ here &  
his doing something for it & from his  
declining to do <sup>at present</sup> ~~then~~, at least, if ever,  
& the few words he said prepared  
me to hear, without surprise, that  
he had done just what he has.

But something, too, must - in  
some way & by somebody be done for  
our School here, & busy as you are  
I beg a few moments of your time to consider it.

The enclosed paper tells you that  
 this School has been in existence now  
 nearly 40 years, - 36 the school was  
 conducted without interruption.  
 Toward 2000 students in all have  
 been enrolled here & fifty of our number  
 have gone out to preach the gospel.  
 The Rev. John E. Clough, D.D., of <sup>by</sup> Selwyn  
 Mission fame was converted while a  
 student here, was here baptised & ordained,  
 & received his entire education here.  
 He is still, with his wife, a member  
 here of this Church & both feel a  
 very great interest in the reviving  
 of the School which suspended  
 one year ago on acct of insufficient  
 income for its support & to meet  
 a heavy tax imposed by the city for  
 special ~~that~~ improvements on streets  
 surrounding our property.

This School ought to be revived  
 & become a feeder to the new  
 Chicago University; & it would at  
 once give it name & fame among the  
 Baptists of the country if thenceforth called

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& Known as Clough Institute.

You are probably aware that we have offered our entire property - worth it may be \$50,000. - after paying off a little debt of about \$4,000. - to the Board of Trustees of Chicago University on the single condition that they will sustain it as a Baptist Academy & Preparatory School for the University.

I will not argue the case, but only say I am standing by the property while now the school is suspended to preserve it from waste & in good condition for its transfer. The present Board of Trustees will not, I think, ever be able to resuscitate & conduct a school. Another College here in the West has proposed to take the property & sustain the school we require but we are standing aloof from all other offers or plans until we <sup>first</sup> see whether the Chicago University will or not do anything such as we propose, ~~first~~ & as yet <sup>have</sup> only <sup>proposed</sup> to it. We prefer it to go to Chicago as the direction where it will do

& get most of good.

Other propositions have been considered like selling it out for other purposes than an Institution of Learning, & to that we may be driven unless we can make a transfer to a College or University that can secure it as a permanent School of respectable grade.

Now you are Chairman of the Committee of Chicago University on the organization of that University, & I trust, too, will be its first President, & hence I thus fully & formally lay this matter before you.

I would be glad to hear from you early as convenient what prospects you think there <sup>may</sup> ~~might~~ be of something being done such as we propose, & we will shape our course accordingly as there may be some or no hope of what we desire from the enterprise you represent.

Respectfully & Fraturnally Yrs.

L. J. Johnson

G. J. JOHNSON, D. D.,

PASTORAL SUPPLY

OF

First Baptist Church,

MONMOUTH,

ILLINOIS.



BURLINGTON INSTITUTE.

GENERAL MANAGER  
FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF AFFAIRS OF  
Burlington Institute,  
BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Burlington, Iowa, Jan'y 22<sup>nd</sup> 1891.

Prof. W. R. Harper,

My Dear Bro.:

Yours of 19<sup>th</sup> inst

at hand comes over me much like  
a night-mare experience. At least, it  
excites my fears that after all  
there may be a slip between the cup  
& the lip, & we fail of realization  
notwithstanding the relation of  
hopes that followed the former letter  
from you.

We cannot raise any funds  
here for the re-opening of the School. The  
facts simply are: We sustained the  
School continuously for 36 years, &  
during that time had here for longer  
& shorter time about 2000 different pupils;

Some of these pupils have proven to be  
 great & useful men, as Alonzo H. Hurlbut, LL.D.,  
 at one time Chancellor of the old  
 University of Chicago, & Rev. John E. Clough, D.D.,  
 the distinguished Missionary among  
 the Telugus of India &c, &c; we have  
 a school property here variously  
 estimated to be worth from \$40,000 at  
 least, to possibly \$60,000 & on which  
 there is an incumbrance of only  
 \$4,000.; the school suspended in  
 June 1889 because of this debt of \$4,000  
 inflicted by the city as a tax for  
 improvements on abutting streets, &  
 which we could not pay & at  
 same time meet the running  
 expenses of the school; & finally our  
 credit is now so low in Burlington  
 & throughout Iowa that even if the  
 field were not occupied by Des Moines  
 College, we could not raise anything  
 in the way of contributions, & then have no  
 man to act as agent who could undertake it.

The foregoing are the simple facts of the case. & from them you see we are dead, & there is no hope that the School will ever revive unless some outside Institution like the University of Chicago or another that has offered to adopt ours as a Preparatory School to itself shall come in & assume the expense & run it. If the policy of your Board forbids any appropriation of its funds, or it cannot become responsible to provide them in some manner by appropriating or by raising, then it is not of any use to consider any farther. Much, we should regret a failure to consummate our adoption.

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Now, in the foregoing, I think I have answered all the points of your letter - except to say: The number of our pupils for year have varied from 50 to 150. & if it could be known sufficiently long beforehand that the school would be re-opened under right auspices & it should be properly advertised & canvassed, I think a school could be opened in 1891 ~ 1892 with 100 pupils.

The last school was held in 1888-9 under arrangements set forth in the enclosed announcement.

I do hope your Board can adopt our Institute & provide for it. Respectfully Yrs. L. J. Johnson

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thirty six years ~~Burlington, Iowa~~, & been honored  
of God in putting into the field  
such a man as Dr John E. Clough of  
Toluga fame & about fifty more  
who have made good Baptist  
ministers. ~~Do~~ <sup>Do</sup> have a property  
worth, at least, \$40,000, over &  
above its little debt. which we  
can easily pay off by disposing  
of some of our outside property.  
& a school so well located  
as this is in the center of a  
city of 25,000 population on  
the great artery of the continent,  
the Mississippi River. Such a  
school ought not to die but  
to be taken in hand by your  
Board & made its property by a

free leave that we will give you for  
99 years - with right to use & control  
just as you may see fit - only on  
one condition, to wit: that your  
Board maintain here a good  
& respectable Baptist Academy or  
as much higher School as you please.

Dr. Himes inquires to know  
if we could raise \$40000 more  
towards the endowment of the  
Institute, if the Am. Bapt. Education  
Society would appropriate \$10000,  
towards making \$50000? I have  
hard to answer that this would  
be now impossible for us - because  
1<sup>st</sup> We have nobody to put into  
the field to do this as leaders & agents  
& 2<sup>nd</sup> The field is being exhausted  
& worn all out by the effort of  
Dr. Himes College to raise its  
needed \$125000. We can only give as  
a free gift - what we have. We hope you will  
accept our offer. Respectfully & Faithfully  
Yrs. G. J. Johnson

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Burlington Institute,

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Burlington, Iowa, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Prof. Wm. A. Harper.

Dear Sir & Bro. in Christ:

You cannot realize how unpleasant it is for me to annoy you by so many letters - dragging you on this one point of your acting through your Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago on adapting Burlington Institute as its own School & henceforth conducting it as a feeder or preliminary or preparatory School. If this could be done & the question of our future could be settled, then we could patiently wait any length of time necessary & best  
rest.

Out of it is. I am in continual  
 limbo & anxiety. ~~This~~ While our  
 Board of Trustees here is unanimous  
 & earnest in this disposition of  
 our School, still the matter  
 has been so long deferred that  
 it is seriously doubted whether  
 there is any hope for us in that  
 direction. We have also so long  
 delayed in the acceptance of a  
 somewhat favorable proposition  
 from another direction that  
 that is now probably lost to us;  
 & <sup>hence</sup> some of our Trustees favor  
 a selling out of our property  
 to the City for public school  
 purposes - which we could now  
 do at an advantage not to be  
 had later on perhaps, & thus closing  
 up our history as an Institute.  
 But the thought of this is not  
 agreeable to me. I should that  
 has done the good this has for

G. J. JOHNSON, D. D.,  
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BURLINGTON INSTITUTE.

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GENERAL MANAGER  
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Burlington Institute,  
BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Burlington, Iowa, Jan'y 15 1894.

Dr. W. R. Harper  
Dear Bro.:

Have nothing special to say - only to keep our case & cause before your mind. Yours of 6" inst - giving me privately & yet definitely that you contemplate to take hold of our School here at Burlington as one of your affiliated or annexed or branch schools encourages & rejoices us. That is just what we want. - that Clough Institute become an organic part of the University of Chicago.

But unfortunately, we dictate no terms or conditions - beyond this - that you take our Institute property - the building pictured on the enclosed & the

three acre campus situated in almost  
exact geographical center of the city &  
the library, apparatus & furniture - all  
free of incumbrance & worth anywhere  
from \$40000 to \$60000, & <sup>sustaining</sup> ~~the~~ at  
least, a respectable Baptist Academy.  
We ask nothing more. In all else  
you may have the property, the good  
name & good will, & arrange the  
details all to suit your Board.  
Could we ask any less? Could you  
ask any more?

But you propose to get at &  
arrange all this during the month  
now passing your letter says, & so  
I need say no more,

Will you come here & see us &  
the property? Do let me know beforehand  
as long as possible, if you conclude to come.

I have to leave soon after February 1<sup>st</sup>  
for Florida, if I do not go to the Holy Land.  
So I will hope you will get at something this month.

Truly Yours, L. J. Johnson

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Burlington, Iowa, <sup>Cal</sup> Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1891.

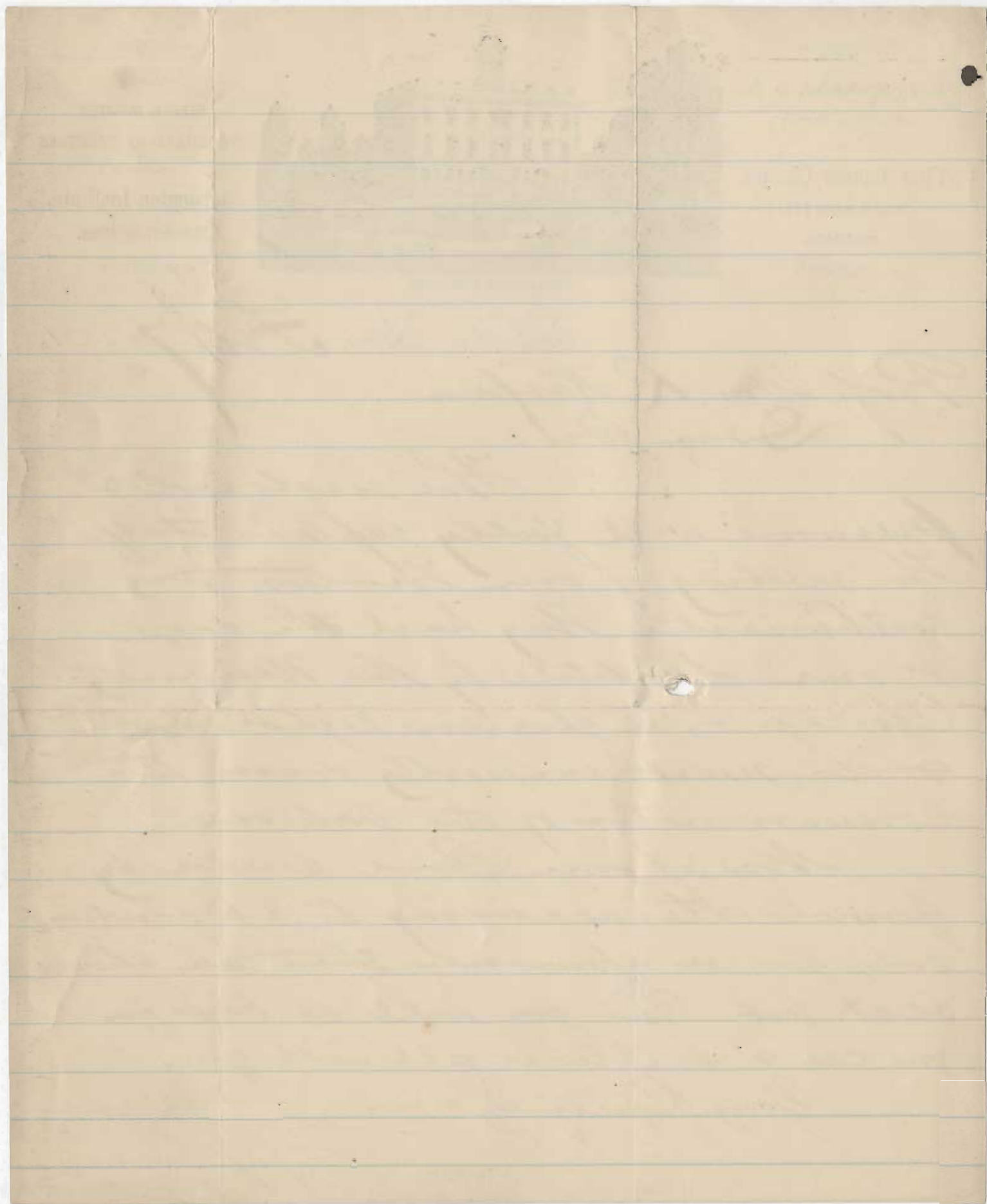
Prof. Wm. R. Harper,  
Dear Bro:

The enclosed I  
presume will fully explain itself.  
The meeting of our Trustees was  
enthusiastic. They hail the adoption  
of our Institute by the University of  
Chicago as a glorious light ahead  
& do most earnestly desire the  
consummation of the scheme.

Now if your Board could, by  
formal vote, according to 3 Resolution,  
only give us assurance, then we should  
be at rest. But you will do best for us  
you can, & so I leave all with you.

Yours Respectfully & Ever

G. J. Johnson



Amos M. Burlington

Burlington, Iowa,  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 1892

President W. R. Harper.

Dear Sir & Bro.:

I have held myself  
quiet - for a long time - because I well  
knew that your hands were full, &  
believed that, soon as you could you  
would remember & do for our  
Burlington Institute.

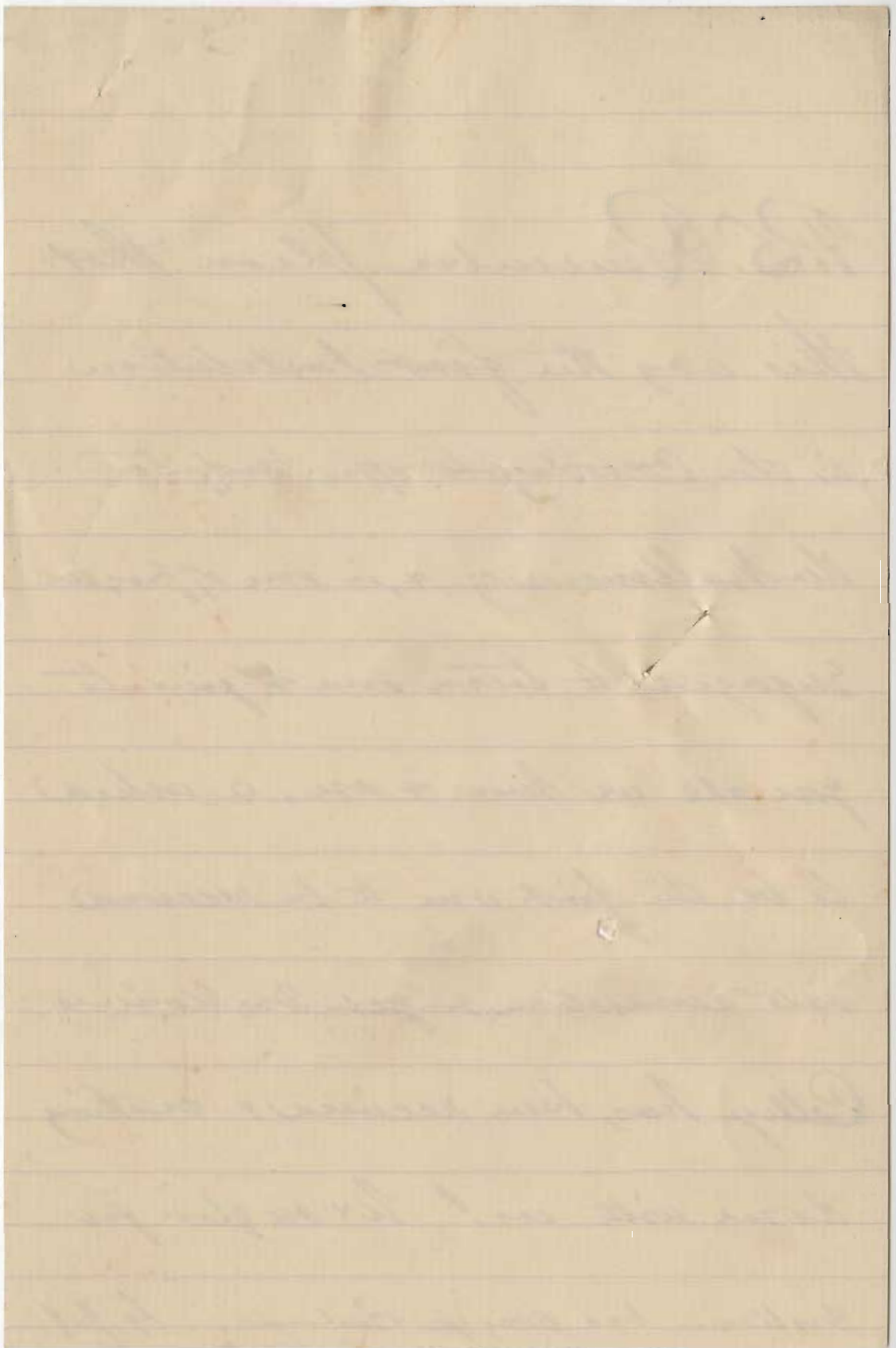
Your last letter  
to me was of date Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> in which  
you said "You will hear from me again  
before long."

We have a glorious opportunity  
through a capable & every way excellent  
man now to revive our School &  
open under most promising auspices  
next September & to pay off all our

debts in a short while - if we could  
get \$1000 soon to aid us in sustaining  
the School one year. But the American  
Baptist Education Society decides that it  
is inconsistent for them to aid us, &  
our last hope therefore of help from  
all the world is in the encouragements  
of your letters. If those fail us, then  
we despair of aid.

Be so kind as to answer  
if you can consistently & can say  
anything encouraging. But, if not?  
do not hear, I will interpret it,  
without troubling you further, that you  
can do nothing, & rejoice ~~that~~ still,  
that, though you cannot aid us,  
God is enabling you to do such good  
things for Christian Education at Chicago.  
Respectfully & Fraternaly Yrs. L. J. Johnson

P.S. Remember, please, that  
this was the first Institution  
in the Country to offer study to  
the Negro University - & in our offer, we  
engaged to turn over & give to  
you all we have & are, & asked  
to be the first one to be received  
into annexation, & yet Des Moines  
College has been received & nothing  
done with us! We are glad for  
Des Moines, but sorry for Burlington. G. J. G.





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MRS. J. H. B. SMITH,  
PROPRIETRESS.

Milan, Mo., *Sept 26* 1899

*Gift*  
Dr. W. R. Harper,  
Chicago, Ill.,  
Dear Sir:

(X)

I see by the newspapers that the Burlington Iowa Institute may pass under your control. If you have obtained control of the institution and desire additional teachers I would be pleased to correspond with you with a view to my becoming an applicant for a position.

I am a graduate of Wesley College, Springfield, Mo., having received the A.B. degree in 1891 and the A.M. degree in 1894.

I attended Mc Cormick Theological Seminary 3 years and graduated from the same in 1894.

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W. B. Stanley  
Chicago, Ill.  
Dear Sir

W. B. Stanley

I am very glad to hear  
from you and that you are  
well. I am also very glad  
to hear that you are  
interested in the  
subject of the  
American Revolution.  
I am a graduate of  
Yale College, New Haven,  
Connecticut, and I have  
been in the Army since  
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MRS. J. H. B. SMITH,  
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Milan, Mo., \_\_\_\_\_ 1899

During 1897-8-9 I taught  
classes in Latin, Greek, German  
and History in the academy  
entitled the College of Idaho,  
located at Caldwell, Idaho.

I have testimonials regarding  
my work with that insti-  
tution.

My age is 30.

At present I am preaching  
in the Presbyterian Church  
of this city.

I shall await with much  
interest your reply.

Respectfully,  
Ambrose P. Haydon.

Hotel  
Stanley.

Wm. J. M. Smith,  
Proprietor.



Hotel Stanley, Boston,  
Mass., U.S.A.

1899

During 1898 & 1899  
I have been in  
charge of the  
Hotel Stanley, Boston,  
Mass., U.S.A.

Very truly  
yours,  
Wm. J. M. Smith,  
Proprietor.

Burlington, Iowa,

Apr. 25, 1901

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



Dear Dr. Harper.

I had a pleasant interview  
with Mr. Dane, of New Hampton, Ia.  
He seems to be open to the matter  
of building a house for us. and asked  
me to communicate with him  
later. He has this work under  
consideration. If you will bring  
Mr. C. E. Perkins up to the point  
of giving \$100,000. I will endeavor  
to erect Dane Hall. It would be  
a great send off for next year, if we  
could get a start by June.

Apr. 25/00

Washington, D.C.



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

Dear Mr. Harper:  
I had a pleasant conversation  
with Mr. Stone of New York, N.Y.,  
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of building a house for me and asked  
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Burlington, Iowa,

We can surely test this  
matter before many months.

I have been asked to consider  
the presidency of a college in the  
South. But I am not much  
inclined to it.

I wish to spend a year in Europe  
beginning next fall or winter. But  
am perfectly willing to be kept here  
provided that we can begin to build.  
I shall probably be in Chicago  
next week. The faculty for next year  
must be arranged soon and  
the calendar printed. meantime, I shall  
hope to see you.

Yours Truly  
J. R. Pettuff.

Burlington, Iowa

My dear friends,  
I have been waiting for you  
the friends of a college in the  
South. But I am not sure  
in Chicago, Ill.  
I wish to spend a year in Europe  
beginning next fall or winter. But  
our property willing to the left we  
hoped that we can begin to build.  
I shall probably be in Chicago  
next week. I shall be with you  
and the arranged soon and  
the Columbia printing machine, which  
I hope to see you.

Yours truly  
L. B. Mumford

Burlington Institute,  
In Tentative affiliation with  
The University of Chicago.

*Burlington, Iowa,*

May 14, 1901.

Dr. William R. Harper,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

*Confirmation*

Yours of May 7th was received on my return from the University, and in reply, please let me say that I shall not consider any proposition that may come to me, until we have thoroughly tested matters here. I am making my arrangements to be with the old ship another year, and I hope that we can hear something that will encourage us before a great while. If you think of anything that I might do, that I have not done, please suggest it at any time, and I will be very greatly obliged.

Sincerely yours,

*OK J. R. Penttiff*



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Sincerely yours,

W. R. Harper

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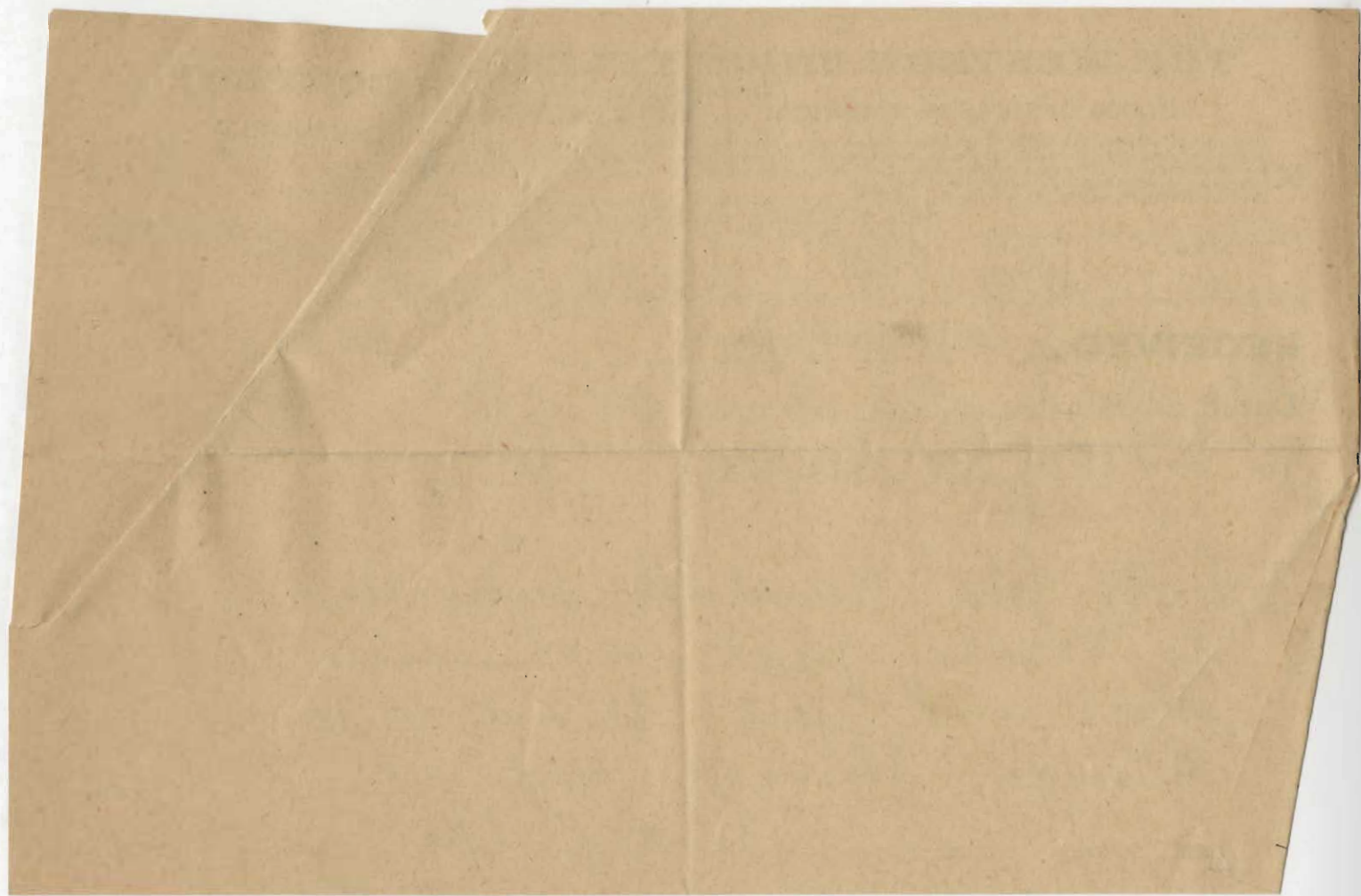
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Dated Burlington Iowa 29

To Dr Wm R Harper,

Sixty five hundred subscribed more.  
to come great enthusiasm, Institute  
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Chicago, Council and city pleased.  
Pentuff, Greene, Rainey



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Dr. W. A. Harper, Ph. D.,  
University of Chicago.

My Dear Dr. Harper:-

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Burlington Institute, Burlington, Iowa.

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Bible topic. They are becoming very much interested in doing  
something for education. I have again gone over the programme you  
suggest and am satisfied with one exception. I do not

like the title of the talk at dinner. It seems to me that

the phrase "The Possibility of Founding a Polytechnic  
School in Burlington" is a little too much. Don't you  
think so yourself?

I am ready to give a full day at Burlington and  
to have a good time. I understand that the date has been  
fixed March sixth and I hope we will be able to carry  
out our plans.

Very truly yours,

6.45 at hotel with about 40 or 50 men, and speak to  
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Nine or nine thirty P. M. with the Executive Committee.  
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Feb. 7, 1901.

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My Dear Dr. Harper:-

I think the ladies of the Regent Council, representing about one hundred of the best ladies of Burlington, wish you to say something to them on educational work, instead of a Bible topic. They are becoming very much interested in doing something for education.

The day's program will be about as follows:-

FORENOON; See a few individuals; visit the school; say something to the students; meet the Trustees; outline some policy for the future; tell us what to do and make us do it.

NOON; Luncheon.

AFTERNOON; Talk to the ladies, say on, "What Ladies are Doing for Education," or some kindred topic. Speak to Mr. Marsh's Bible class, if this can be arranged.

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I do not know what your plans are, but I am thoroughly convinced that we should have adequate buildings, and an endowment fund of not less than \$100,000.00 within the next twelve months. The people here will respond more liberally to this

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the various offices of the National Association of Manufacturers for the year 1910:

President: J. M. C. Smith, Jr.  
 Vice-President: J. M. C. Smith, Jr.  
 Secretary: J. M. C. Smith, Jr.  
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to year. This is the chief drawback now. People are already  
asking, what are you going to do when the three years are out.  
A question which will become more and more embarrassing.

This is the way the whole matter presents itself to me, and I am confident that those who have given, would not give again, unless the school can be made permanent, for they fear that it may die after all.

Let us expect you without fail, on the 19th inst.

Yours truly,

James R. Pentuff

Washington, D.C.

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Yours truly,

James R. Duff

Burlington, Iowa,

Feb. 21, 1901.

Dr. W. R. Harper,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

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Some of us are beginning to think that it would be wise to take steps in the near future, to make this a school for young ladies only. There are several reasons for this, financial and otherwise. If we are to remain on the old site and make use of the old building, it would cost less money than a polytechnic school. Of course, we should free the present property from debt, and erect a new dormitory for the young ladies, and raise an endowment fund. This has not been formerly discussed by the trustees. *What do you think of this?*



Union Institute  
of Science and Art  
Chicago, Ill.

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Burlington Institute,  
In Tentative affiliation with  
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again in the meantime.

Very truly yours,

*James R. Penttuff*

PS. Has Rev. Mr. Marsh arranged with you  
for a Bible Topic in the after noon, Mar. 6th?  
I hope that this can be arranged!

Burlington Institute,  
12 Cambridge Avenue, Boston  
The Burlington of Chicago

Burlington, Iowa

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Very truly yours,

James M. Smith

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Dear Gen. Wm. Maxwell our cordial wishes  
for a little trip in the afternoon, when we  
hope that this can be arranged.

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Burlington, Iowa,

Jan. 10, 1901.

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Dr. William R. Harper,

President of the University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:-

Please allow me to submit to you a tabulated statement of our last quarter's financial record, and also an estimate of our income and output during the present school year.

FALL QUARTER - Sept. 24th, to Dec. 18th, 1900.

Our Fall Quarter Cash Book stands as follows:-

Income from school revenues and subscriptions,	\$ 4183.50
Total Cash outlay	<u>4203.74</u>
Overdraft of	20.24

The overdraft was more than covered by money due, and was paid in a few days after the books closed.

Teacher's salaries and servant hire, paid during the Quarter.	1557.95
Back accounts, interest etc.	1193.88
For repairs and household furnishin, heating, lighting, laboratory supplies, groceries & meats.	<u>1442.41</u>

Our income from revenues of the school from Sept. 24th, 1900 to June 20th 1901, will be approximately-	\$7000.00
Available subscriptions from the \$6000.00, about \$2000.00	
Available subscription from the \$3000.00, about \$2000.00	<u>4000.00</u>
Total possible income approximately-	\$11000.00
Our total estimated output for the same time including former deficits and interest on mortgage on the school property, will be approximately-	<u>\$10800.00</u>
Leaving a possible balance of	300.00

Washington University  
The University of Chicago



Jan. 16, 1901.

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I send a clipping in which you will find the name of Mr. T. W. Barhydt. He is supposed to be worth a million. Has never given much, is rather close, but it is possible to interest him in doing some large thing. He could easily build a house worth \$50,000.00. <sup>If he</sup> ~~He~~ would do that, ~~as~~ other people here would give largely.

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John D. P. Smith

Hawkeye

Jan 4th 1901

## THE FIRST STEP

### Toward the Realization of Dean Pentuff's

**Magnificent Project, Has Been Taken —  
Hopefully the Next Ones Will Be  
Entered Upon—Success Seems to  
Be Growing Assured.**

A pleasant meeting of the Burlington Institute trustees was held last evening. There was a social hour in the parlors, followed by a session in the chapel, where Dean Pentuff made the following most encouraging announcement:

Trustees and Friends of Burlington Institute: (After a year and nearly a half of effort in behalf of the Institute, it is a great pleasure to be able to make a few announcements in regard to the work. Last May we received a generous proposition from Mrs. Chas. Starcker, who proposed to give \$600 on condition that other friends would add \$2,400 to this, making a sum of \$3,000. Very soon a letter came from Rear Admiral George C. Remey, who studied here in the early days of the school, offering \$500, in his own words, being desirous to help an old friend, so to speak, and wishing also to help a Burlington enterprise.

The summer came on and we gave our attention to canvassing for students. In the fall attention was again directed to the raising of this required fund, a number of small subscriptions were obtained from various friends in and outside of the city, in all amounting to about \$2,400 and it seemed that failure would be inevitable. At the critical moment Col. G. H. Higbee wrote me a cheerful note offering \$100. Mr. T. W. Barhydt gave us consolation by offering a slightly smaller amount. This seemed to be all that could be done. And at this point the proposition would have failed but for the timely and generous offer of Mrs. Charles Wellington Rand, who came to our rescue with \$500 and thus secured the \$3000 to the school and to Burlington. I am sure that we are profoundly thankful to all these friends who have given such substantial assistance.

What has been done for the school within fifteen months?

1. A good faculty has been selected and are hard at work.

2. A large number of students are coming to us from Burlington and vicinity. 195 were enrolled last year and more than this number will matriculate this year. The house is full of boarding students. We are crowded, and greatly need larger and better buildings.

3. Last June the Institute was attached to the University of Chicago. This does not mean financial support on the part of the University.

4. In all, \$9,000 has been raised for the Institute. This sum will be used up by June, 1902.

What is the future of the Institute? I do not know. We know very little of the future of anything. We must make most of the present, if we would do anything for the future. The Institute, like all other institutions, is safe in the hands of its friends. However, some step must be taken within the present school year. Very soon we must say what that step will be. Surely it must be larger than anything that has yet been done. There must be adequate buildings and a permanent endowment fund. Anything short of this is stagnation and death. What has been done is a hopeful prophecy of larger things. This is only the first month of the twentieth century.

A light lunch was served, remarks by members of the directorate followed and everybody was more than delighted over the encouraging and promising turn which the Institute affairs have taken.

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Investigate my special system of treat-  
ment treated elsewhere without success.

The cause of Varicocele, its effects are  
racks the body, racks the nervous sys-  
tem and other symptoms too numerous to  
mention (on Varicocele.) If you are a victim of  
tell you how you can be cured. You  
case that comes under my care. Out of  
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Acquired Blood Poison is usually called the  
hereditary or acquired. Symptoms: Erup-  
tion, scrofula, eczema, swollen joints, rheu-  
matism, falling out of hair, etc.

Throat, lungs and stomach are best cured  
by membranes from the nose so you  
breathe; the stopped condition is gone, your

Tubes are treated by the inhalation  
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throat, white or yellow coat on the  
tongue, food seems to do no good, you have  
Stomach-Chemic treatment with massage

Diseases of women, inflammations, ulceration,  
tumors, lacerations and all diseased con-  
ditions cured.

Middle-aged men who are nervous and  
suffer are never at a stand still, you  
master it or it will master you. (Send

all diseases come under my system of  
treatment or prostatic trouble. If it is rheu-  
matism, it is nose, throat and lung diseases. If  
it is scrofula, as it will

September 2nd, 1901.

*Appreciation*  
Mr. James R. Pentuff,

Burlington Institute, Burlington, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Pentuff:

I am in receipt this morning of a letter from Mr. W. E. Blake, the attorney of the Board of Trustees of Burlington Institute, as also of a letter from Mr. Waite, the President of the Board of Trustees. In reply, I would say,

First: That not until your letter was received, last Friday, did I know of any mortgage on the property of the school. I was greatly surprised to learn of this fact. I had been told in an indefinite way of some debts, but that the Trustees had actually mortgaged the property, three years ago, was entirely new to me.

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Fifth: It is a question worthy of consideration whether, after all, with six thousand dollars of debt, as I am informed this morning, it would not be best to let the property go, and rent it from the person to whom it is sold, until new grounds and buildings can be secured.

I regret exceedingly that you have been brought into this difficult position, and I can easily understand that you are greatly embarrassed. I hope the friends in Burlington will show their strength, and that not only the Trustees, but other public-spirited citizens of Burlington, will come to the help of the school at this important moment. It would be a great calamity if an institution that has been conducted for fifty years should die in its semi-centennial year. I remain

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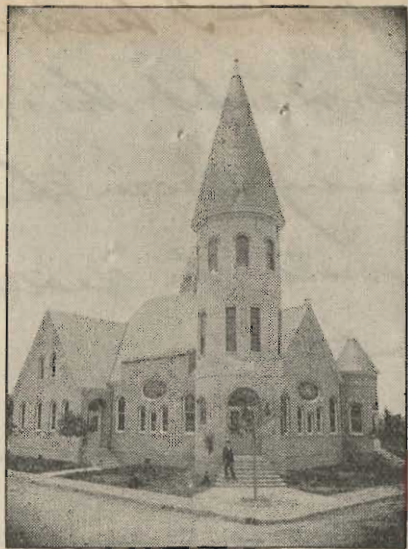
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ANCIENT CITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

REV. G. J. JOHNSON,

Lately,  
Special Missionary,  
St. Augustine, Florida.

Home Address:  
No. 4259 West Belle Place,  
St. Louis, Mo.



"Be it ever so humble—  
—no place like Home."

W. R. Herper, President, &c.

My Dear Sir & Bro.:

I have long wished that I could have your ear for an hour, & it has been that I might talk with you & tell you the truth about the Institution spoken of in enclosure. Three men, I know, Dr. J. W. Goodspeed, Mr. Fred J. Gates, & Mr. John D. Rockefeller, yes, & a fourth one, Dr. H. L. Worcester, & I fear too a fifth one, though about him (that is, yourself) I am not so sure, have all been misinformed as to truth & facts & greatly prejudiced to the injury of this Burlington Institution. — & this misinforming & prejudicing was all done by two other men, I believe good men, but actuated by wicked spite.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1899

All this I think I know to be true, but I have  
no more to say concerning it now, except this:  
The Institution is unjustly suffering from this  
wrong done, & probably suffering unto the death.  
And still it ought not to be left to die.

Do me the favor to read enclosure  
& if you can see anything that you can do  
to help & save the School I hope you will do it.  
& may the Lord help you.

I am laid aside. My work is done,  
I thank the Lord for giving me so long  
a life & so long time in which to work, &  
for crowning my work with so much of  
success as He has. Praise be His holy name!

Of course, if you should see fit  
to write me, would be grateful to hear  
from you.

The Lord prosper you in all your  
great work.

Most Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Yrs.

G. F. Johnson

# LAST DAY FOR FILING.

## All Suits for September Term of Court Filed Yesterday.

### Rand Estate Forecloses a Mortgage on The Burlington University Property—Other Suits.

The district court will convene one week from next Monday for the September term. Yesterday was the last day of filing suits for trial in the coming term, and several petitions were filed in the county clerk's office. Suits have been filed almost daily for some time, and the docket promises to be a large one.

A suit to foreclose a mortgage on the property of Burlington University was filed yesterday. The title is John J. Fleming and Carrie Rand Herron, trustees of Carrie A. Rand and John J. Fleming, H. Higgins and Lillian Cora Rand, executors of estate of Charles W. Rand, deceased, vs. Burlington University.

The petition alleges that on August 13, 1898, the defendant executed and delivered to Charles W. Rand a promissory note, in which it was agreed to pay to Mr. Rand \$3,000, with interest at 6 per cent. There were several other provisions to the note, and a mortgage on certain university property on West Hill known as College Place. The note is signed Burlington University, by A. H. Stutsman, president, and John M. Mercer, secretary, board of trustees.

The petition further alleges that the note is due and wholly unpaid, together with all interest thereon from date thereof, the amount due thereon being \$3,598.00, and the plaintiffs ask judgment for that amount with 6 per cent interest thereon from September 10, 1901, and for a decree foreclosing the mortgage.

Esther Armstrong, through her attorney, has again brought suit against the City of Burlington to assessments made against her for the paving and change of grade on North Third street. She asks judgment against the city and George Kriechbaum, contractor, for \$288.20 and interest, and further asks the George Kriechbaum may be enjoined from collecting or attempting to collect the remainder of said tax on the tax books of the city and county.

John Trienans vs. Alice Trienans, divorce. Desertion and adultery are alleged as grounds for the action.

Sarah Birkett vs. Thomas C. Birkett, divorce. Desertion is given as grounds for the action.

B. F. Kuhn vs. J. A. Needles, on note.

Maria Meyer vs. Fredrick Rickmann, on note.

Henderson Glass vs. J. M. Brice, on note.

Maggie Fey vs. Meade Crocker. The plaintiff claims \$350 wages for services rendered as housekeeper at the rate of \$50 per month.

John M. Mercer vs. Northwestern Cabinet company. The plaintiff brings suit on a bill of \$87.50 for professional services.

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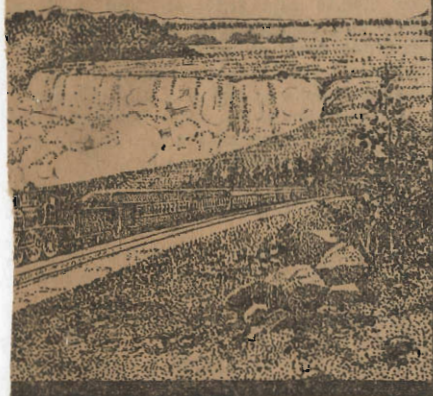
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AT 6 P. M., SERVING DINNER  
at Niagara Falls

Burlington Institute,  
In Tentative affiliation with  
The University of Chicago.



Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 30, 1901

*Affiliation*  
Dr. William R. Harper.

The University of Chicago

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Your letter of the 20 inst.

has been received. I note your desire to

talk with me about the work here.

Possibly I may be able to reach the

University one day next week. Our

School will open the 9th of Sept.

I send you a clipping from this  
mornings Burlington Hawk-Eye.

I have done all in my power to  
avert this foreclosure. This is likely  
to effect the attendance and the whole  
work of the school.

Faithfully Yours

J. R. Pentuff

The University of Chicago  
in connection with  
Burlington Institute



Burlington, Iowa

Aug. 30, 1901

Dr. William B. Hooper

The University of Chicago

Dear Dr. Hooper:

Your letter of the 20 inst

has been received. I am sorry to

learn that you are unable to

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As previously announced in 'The Hawk-Eye, Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, is expected to be in Burlington soon, to confer with the trustees and faculty and friends of the Institute-College with special reference to its future work. There is pending a suggestion of affiliation with the university, making the Burlington institution a preparatory school for the higher curriculum at Chicago. This would be a most desirable achievement, for both the school and for Burlington. It would yield many advantages, some of which are obvious to all and others which will undoubtedly be made manifest upon the occasion of Dr. Harper's visit. Our citizens will be pleased to meet the distinguished educator who unites in himself the rather unusual qualities of a great scholar and a thoroughly practical business man.

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Now contrast the experience of the following citizens of the United States with the Emperor of Germany. Like the Emperor, they failed to find a cure. But, unlike the Emperor, they happened to be plain citizens of the United States, rather than the center of the inner court of the most exclusive and carefully guarded aristocracy of the world. In his position nothing but

the remedies that have met the approval of the most fastidious medical orthodoxy could ever reach him. In the position of these American citizens, however, they had access to remedies old and new, tried and untried, approved and

Scott Bostick, Sumpter, S.C., cured of Running Ears by Dr. Hartman.

erty to try anything they chose to. They chose to try the remedy that had cured others.



~~Official~~  
Burlington Iowa Dec 6-98

Dr H. B. Harper (33)

Dear Sir

With this I inclose a clipping  
from the Burlington Hawk Eye  
That in brief voices the sentiment  
of our citizens -

They all also have interest in  
the Institution here feel that  
your coming to the city in  
the interest of Education would  
give us a great push forward  
It seems to us who are here  
that the time very soon in the  
future would be the most  
propitious for your coming  
Could you come soon?  
We want <sup>(you)</sup> to be on the ground  
& see what we have & what

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(2)  
You can see one possibility  
are - I believe under wise  
management the school can  
be lifted up - Something must  
be done outside - to give inspi-  
ration. No man & no Institution  
like yourself & Chicago know-  
under the blessing of God can  
do so much ~~in that direction~~

I shall be pleased to  
hear from you & hope  
to have the pleasure of  
meeting you in our beg-  
room

Please advise me when  
you wish to see me &  
I will make all possible  
arrangements

Truly yours  
Richard Gaston  
Pastor



CHARLES W. RAND,  
TAMA BUILDING  
BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Rand

Mr William R. Harper, Jr.

~~Ans~~  
~~McLennan~~  
~~W. McLean~~

(81)

My dear Sir  
Your favor of May 22<sup>d</sup> just at hand and in reply would say that in my opinion, even the matter properly presented, the Citizens of Burlington would cooperate in putting the Burlington Institute on a good footing, provided, there was an assurance of permanency in plan of reorganization. I would be pleased to assist in any way I can towards bringing this about and trust I shall have the pleasure of seeing you here with that end in view.

I am

Very truly yours

Chas W Rand

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1897

CHARLES W. RAY  
JANUARY 1871  
NEW YORK

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My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of the  
of the same, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, very truly,  
Charles W. Ray

Very truly yours,  
Charles W. Ray

Jan 11 1871

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