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DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 12, 1903. 190

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In providing for the election of a President for Des Moines College, a new call was sent out on July 20. That call was fowarded to Dr. Harper with a request (the call contained the request) for his opinion. In reply we were informed that Dr. Harper was in Europe. Later, when we had received a sufficient number of replies from our trustees to indicate the drift of opinion, I wrote Dr. Small, as Director of Affiliation, a very carefully compiled statement of the case, asking for counsel according to my understanding of the terms of affiliation. No reply was received by me. Last week I wrote him again, urging the importance of some reply before the trustees should meet on Tuesday, Aug.11. In reply I was notified that Dr. Small was in Europe and would not return until Jan.1,1904. It was then too late to do anything more before the meeting of our Board. Accordingly when our Board met I laid before them the attempt and the failure to secure the co-operation of the University according to the terms of affiliation.

In view of this failure, the trustees passed the two votes that follow in the order given:

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Hoping to hear from you at an early day, I am,

Yours fraternally,

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After conference w. Dean Judson I has replied to Dr. Richardson his satisfaction of action cannot be taken until the return of President - 14 days, but that in the meantime Board under the circumstances Dr. Richardson should proceed upon the assumption his satisfaction would be made.

J.K.R.

J. K. RICHARDSON,
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Abstract my answer

DES MOINES COLLEGE,

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Answ'd

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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My dear Dr. Miller:-

Your favor of Aug.13 is at hand. Please accept my thanks for your kind words and your expression of sympathetic interest in the task involved.

I regret what seems indeed an unavoidable delay, as it is likely to be trying to the church of which I am pastor and delays the work to which the President of the College ought now to be giving his full time, while the double duty of church and college is becoming more and more difficult; but I would not want action in the absence of Dr.Harper, as I am particularly anxious to have his approval. I will, therefore, endeavor to possess my soul in patience and do the best I can under the circumstances. You will, I am sure, as soon as possible after his return lay the matter before him and see that an answer is given as speedily as possible.

Our trustees, understanding that Dr.Harper would return about the first of September, adjourned to Sept.7. If the answer cannot be received by that time, the meeting can be adjourned again.

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June 17, 1904.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

DES MOINES, IOWA, June 13, 1904.

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Dear Doctor:-

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My purpose in writing you is this, viz., that if you know of any call anywhere for this kind of work, I should be pleased to be remember and considered.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

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Dr. Justin K. Richardson,
Des Moines College,
Des Moines, Ia.

My dear Dr. Richardson:-

I have your note of June 13th, and will keep the contents of it in mind. If any such opening occurs, I shall be very glad indeed to call your attention to it.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. William Aitchison, Jr.,

103 Manhattan Building,

Des Moines, Ia.

My dear Sir:-

I have your note of June 24th and have observed its contents. I will not say anything more upon the subject.

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Des Moines, Iowa, June 10, 1904.

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BALANCE SHEET OF DES MOINES COLLEGE

(Face of Ledger) JUNE 1, 1904.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Invested Endowment	$74,173.11	Endowment (collected)	$76,521.99
Real Estate	10,000.00	Library Fund	26.58
Campus and Buildings	40,000.00	Building Account (special)	1,102.84
Furniture and Fixtures	574.50	Donation Account	53,033.07
Library and Equipments	2,500 00	Due on Salaries (Note A)	1,570.00
Laboratory Equipments	1,200.00		
Pianos	488.45		
Cash with Treasurer	3,318.42		
	$132,254.48		$132,254.48

NOTE A,—The foregoing exhibit shows a balance due on salaries of $1,570.00
There is a Contingent liability, not yet spread on the books of 90.00
There is also an over-draft with the Treasurer in General Fund of 159.88
These items aggregating 1,819.88

are the only unpaid liabilities against the College and constitute the deficit for the year. Special pledges of $1,260 have been given, conditioned upon the extinguishment of this debt. This should be such an incentive as to leave no doubt about the small balance of $559.88 being provided for. If it is not, the $1,260 becomes invalid and a burden of debt accrues.

It was provided for.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

THIS CERTIFIES, That I have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of Wm. Aitchison, Jr., Treasurer of Des Moines College, for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1904, and find that the foregoing exhibits of Receipts, Disbursements, Assets and Liabilities are correct in every particular.

I have also verified the Invested Endowment Securities in his possession amounting to $74,173.11, and Cash amounting to $3,318.42, and find all as stated in his report herewith submitted.

F. A. DURHAM, *Auditor.*

June 4, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of Des Moines College

TO

JUNE 1, 1904.

To the Trustees of Des Moines College:

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last annual meeting two good friends and benefactors of the College have died. Mr. William Hughes, of Davenport, who established two general scholarships; and, Dr. A. Holland, of Des Moines, whose contribution in 1889 gave the first impetus to the movement which secured the present endowment. Thus, one by one the old friends and patrons are passing away and leaving to the generation following the duty and responsibility of maintaining what they established.

In laying before you the Financial Exhibit for the fiscal year, several things are worthy of emphasis.

During the year $19,845.76 has been added to the Endowment Fund.

North (now Burlington) Hall has been remodeled; a steam heating plant has been put in, which successfully heats both buildings; other repairs and betterments have also been made. The aggregate cost of all this has been $8,047.90, which is all paid; and the sum of $1,102.84 is still to the credit of Building Account wherewith to renovate Nash Hall during the summer vacation.

These outlays were only made possible by the generosity of Burlington Institute and the American Baptist Education Society. From the former was received the net proceeds of the sale of its property, amounting to $5,088.94. Some two years ago the Education Society, in order to save that property (then imperiled) advanced a sum, which, at the closing of the transaction, amounted to $4,061.80. An earnest appeal for that amount also, was successfully made to the Executive Board of the Society, and that sum has been received as a new grant from the Society.

Some suitable recognition of these gifts should be made and recorded. In consideration of them five general scholarships have been issued to the Burlington Baptist Association, restricted, however, to students within its boundaries.

A decreased attendance of students has impaired receipts from tuition fees, and poor crops for the past two years over a large area of the State have made collections from there slow. These two factors have wrought the disappointment of a small deficit for the year, notwithstanding strenuous efforts te prevent it. This new debt is large enough to discourage; yet small enough, with proper spirit and effort, to be extinguished by you before you adjourn this annual session.

Other matters, of financial importance, will be submitted to you orally for consideration.

A statement in detail of the invested Endowment is attached to and forms a part of this report.

There is no delinquency in rents or interest upon loans.

The following statement shows the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year, and the accompanying BALANCE SHEET the present financial status. Both bear the verification of your Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. AITCHISON, JR., *Treasurer.*

Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1904.

Dr **Wm. Aitchison, Jr., Treasurer, in Account with Des Moines College.** Cr.

RECEIVED FROM

1	Tuition	$ 2,030.25
2	Library Fees	219.75
3	Laboratory Fees	128.45
4	Diploma Fees	87.00
5	Interest and Rents	3,934.75
6	New Subscriptions for Maintenance	858.00
7	Patrons' Association for Maintenance	825.00
	Total Receipts; available for maintenance	$ 8,083.20
8	American Baptist Education Society for endowment	14,950.00
9	Subscriptions to Endowment Fund, collected	4,895.76
10	Burlington Institute, as explained on page 1	5,088.94
11	American Baptist Education Society, as explained page 1	4,061.80
12	Endowment Loans Matured and Paid	5,745.75
13	Cash on Hand per Last Annual Report	7,177.19
	Totat Receipts from all Sources	$ 50,002 64

☞ Special Funds have credits as follows:

Endowment (awaiting investment)	$ 2,348.88
Building Account	1,102.84
Library Account	26.58
	$3,478.30
Cash with Treasurer	3,318.42
Overdraft on General Fund	$ 159.88

PAID FOR

1	Salaries (on which there is still due $1,570)	$ 6,217.50	
2	Library and Supplies for Library	217.70	
3	Laboratory Supplies	86.71	
4	Advertising	143.03	
5	Interest	97.50	
6	Insurance	193.10	
7	Fuel and Lights	316.70	
8	Postage and Telegrams	88.52	
9	Taxes and Assessments	588 35	
10	Janitors and Supplies therefor	507.90	
11	Traveling Expenses	134.30	
12	Printing and Stationery	120.10	
13	Water	40.91	
14	Miscellaneous Expenses	26.00	
	Total Paid for Maintenance ($1,729.88 still due)	$ 8,778.32	
15	Endowment Funds Invested	29,858.00	
16	Steam Heating Plant and Betterments, as explained on page 1	8,047.90	
	Total Disbursements		$46,684.22
	Cash with Treasurer (to balance)		3,318.42
			$50,002.64

The foregoing is a correct transcript from my books in a classified form. I hold vouchers for all disbursements, checked and audited every month, and reported to and approved by the Executive Committee.

The finances of the musical department have not been under my care, hence I make no report thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. AITCHISON, Jr., *Treasurer.*

Des Moines, June 2, 1904.

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103 MANHATTAN BUILDING,
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TREASURER DES MOINES COLLEGE.

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

DES MOINES COLLEGE.

May 31st, 1904.

Mr. William Aitchison, Jr.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

Yours of May 20th has been received. I read with much interest Mr. Gates' letter and will take the opportunity to write to him.

Thanking you very cordially, I remain

Yours very truly,

TREASURER DES MOINES COLLEGE.

Des Moines, Iowa. May 20, 1904.

. of Chicago,

, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:- I enclose herewith for your perusal and return to me the reply of Mr. Gate's to my letter to him of May 3d, concerning which I have already advised you. I am pleased at the prospect of his laying it before Mr. Rockefeller but I am by no means encouraged to hope for success from the general tone of his letter. While doubtless his survey of the situation is in a great measure true, he evidently (as I was prepared to expect) dismisses the denominational needs of Iowa entirely. The Baptists of this state have in reality but one institution doing full college work and that is Des Moines. The other two institutions, as you know, are simply academies that can be used as feeders to the college while the other institution is sui generis.

It will be a sad day for the Baptists of this great and growing state if its one college so greatly needed is to have to keep up the struggle for bare existence or perhaps cease to exist for want of proper equipment and enlarged endowment.

As no one has shown a greater interest in Des Moines College or has recognized its importance more fully than you have done, I make bold to ask whether the time is not opportune in view of the fact that the situation here is to be laid before Mr. Rockefeller by Mr. Gates, for you to suppliment the presentation which shall be made to Mr. Rockefeller by direct communication with him from yourself. I earnestly believe that could you see your way clear to do this you could secure what we ask and what we need and thereby be the means of saving the institution

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Des Moines, Iowa May 17 1904.

May 14th, 1904.

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My dear Dr Harper:

Mr. William Aitchison, Jr.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

Yours of May 17th has been received.

I wrote to Demmon asking him to write me more fully about his plans before meeting him in Des Moines.

I wish I could be present at the meeting of the Board of Trustees June 7th but other engagements will prevent.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

Wm Aitchison Jr

President Harper
Chicago

Our annual meeting of Trustees is June 7. It would be desirable to visit here before that date.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 17. 1904.

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My dear Dr Harper:

I thank you for forwarding Mr Hemmons letter, which I enclose herewith.

Have you replied and named a date, when, with him, you can visit Des Moines? We are pleased at the prospect of your visit, and are ready to receive you at your earliest Convenience.

Kindly advise me when to expect you.

Provision is being made to prevent any deficit this year & hopes are entertained that there will be none.

Yours very truly,
Wm Aitchison

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Chicago.

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Des Moines, Iowa, May 5. 1904.

May 9th, 1904.

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Chicago.

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In order to succeed (perhaps to survive) better equipment in buildings &c must be secured. Small, little offerings as in the past will not furnish what is needed. Larger gifts must be sought for & secured & on certain conditions can I think be obtained. Now is the time to move. I wrote several days ago to Mr Gates asking whether he would favor a grant to us of $100,000 for Endowt conditioned upon Iowa raising a like amount for Equipment. His reply is not yet to hand. Cannot you attend our Annual Meeting.

Yours very truly

Wm Aitchison Jr

Mr. William Aitchison,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

I have your letter of May 5th. After a talk with President Richardson the other evening I learned the facts which you state in your letter. I agree with you that the situation is not an encouraging one. I am still of the opinion that the only thing for Des Moines to do at present is to adopt the plan which you and I worked out together here two years ago, that is, the plan for the Junior College.

Mr. Demmon seems to have left the city and I am not able to find where he lives.

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Des Moines, Iowa. April 20 1904

May 3rd, 1903.

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My dear Dr Harper:

We were greatly pleased to learn of your convalescence and hope that you have regained your usual strength and vigor by this time.

I write merely to inquire whether Mr Demmon has done or is likely to do anything for Des Moines College along the line indicated in your letter of Feb 9th.

Now is an opportune time for him to make his requirements such as he contemplated & I think his conditions or requirements would be unreasonable indeed were they not met.

May I have the pleasure of hearing from you fully on the subject.

Yours, very truly

Wm Aitchison Jr

President Harper
Chicago.

Mr. William Aitchison, Jr.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

Nothing has turned up in the case of Demmon. I am afraid that my apprehensions are correct. I have not been able to see him since I was ill. I am on his track and if anything comes you may be sure that I will write you.

Will you be good enough to send me a statement giving the actual facts in reference to the present situation at Des Moines?

Yours very truly,

Jr.

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Des Moines, Iowa, March 10. 1904.

My dear Dr Harper:

Your favor of yesterday with the good news of your recovery from the operation gives us very great pleasure and we extend our heartiest Congratulations.

I regret to learn of any discouraging developments in the matter concerning which you had previously written, but hope that when you are fully recovered, you may be able to revive the interest.

Mrs Aitchison, herself at present a sufferer, sends kindest regards & rejoices over your Convalescence.

Yours very truly

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Chicago.

WM. AITCHISON, JR. TREASURER OF DES MOINES COLLEGE

Des Moines, Iowa,

March 9th, 1904.

Mr. William Aitchison,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

I am happy to inform you that I am getting better after the operation performed a week ago to-day (Tuesday). I shall hope to be on my feet again inside of a week or so.

I am sorry to be compelled to report that some things that have come to me with reference to the party and the matter referred to in my letter take away some of the encouraging side of it, but it is not altogether discouraging. I shall hope to write you soon.

Yours very truly,

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Des Moines, Iowa, Feb 28. 1904.

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My dear Dr Harper:

Your letter of yesterday received & perused with deep emotion.

We shall earnestly pray for the success of the operation on Tuesday & for your healing.

Mrs Aitchison (at present a sufferer under the physician's care) and myself are deeply interested in your welfare & solicitous for your speedy recovery.

The other contents of your letter surprised me & shall be held sacred.

It wns. just like you to try & interest him in favor of D. M. College.

We shall await your visit with almost impatience. Kindly advise me in advance when it shall be, so I will be at home.

May I bespeak from Miss Cobb or some one to be advised of your state from time to time.

With highest regards,

Cordially Yours
Wm Aitchison Jr.

February 27th, 1904

Mr. William Aitchison, Jr.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

Your letter to Miss Cobb is in my hands. I am on my back, ill, but neither seriously nor critically. It is the common trouble- appendicitis. This is my second attack within three weeks, and as a result of it I go to the hospital Monday afternoon to be operated on Tuesday. Everybody feels that the outcome is fairly safe. I shall of course have the very best attention that science can furnish. Three of the best surgeons in Chicago will take care of me and three other physicians. I am in good condition to go through the operation. I was thinking of you this morning. Yesterday I had an interview with a gentleman in my bedroom in reference to Des Moines College. He assures me that he has $100,000. which he will give to the college on two conditions. Both of these I am sure the trustees will accept. The case is one I have been working on for some time. The

man is a Chicago citizen, and so far as I can learn is responsible. I am making inquiries concerning him, and it was agreed yesterday with him that just as soon as I am able physically, he and I are to visit you in Des Moines. I am writing this for your personal information, and I understand that you will not communicate it to any other person in connection with the college. I have known so many slips that I am not willing to have anything said uhtil I know for a certainty. I have his absolute statement of assurance of the whole matter. The property he says can be turned over at once. It is in farm mortgages bearing five and six percent interest, but I have not been able to investigate this. What the man could gain by making a false statement I cannot understand. One of his conditions is that he shall be associated with the college as financial secretary without salary. He is a young lawyer here in the city worth, I take it, many hundreds of thousands of dollars. He wishes to leave Chicago because he does not like Chicago life for his children. He asked me three weeks ago to recommend an institution with which he might become associated, and to which he might give money. I of course recommended Des Moines and this is the present situation. In case

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Des Moines, Iowa Feb 26 190 4.

anything should happen to me next week I am giving you
his name- Stephen Demmon; but I understand that you will
regard this as sacredly secret until you hear from me further.

The doctors are taking good care of me and I hope
that you will not be unnecessarily alarmed. Please give
my best regards to Mrs. Aitchison, and believe me to be,

Yours very sincerely,

Wm Aitchison Jr

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Des Moines, Iowa, Feb 26. 1904.

My dear Miss Cobb.

Our local papers publish dispatches stating that President Harper is seriously- Critically- ill. Is it so?

Will you kindly advise me of his condition & enable me to reply to the questions of anxious inquirers.

With Kindest regards,

Respectfully Yours

Wm Aitchison Jr

May 17th, 1902.

Mr. Georbe B. Aiton,

1601 University Ave., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your statement of May seventh. It is very good of you to make so careful a statement.

Yours very truly,

May 17th, 1902.

Mr. George B. Aiton,

1601 University Ave., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

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The University of Chicago
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Office of the President

After consultation with Dean Judson and Dean Barnes I wired.

"President Harper absent. Clerk's mistake. Des Moines students admitted as before"

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WM. AITCHISON, JR.
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Answered by telegram 9/30/1901
Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept 28. 1901 ~~189~~

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President Harper.

University of Chicago.

My dear Dr Harper: From Among the graduates of Des Moines College last June three young ladies were approved by the Faculty (in the order of merit as named) to receive the one years scholarship in the University under the agreement of Affiliation – viz: Harriet Ruth Aitchison – Eva Twombly and Mabel Mentzer. Miss Mentzer resides in Shenandoah, the others here. All of them have arranged to go to the University. I have endeavored by correspondence with the Registrar to attend to the Matriculation & entrance & registration of Miss Twombly & my daughter & have paid their matriculation fee & room rent in Foster Hall. The Registrar has been most Kind & Courteous & I appreciate it. But the matter of their registration has been referred to the Dean of Advanced Standing. He has sent them "Applications for advanced standing" with request for Catalogue of the College &c, as a prerequisite (as I understand) to their admission. It has been filled out & forwarded. The Registrar holds the Certificates of the Recorder of the College, as to their graduation here & their being assigned to the benefits of Affiliated Scholarships. But as these requirements have not heretofore been exacted of our D. M. College Graduates, it naturally has raised the question whether the University has changed the terms of affiliation or indeed whether affiliation is regarded as still in force & whether they will be admitted on the D. M. College Certificate. They purposed leaving next Monday Eve. It is important however to know how the matter stands before they leave. Will you show me the great kindness therefore of telegraphing me soon as possible (at my expense) whether they will be received on terms heretofore granted.

Cordially Yours, Wm Aitchison Jr

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Affiliation Des Moines

Des Moines, Iowa, April 24. 1905.

April 25th, 1905.

Pres. Harper

University of Chicago.

My dear Dr Harper

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

I do not see why it would not be a good thing for you to write to Mr. Osborn.

Thanking you for your kind words, I remain

Yours very truly,

I have your kind favor of 21st inst.

A little embarrassment is occasioned by the fact that Dr Stetson has not yet given his decision to the Trustees. I think however he will decline the call — his conditions are not met.

Do you think it would be proper for me to approach Mr Osborn tentatively viz. a personal letter of inquiry? I am without authority to do more.

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Wm Aitchison, Jr.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 3d 1905.

April 12th, 1905.

Mr. William Aitchison, Jr.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Aitchison:-

Your letter of April 3rd was received. It came after I had left Lakewood and I had no further opportunity of meeting Mr. Rockefeller. I am hoping, however, to see him again within the next two or three weeks. You may be sure that I never forget Des Moines.

Hoping that all goes well with you, I remain

Yours very truly,

Des Moines, Iowa, April 3d 1905.

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Lakewood. N.J.

My dear Dr Harper:

It was indeed a pleasure to receive your note of recent date & I thank you for it.

We are cheered by the dispatches in our local press stating that the treatments you receive are benifiting you. Fondly do we hope & earnestly do we pray that "your days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee".

Will you graciously pardon me if I intrude a little business on you? Disregard it entirely however, should it be inconvenient or irksome.

I have occasion to present the work, condition, standing & need of Des Moines College in quarters where neither the institution nor the writer are known — where letters of Commendation are essential & will be helpful.

For such a letter, expressive of your estimate of its advantageous location, its standing & work my thoughts first of all turn to you. If you can "speak a good word" for it along the lines indicated addressed "To whom it may Concern" it will be greatly appreciated.

May I also be bold enough to suggest that at some opportune time in the near future, if you are able, you present its needs in person to Mr. Rockefeller. I suppose this has not yet been done — or if so, so long ago as to have passed from notice. We feel assured that a personal appeal from you to Mr Rockefeller would result most favorably. With $100 000. more endowment conditioned upon securing the necessary building — embarassments would cease & the future be assured. Very truly yours, Wm Aitchison

Wm. Aitchison, Jr.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 1st. 1905.

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My dear Dr Small:

Our hearts are greatly saddened over Dr. Harper's condition & anxious about the outcome.

A good citizen here has called upon me to express his sympathy also, & to say that Dr C. W. Eaton here has successfully treated Carcinoma for the last three years & has at the present time a case of it doing well.

I had an interview with Dr Eaton himself, as I know him quite well. He is a brother of President Eaton of Beloit College; a regular practitioner here in good standing - modest - & no advertiser.

He has quietly made a special study of that disease for a few years & during the past two years has treated it with "very happy results."

The treatment is entirely medicinal, not surgical - not even purgative.

I regard the situation as entirely too delicate to communicate to Dr Harper or his family; but thought I would not be misunderstood should I mention the matter to you.

With personal regards,

Cordially Yours
Wm Aitchison Jr

Prof. A. W. Small
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WM. AITCHISON, JR.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 8. 1904

President Harper.

University of Chicago.

My dear Dr Harper:

I have your valued favor of yesterday with Mr J. W. Bailey's letter.

The only vacancy in the faculty of Des Moines College is that of Chemistry – with possibly a declination by Mr Thiessen in Zoology & Botany, & I infer that Mr Bailey would not consider these branches.

Yours very truly

Wm Aitchison Jr

July 7th, 1904.

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Des Moines, Iowa.

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We wish to assure you of our hearty co-operation in any capacity in which we may be of service, and to reiterate our loyalty to our Alma Mater and our faith in her future.

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I ought to have said that F.E.Goodell will do good work in Chemistry. He is a graduate of The University of South Dakota and has been at Johns Hopkins two or three years.

Every one is greatly delighted that you are coming to deliver the address.

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