Des Moines College.
H. L. Stetson,
President.

Stetson

Des Moines, Iowa, May 17, 1895.

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Pres. W. R. Harper, Ph. D.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:-

There are several matters connected with affiliation which I desire to present for consideration and action.

One is in regard to examinations. After an experience of six years and very careful observation of the present system I believe the following change should be made, namely, the papers, after they have been read and marked but not graded at the University except for the sole use of the University, should be returned here and read and graded by our instructors. Under the present system the instructors here do not feel much of any responsibility for the examinations, nor do they take the interest in them which they ought to take. This is natural and inevitable under the present plan. I would have everything go as now, but I would not have the grades given by the University sent here. Let our instructors be responsible for all the work. I would have all errors plainly marked in every examination, but I would have our instructors read them, after they have been read at the University and give the grades. I am sure the result of this will be beneficial. It will more closely identify the instructors with the examinations, make them feel their responsibility and have a tendency to prevent too high term grades.

Another is such an extension of the use of the Fellowships granted each year by the University to those of our graduates that they can be used the second

Des Moines College.
R. E. Bishop,
President.

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H. L. Stetson,
President.

or third year after graduation. Nearly every student who is graduated here has been continuously in school and college for seven or eight years, and at the end of that time their funds are exhausted. They are compelled to remain out a year or two and earn money. Then they would like to go to the University. And I think it would be a good plan for them to remain out for a year or two. They will in that way get a taste of practical life and will be stronger and more mature and can appreciate the University much better. We have not been able to use the Fellowships allowed us for the reason given above.

The third is the repeal of that article which refers to conferring degrees on our students who finish at the University. The article states that one who is a student here and goes to the University shall be still counted as a student here at our Halls and enrolled among our students and that he will receive a degree from both institutions. While our faculty has not taken any formal action probably a majority think when a student leaves here his connection with us ought to cease. They hold that even though he is at the University of Chicago he is no more our student than he would be if he should go to some other school. It is in their opinion a kind of fictitious connection, and that we ought not to have anything more to do with him. I do not share the feeling of these members of the faculty.

Des Moines College,
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Des Moines College.
H. L. Stetson,
President.

I am satisfied with the plan as it now stands. But I present the matter for your consideration.

Since I began this letter one of our former graduates has asked me whether she could spend a few months at the University on one of the Fellowships. She was graduated several years ago, but could not go on account of money. She has been teaching and would like to study now. She is a good student.

Very respectfully,

H. L. Stetson.

Geo. Nichols Stollar.
R. E. Simon.
President.

Des Moines College,
H. L. Stetson,
President.

Stetson

Des Moines, Iowa, June 30, 1898.

Pres. W. R. Harper, Ph. D.,
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Sir:-

It seems that I did not get the whole of the matter yesterday. The trustees in accepting my resignation unanimously asked me to remain as the head of the institution, its chief executive officer, dean, acting President and remain Professor of history and philosophy. Then is my great and urgent appeal to me to commit to this. There is no question but that if I leave a very large majority of the students will leave. Some are already planning to go elsewhere. I know that my refusal to remain will take away the most of the students and will prevent many others from coming. And Mr. Aitchison says he will not remain treasurer. The same persons who have wanted my resignation have demanded his. But he was reelected. They voted to continue affiliation. This came about through my request and recommendation. They voted to close the Academy in 1901 if Pella will close its college and come into cooperation. We have never had such a largely attended commencement, nor so much interest. I enclose cuttings from papers. What shall I do? Stay or go? Very truly H. L. Stetson.

Des Moines College,
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E. N. HOPKINS,
MANAGER.

Durham

Des Moines, Iowa, July 29th, 189 8

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W. R. Harper, D. D.,

President Chicago University,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Des Moines College to write you in reference to the application of Prof. Maxey, which application I enclose herewith.

Doubtless ere this you have received a circular communication also sent by me as ordered by the Executive Committee. I am instructed, in view of that circular communication, to ask your opinion as to the real fitness of Prof. Maxey for the position he seeks in this application as you know fully well the needs of Des Moines College. The Executive Committee would like to know, whether in your opinion, he possesses sufficient ability to go ahead and bring about such a financial condition of affairs as will be adsolutely necessary for a successful continuance of this school.

Please return the application with your reply.

Very truly yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

F. A. Durham.
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F. A. Durham.

Secretary.

The University of Chicago

July 22, 1898

Sec. Bd. of Trustees
Des Moines College
Des Moines Ia.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to offer my name as a candidate for the Presidency of your College. I am a member of the Baptist Church, a graduate of Bucknell Univ., have completed the work required for a Ph. D. from this Univ. (with the exception of writing my Thesis), have received my D.C.L. from the Illinois College of Law for three years work done in the History & Philosophy of Law, I hold a Professional certificate for life and have had five years successful experience as a teacher. I was Pres. of Palatine College for one year, at the end of which time owing to the financial depression the property was sold to the Evangelical Association by the original stockholders, and it was owing to this transfer that I resigned. I will enclose copies of testimonials and will refer you to Pres. W.R. Harper and Dean Judson of this Univ.. Trusting that my name may be favorably considered and awaiting further correspondence

I am,

Very Resp. Yours
Edwin Mayer

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Durham

Des Moines, Iowa, July 27th, 1898

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

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

F. A. Durham, Secretary.

The resolutions follow:

Whereas, by the vote of the Board of Trustees the office of president of Des Moines College was declared vacant, and,

Whereas, Dr. Stetson was appointed to the office of Dean only until the first of August next, thereby leaving this committee in doubt as to the wishes of the Board for the future management of the school, therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this committee that the office of president should be filled as soon as possible and that this committee (members of the Board acquiescing) take immediate stept to secure one, and a minute to this effect be prepared by this committee, the same to be mailed to the individual members of the Board, asking their opinions on this important matter by early mail for the guidance of this committee.

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Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 26, 1898.

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

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My Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Dunham I have aided him in making a list of Iowa Baptists and citizens of Des Moines who are able to give Des Moines college some financial help. I gave him some brief memoranda about the Iowa Baptists. They are very brief. I could give you much more information in an interview. There are only a few persons either in or outside of Des Moines who can give any considerable amount. It seems to me that it would be wise for us to take that list and pick out the men who have the ability to give several thousands and determine what we will ask them to give us for. Not one of them I think will give for general purposes. It would be useless to ask them to pay the debt or current expenses. But I believe that several of them would erect buildings, and some of them would endow professorships, and I think I know what kind in each case would appeal to them most strongly. I am ready to do what I can.

But there are two conditions at least one that I desire to insist upon if any attempt is made to get money, namely the reorganization of the Board of Trustees and the elimination of certain material, and two or three changes in the faculty.

Very truly, H. L. Stetson

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Affiliation

Kinney

1601-12" Street Des Moines Ia.
Sept 27" 1898.

Dr Harper.

Dear Sir,

I am very glad you consent to serve on our Executive Committee which as you must know, needs your personal inspiration, making it a Committee of affairs, bringing things to pass.

You will pardon my intrusion, I am assure, when you come to see, what a moined interest I have in the concern, as follows.

August 18" 1889: Des Moines College Dr To cash paid to redeem the original Campus and building, - $11,900.

May 1" 1891: To a joint pledge for the Endowment Fund, of $12500, to be paid out of our assets, after our death.

But as that pledge was made upon the assurance of the establishment and maintenance of the $100,000 Fund, and freedom from debts, without which the pledge would not be binding, - I have therefore notified the Trustees that now it will be payable only upon the same conditions that the National Ed. Society will hereafter make their appropriations.

And I will here say to you that if you get an executive leader and make up the $100,000 fund, keep the debts paid then the pledge will be payable.

I suggest that you in person visit Judge Hinchman at his home. He may be one to become responsible for the Presidents Salary, Then, later on he may strike high.

Oh how I wish you could "bring something to pass". Our small Colleges are great Educators

Very truly Ira E Kenney.

Kinney
Des Moines

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as the joint note of $12,000. of Mary E. and Ira E. Kenney was made upon the assurance of the establishment, and permanent existence of "A Hundred Thousand Dollar Endowment Fund" of Des Moines College, of which fund the note was to be a part and parcel,

And Inasmuch as the so-called $100,000.Fund, as such is in a state of non-existence and the National Baptist Educational Society peremptorily decline all future aid until the College management is such as to insure success,- therefore the payment of our note, when it becomes due, is put precisely on the same basis, upon which the national society will hereafter make their appropriations.

There is an imperative demand for some decisive,dignified movement,- to secure a man of particular ability, of masterful administrative gifts,- a President of endowed grandeur and executive power to give character to the College, tone up public sentiment in the State, re-instate the $100,000. Endowment Fund, pay the $30,000. indebtedness and keep the books balanced; though blood starts and bones crack.

Beg pardon. This endowment note and former gifts figure up for us over Twenty Five Thousand Dollars vital interest in the concern.

There is money enough in this our commonwealth of churches,- and here is a splendid opportunity for the man elect of cardinal virtues to make a world record.

Very truly,

Mary E. Kenney,
Ira E.Kenney.

Des Moines,Iowa,
September 8th,1898.

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Official

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec.1,1898. 189

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Dr. W. R. Harper,Pres.,
Chicago,Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith Col.McVe y's letter,thinking perhaps you might want this to file away with your correspondence. I explained to Col.McVey, this matter, the same as I did to you and I trust it will be satisfactory. I am very sorry that this happened so, but it was one of the cases that we cannot always control.

I have not as yet heard anything from Dr.Reed,although the daily papers of this city, especially the Leader, states that members of the Committee have heard from him. Which one has heard I do not know. I know I have not. I think that this paper, The Leader, has done the College incalculable damage in stating that Dr.Reed has been called to this College. He has not been called. we have simply asked him to look the matter over, as we do not want it to get out if possible, that he has received a call. The reason that Mr.Anderson did not accept the call we extended to him in Cedar Rapids, is not thoroughly understood through out this state, in fact it is not understood at all and people are wondering what is the matter with the College, that he did not come.

Des Moines College cannot stand another such shock as that,because I have heard from the students lips, statements that students were planning to leave the College because they fe ared it would not run and that fear was generated by an article which appeared in the Leader,Nov. 21st. The article that appeared in the Leader,Nov.23, purported to be an interview with you and I enclose herewith copy. I would not be surprised if the best thing to be done, would be for you to address a letter personally to Mr.Dawson, Editor of the Leader, setting forth in strong terms, what we consider here is the damage done by the Leader to the College. I have personally talked with Mr.Dawson and Mr.Strauss,the business manager of the Leader, about this, but the articles continue to appear just the same.

Hoping that we shall hear favorably from Dr.Reed, I remain,

yours truly,

F. A. Durham

Editor & Manager.

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Yours truly,

Editor & Manager.

Pres. Harper & friends contribute financially to Des Moines College - June 1899.

Nov. 7, 1900, says that affiliation will have to be given up.

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Much other corresp. on D. M. College.

No. _____ Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899.

Received of President Harper $100.00

One hundred no/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward Support of Des Moines College

With thanks.

Wm Aitchison Sec'y Treas.

No. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899.

Received of Dwight Hayes $100/00

Onehundred Dollars DOLLARS

for Subscription toward support of Des Moines College

With thanks.

Mr Kitchener by Turner

No. _____ Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

Received of Profr. Albion W. Small $ 25\00

Twenty five no/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward Support of Des Moines College per Prest. Harper.

With thanks. Wm Aitchison Sy Tr

No. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

Received of Prof. Albin M. Small $25/00

Twenty five no/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward support of Des Moines College

per Rec. Number.

With thanks. Mrs Aitchison Sy Tr.

No. ____ Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899.

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Twenty five 00/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward support of Des Moines College

per Prest. Harper.

With thanks.

Wm Aitchison Sec Treas

No. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

Received of Prof. [illegible] $ 25.00

Twenty five 00/100 DOLLARS

for [illegible] Support of [illegible] College

for Past Number.

With thanks.

[illegible]

No. _____ Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

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Twenty five no/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward Support of Des Moines College

per Prest. Harper.

With thanks.

Wm Aitchison Sy Tr

No. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

Received of Mr. E. B. Heilbert $25/00

Twenty five 00/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward support of Des Moines College

per Chas. Harper.

With thanks

Mr. Nicholson Sec'y Tr.

No. _____ Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

Received of Dr T. W. Goodspeed $ 25/00

Twenty five no/100 DOLLARS

for Subscription toward support of Des Moines College

per Prest Harper.

With thanks.

Wm Aitchison Ag Treas.

No. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899

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Twenty five no/100 DOLLARS

for subscription toward support of Des Moines College

per Fred Hayes.

Mrs. Nicholson Sty Treas.

WM. AITCHISON, JR.
103 MANHATTAN BUILDING.

TREASURER DES MOINES COLLEGE.

Aitchison

Des Moines, Iowa, June 1st 1899.

My dear Dr Harper:

Your valued favor of 26th ult. with check for $200. recvd, with many thanks & much appreciation.

I enclose receipts for the several donors. Will you kindly express to them our appreciation of their interest in the College.

I am hindered in the Mr Cadanan matter, by the absence of "the friend" & by circumstances which I will not commit to paper- but explain later.

As to Dr. Ford I know not what to say. I enclose what I recvd from him today. He gives us no encouragement. Our Board meets in annual meeting on 20th inst. Can you be with us?

Cordially yours
Wm Aitchison Jr

President Harper.
Chicago.

WM. AITCHISON, JR.
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TREASURER DES MOINES COLLEGE.

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Des Moines College,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Stetson

Jan. 21, 1899.

Affiliation

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Pres. W. R. Harper, Ph.D.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Perhaps you will remember that you said on one of your visits here that you were willing to spend a day each month in trying to raise money for Des Moines College. I wrote you I was ready, if you desired, to go with you, or to cooperate with you in any way I can if you so desired. A little money has been raised, but this money is only for temporary needs. We need something larger and more permanent. The time has come to do something. We ought not to sit still. Two efforts have been made to get a

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Des Moines, Iowa.

president, and both have failed. I think nothing is being done in that direction, and I do not believe anything will be attempted very soon. There are a few things which ought to be done here, we ought to take hold wisely, vigorously, firmly and put affairs in shape. It can be done. I am sure money can be raised if we will only go to the right men in the right way. I am ready to go, or I am ready to keep still. But I assure you that this policy of keeping still is very foreign to my nature, and I do not like it. What shall you and I do? I wish there might be a definite plan agreed to and put into operation. I am anxious to see the college prosper. What shall be done by Friday?

H. L. Stetson.

most useful or to leave the institution entirely. I have so informed the trustees as several of them, and I am sure that my conduct since last July has also said the same. Can I say more or make my attitude in this matter plainer?

Dr. Ford wrote me a few weeks ago and asked me to tell him very plainly what was expected of a president and whether I thought he was the man for the place. I replied that the trustees who were seeking a president wanted him to devote himself wholly (or as nearly so, as may be) to raising money and soliciting students. That is the way they talk. I did not answer the other questions, for while I have known of Dr. Ford in a general way I am not sufficiently acquainted with him to say whether he is the kind of man who can travel as he would be expected to and mix and mingle freely with all sorts and

Pres. W. R. Harper, Ch. U.,
Chicago, Ill.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 1, 1899.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 30th inst. just rec'd. I hasten to reply. I beg to assure you that I shall be entirely satisfied if Dr. Ford should be elected President of Des Moines College. My relation, except as professor, to the institution will cease with the close of this year; hence I have nothing to relinquish except my professorship, and even that, if the best interests of the College so require, I can and will resign, although I am very fond of teaching. I have written to some of the trustees and said to others that I am not in the way of the coming either of Dr. Ford or any other man. I have so informed Dr. Ford. I do not wish to have any consideration given to me. I have at all times been fully ready to welcome any man the trustees might elect and to remain in any position in which I can be

Dear Mrs. Hooper, Dec. 31st 1917

Mrs. H. H. Hooper, Ch. P.
Lansing, Mich.

My Dear Mrs:

Yours of the 30th just received and in reply, I beg to advise you that Dr. Ford is entirely satisfied & would be elected President of Hamilton College. My letters speak for themselves and there will be no interference with the choice of this year. I have no thing to withdraw and have written Dr. Ford that it is entirely agreeable to the Trustees of the College to reappoint him & I am sure that he will accept. Of course, although I am very fond of Dr. Ford, I do not think it best to have any considerations of personal friendship enter into the matter. I have at all times been entirely willing to withdraw my name if either Dr. Ford or any other person should be nominated who would be more acceptable to the majority of the Trustees and both Dr. Ford and I are very much pleased that the Trustees have decided

Colaman – the rich man – has not intimated that he has any concern whatever in our institution. He thinks very well of Mr. So he very lately said to one of his friends, but he is not very favorably disposed toward higher education. You met him once several years ago, and he told you that he did not believe in educating people so much. He may be reached, but it will not be an easy task. I know him quite thoroughly. I have written this only that you may not labor under a misunderstanding.

If you see fit you can let Dr. Reid know how I have expressed myself to you and why I did not answer one of his questions.

Very truly,

H. L. Stetson.

conditions of people at all times and everywhere. The kind of a president sought by those who want one is a "hustler," a general "ranstabant." I do not know whether Dr. Reid is that kind of a man. I shall write him by this mail the substance of what you have written me and tell him that such an arangement will be satisfactory to me.

You refer to a wealthy man in Des Moines who has indicated some interest in Des Moines College. I fear you have a wrong impression. I know the man very well. He is wealthy, is well advanced in years, but he has not indicated that he has the least interest in Des Moines College. One of his business acquaintances has urged us to try to interest him, and he thought that perhaps you might help. But Mr.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 29, 1899.

Pres. W. R. Harper, Ph.D.,
Chicago, Ill.

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My dear Sir:-

My thought is this, in answer to yours of the 28th inst., to ask Mr. Rockefeller to give for endowment one dollar for every dollar I can raise on or before Jan. 1, 1901. The amount raised by myself shall not be less than $25,000. nor more than $100,000. I hope I can get the latter sum. I shall work hard for it. It must come from them or from me.

We must raise $25,000. for Pella. It needs it, and in no other way can we secure what we have so

long worked for. Would it be wise to ask Mr. Rockefeller, because of the very exceptional condition of things in Iowa, to offer fifty, or seventy-five cents on a dollar for every dollar we may raise for Pella? The sum needed is $20,000. for endowment and $5,000. for general purposes. I leave it entirely with you to decide whether it will be wise to present this. It would be a very, very great stimulus if he would offer $10,000. if we will raise $15,000. It would be unusual, but the situation is unlike any other in this country. Will the new relation established between Rockefeller and the University militate against our Iowa plans?

Very truly, H. L. Stetson.

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Affiliation

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1899.

Pres. W. R. Harper, Ph. D.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Ex. Comm. at the eve. of the 1st inst. adopted the enclosed with no negative votes. It is a great step.

When will you be in Ames? I may go up & see you.

Answer by return mail please.

Very truly,

H. L. Stetson

Resolved that, when twenty-five thousand dollars shall be tendered Central University of Pella, Iowa, in cash ~~or interest bearing and legal obligations~~, we, the Executive Committee of the said University, agree to and will recommend to our trustees to cease doing college work, the action of the trustees in that respect to be binding as soon as the money is paid to the treasurer

The following are made essential parts of this ~~agreement~~ proposition:

1. That the said tender shall be made on or before January 1, 1901.
2. That twenty thousand dollars of the said sum shall be used for permanent endowment and five thousand for general purposes.
3. That the said University may continue its college work until students in the regular college classes ~~when the trustees shall take the action herein proposed~~ have completed their course and been graduated, but this extension of college work shall not reach beyond four years from the date of ~~said action of the trustees.~~ receipt of the money.
4. That in consideration of the payment of the said money the said University will not make any further demand for the indemnity voted at Marshalltown, Dec. 21, 1897.
5. That the said University will release Des Moines College of Des Moines, Iowa, from its offer to give up its academy.
6. That the said College will renew the degrees which have been conferred by the said University and regard its alumni as its own alumni. A complete list of these degrees with the name and date of each shall be given the College.
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My Dear Mr.Aitchison:-

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Des Moines, Iowa, Nov 8. 1900.

My dear Dr Harper:

I have your favor of yesterday relative to Affiliation with Des Moines College & feel solicitous over the recommendation of your Committee that your Trustees should discontinue it.

While the meagre resources of Des Moines have greatly crippled the institution and prevented the strengthening of the Faculty & enlargement of the work & adequate equipment, it is nevertheless true that it not only has "Continued to do College work", but has so done it as to secure a place in the very front rank of Iowa Colleges. Should it, by examination papers sent to the different departments, appear otherwise to the University we have not been informed of it.

There seems to me several reasons why it would be inopportune to make any change now.

1. We are engaged in a Canvas for funds, with every reasonable hope of success. This success when attained will largely remove our disabilities & strengthen the weak places — & enable us to attain to a condition satisfactory alike to the University & ourselves.

2. Should the University discontinue Affiliation at this particular time, it would undoubtedly be misunderstood & be "made a handle of" in certain quarters & reopen discussions which had better be forgotten. This, would also imperil our success in the present effort to raise funds, by raising questions in the public mind.

3. But recently the President under whom Affiliation was begun & Continued has severed his Connection with the College & his successor is not yet on the field. Under these Circumstances, to sever the relations of the past 9 years, and that

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before Pres. Adams has had opportunity to even enter upon his duties; would in the minds of many imply not only dissatisfaction, but even rebuke on the part of the University. This (I think) would seriously militate against the prosecution of the work, in the future, along the very lines & methods now being considered & soon to be inaugurated.

Other reasons might be named, but it needs not that I enlarge further.

Des Moines was the first institution to become affiliated with the University & has done good work — though weak she has been strong — & the character & work & positions held by her Alumni "praise her in the gates." I would therefore suggest that you "let it alone this year also &c"

Instead of casting us off, why not rather encourage us the more, by giving to us as "favorable terms" of affiliation as you accord to any other College?

I have felt free to write without any restraint or reserve to you, because of the deep interest you have in the School. I write however for myself only — but with deep appreciation of your invaluable service & influence hitherto given on our behalf & bespeak their continuance.

Most truly yours

Wm Aitchison Jr

P.S. I have submitted your letter & the foregoing reply to a majority of our Executive Committee. They heartily approve what I have written.

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March 29th, 1901.

President George D. Adams,

Des Moines College, Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear President Adams:

Your letter of the nineteenth instant has been received and read wi th much interest. I think I can endorse all that you say, except the lastpoint. You attribute more to me and to my influence than the facts will warrant.

Mr. Rockefeller would under no circumstances grant an interview for the discussion of Des Moines of any other institution. The question must be taken up with his son, or his Secretary. But I can assure you that I will do everything I can to render assistance, and I agree with you thnoughly that it is time to break away from petty policies and strike for better things. I am glad that you are so earnest and strong in this work, and all the help that I can give you will be gladly given. When you are ready to take hold of matters, I shall be pleased to join hands with you. Meanwhile, I have sent your letter to be read by Mr. Gates, Mr.

Rockefeller's Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Rockefeller's Secretary.

Will Mr Gates read & return W M R Harper

Return to Mr Harper with thanks.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, March, 19/1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear President Harper:-

I wish to state to you what I firmly believe with reference to this College, and its future.

First. I find students in abundance everywhere I go, but I also find that we are going to have a hard up hill fight to get them in the face of the better equipment of other colleges. This leads me to the conviction that we must have better equipment and that as soon as possible. So far as the buildings for better equipment are concerned they can be had I believe, as soon as this present canvass is finished. A few wealthy men have already signified their intention in that direction. But this will mean also the need of a greatly increased endowment, and here is where the pinch will come. Our secondary schools all over the State are simply waiting and pinching along till we get out of the field, that they may enter and raise an endowment. They must have it or die. We all know that they must not be allowed to die. The situation then, that confronts us is this, after this $80,000, what? We shall get this, it is coming in very encouragingly, and we hope to have it all pledged in the early Summer, but this will not run this College. We shall have only $100,000 endowment after the debts are paid, and as you know this is almost an insignificant amount to run a College on. Were it not for the other schools we might start in for another hundred thousand as soon as this $80,000 is completed, but even another hundred thousand will not be enough. We must have at least $500,000 more within two years if it is to do the great work open to it, and in a measure binding upon it. We can have 500 students within one year after we are reasonably well equipped. What breaks my heart and would break yours in my position is that years at this rate must slip by before this great and splendid work can be done. We must hold our place in this great State and this central west. Des Moines College is the place to do this work, in the very center of this great field

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and yet if we do it we must strike for greater things.

Second. Is there any reason why Mr. Rochefeller should not be led to see these facts. No half million of his money ever invested in endowment would bring larger returns in the next ten years. It would make it possible to do our required work in this State and also open the State to the secondary school for endowment efforts. I am not saying that I should be satisfied with that amount as the ultimate, but with that such stimulus would be given to this college that bequests and gifts would come easy compared with ~~our~~ the present condition. I would not ask or expect Mr. Rockefeller to give this without a condition, but I would ask that he give it in this way, viz:- For every dollar we add to the equipment of the College, in buildings, apparatus, or endowment, he should give us another dollar to add directly to the endowment, up to the amount of $500,000. For instance, I am soon to urge a man to put us up a 50,000 dollar building. Under the conditions I would like, ~~let~~ Mr. Rockefeller to turn over $50,000 to endowment when this man turns over $50,000 to the trustees for a building.

Third. I am sure you feel as I do about this work. You have already given me you word to stand by me in this work, and I believe you in this. Will you help me to bring this thing to pass? It must come or we forfeit or birth-right. I do not ask this till we have finished this canvass for the $80,000, but I must have it to use at once when that is accomplished. I must have it to handle men for more buildings and others for bequests in large amounts. Will you help me to get an audience in your presence with Mr. Rockefeller, and will you stand by me in this matter to the end? If you will it can and will be done. I know this would electrify this State and give education an impetus beyond all calculation.

It is time to break away from the penny policies of the last fifty years in this State also, and strike for greater things.

Forgive me for taking so much of your time, but this thing is in my life and will not down.

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President George D. Adams,

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Des Moines College, Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear President Adams:-

Very truly Your letter of the sixth instant is received this morning. The difficulty with your request lies in the fact that it comes so late in the year after all of the fellowship funds have been assigned. It is not therefore possible to fall back on any appropriation. Again, the appointments to fellowships were made with the understanding that the students would give their wntire time to study at the University. It would be impossible to change this arrangement. I do not see, therefore, how we can do anything at this time, and besides, after going over the list, I can think of no man who could be persuaded to go to Des Moines for the sum named. A man working for a doctor's degree cannot be given credit for teaching work. The two things are not consistent. Work for a doctor's degree is advanced work and investigation, not teaching elementary history. However, I will keep the matter in mind, and see if there is anything to suggest.

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Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago, Ill.

As for the other matter, I assure you you have my sympathy. I believe that you will get the remaining $10,000. It would be a terrible thing to lose it at the last moment. As you say, the college must go on.

I remain

Very truly yours,

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We have the canvass dowm to $10,000. It will be completed in time. However we have double odds this fall, it is coming in small amounts, and the drouth has been disheartening with the farmers. If after we have done our level best we still lack a few thousand, I am sure you will not stand by and see us die. This college must go on, the future for us cannot help being a great one after this, our growth cannot fail to mean greater things for you. Help us in this our extermity.

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My dear Doctor Harper:-

Possibly I am at fault in that I did not, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees, immediately inform you of their action in electing you a member of a committee with Dr.Walker, Dr. Fowler, and myself to secure a new permanent President. The reason is that I left the chairmen of the committee, Dr. Walker, to correspond with you in regard to the matter.

I write this morning to bring another matter to your attention, but a matter on which may hinge the possibility of our securing the new President that we desire, viz., concerning the financial status of the college just now. I do this the more readily because, as I think you already know, the Trustees have thrown upon me the burden of the temporary Presidency.

At the meeting of the Trustees we all came to see eye to eye in one respect, viz., that with the threatened lawsuit over the question of the validity of the $40,000 pledge it was hopeless to attempt to raise another conditional $40,000 wherewith to make it valid by Jan. 1, 1904, and therefore it was useless to make any effort along that line. It is understood that if we will give up our claims to that $40,000 we can possibly arrange to have the $15,000 pledge paid at once; but if we do not give that up they will attempt to beat us out of the whole $55,000. In addition to certain other disadvantages, we are peculiarly disadvantaged in this, viz., that our expense account being considerably larger than our income account, and that continually, we are constantly running behind, so that if we were able to claim the condition of an obligation today we might not be able to claim it tomorrow.

Two things are of utmost importance to us, viz., to meet our indebtedness and to see to it that we do not continue to run in debt. As temporary President it will be my very first endeavor to do what in me lies to reduce the expense to the lowest possible point consistent with efficient work in the college. I fear little can be done in this direction and it is impossible to bring the expense account within the present income account and do our work. We must, therefore, somehow get money enough to meet our obligations and to carry on our work. You will see, therefore, that the immediate payment of the $15,000 may be worth much more than its real value under the present circumstances,

The one question about the matter appears to be this: Is there any way by which we could meet the conditions and obtain the $40,000? If we had sufficent money to at once pay all the claims of the college and to meet the conditions of the $40,000 pledge, it would seem that we ought to be able to collect it without difficulty. Indeed I question if under those circumstances we should be fought, and yet we might. What does it need to try to get the $40,000?

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In order to really move on and not be continually running behind, we ought to have considerably more than this. $80,000 of the above $160,000 must go for buildings and equipment by the very terms of the Hinchman pledge. That leaves us but $40,000 for the regular work. We should, however, then be able to command the $15,000 pledge and the $25,000 of the Education Society, making another $40,000 for immediate use. We should have coming in within five years about $20,000 more, making in all in sight $100,000. This at 5% would add $5000 to our annual income. But simply to keep at the present lines we ought to have at least $6000 added to our annual income, which would require an additional $20,000 of funds. What we need, therefore, just now is to have raised somehow almost immediately $100000. If that could be done, I think we should be on safe ground, that is to say we could keep our heads above water.

To do our work as it ought to be done, I believe that we ought to have $150,000 for buildings and equipment, and $250,000 for endowment in the very near future; but the $100,000, could we get it now, would just about provide for the real immediate necessities, while it is possible that for $80,000 we could save the $40,000 that it now looks as though we are almost certain to lose. Indeed the trustees think it a foregone conclusion that we must give that up. It will have to be settled soon, because there cannot be much over fifty or sixty days of leeway before the committee, of which Bro. Aitchison is the head, will be obliged to act one way or another.

Now let me say frankly that, whatever happens, I believe most profoundly in the Des Moines College and that it must win out. It seems to me that it cannot be that it will be allowed to go down. It must win out somehow by the blessing of almighty God and the help of its friends. I may be mistaken, but I think it may be possible for you to speak a word that shall do more for the college than can the word of any other living man. The one thing I should like best of all would be that you might bring about an interview between Bro. Aitchison and Mr. John D. Rockafeller, you being present to help on the good work as you so well know how to do. The next thing to this would be for you to personally interview Mr. Rockafeller yourself.

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