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It is probable that it will be necessary to make some modifications of your terms in order to comply with the contract with the company which gave us our land.These modifications will be largely verbal and will not affect the vital points.I will let you know in time what changes are needed so you can express your opinion on them before the Trustees meet.

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One of our graduates, class of '88, who, since her graduation has been teaching in our Preparatory Department, I have advised to take a post-graduate course at The University of Chicago. She is a good student and will do good work. She wants to study History and Geography especially. You know that now Geography is one of the studies included in the best post-graduate courses. She would take probably some other study also. She is without means to pay her expenses. She has had to use her money to meet expenses incurred in getting her education. She is a very fine young lady. You will have few if any better students. What can be done to help her? How are the Fellowships obtained? Is there any way by which she can enter in Oct. '92? If she enters will she have to pass an examination on all her college work? I am anxious to have her go to The University of Chicago. I am also at work on several other very bright students to go there.

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ty, and it is a real one, is the very great disadvantage it will impose upon our faculty. Affiliation means that our instructors will necessarily be brought into the closest relations and constantly compared with your undergraduate faculty. The former must do as much work and as good as the letter, and The University is the sole judge. Your teachers will be well paid and have all the facilities they need for the best work and every opportunity to keep themselves in the best possible condition. Ours will underpaid, because of our limited income, and constantly overworked. No matter who our teachers are or how good they may be, under these circumstances they cannot escape the crushing consciousness that they are not in a position to do as well as those with whom they are measured. The better qualified they are for their places the stronger will be this feeling. The result of this state of things cannot but be very injurious. Men who are sensitive and ambitious as I am to do well in whatever they attempt cannot maintain their self respect when they feel that they are tolerated, or compelled to labor under such conditions. We are all of us most willing to be compared with others when we have as fair an opportunity to do our work. There are probably plenty of men who might feel

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I want to announce the men whom we can have next year from the University. It is very necessary that I give some description of them. For lectures I want Dr. Robinson and Dr. Small. I want Mr. Bristol for botany and zoology, some one for geology, some one for history, some one for Greek, some one for English literature. These at least. Do your Fellows remain out twelve or six weeks? If only six weeks then we shall want two for each of these studies. Can you now designate the Fellows

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9.To have the sole care of all its property and funds.

10. To permit any of its officers and instructors, when not engaged in teaching its classes, to teach in the University at Chicago. Their position and pay, while there, to be determined as described in article 7 of part II of this agreement.

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There will be many of your applicants who cannot pass your examinations. What will you do with them? I have been wondering whether you could not direct some of them to come here and do work which would prepare them for the University. If we could have one quarter of those who cannot pass, it would be an immense help to us. What do you say?

We are needing our catalogue very much.Shall we wait for you to issue your completed statement of work for next fall?I want them to agree so far as possible.

I am suffering quite severely with my head.The difficulty is overwork.I have had to do all the work in the class room,spend Sat. on detals of business,ride all night,or the most of it Sat.night,preach twice on Sun.,ride home Sun.night and go to work Mon.Monning.I am helping the canvass for Osage.

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Dear Friend:

I have not heard from you since the meeting of your Board in Washington. I have hoped that I might. But probably you are too busy to write. Mr. Gates said that a certain member of your Board would write me in regard to the disposition of the application of the Executive Committee of our school here. I have received no communication, & I have wondered what he meant, & why the person did not write.

The work in the college is going very well. The attendance is the best this term ever known. 5 sections. We have a good class of students. I am teaching four hours per weeks — Evidences of Christianity & your Inductive Bible Studies of Life of Christ. For my services I get no pay, not enough to pay car-fare. Our

finances are a little better. The most pressing need for money now is enough to pay the teachers & buy apparatus for natural sciences. If we had $10,000. to be used in this way we would be well fixed comparatively, & next year we could go on my dollar for the building bills will then be out of the way.

We are having quite a revival among our students. There have been six or eight conversions. Nearly all ~~of the~~ in school did now christians. There must be ten or twelve who are studying for the ministry.

We are having a very precious revival in our church. Twenty two received last month. I expect as many more this month. I hold a meeting at the college at 6 p. m. & then go to our church at 7.30. I am working my head.

I wish I could spend some time with you in preparing a text book for the inductive study of life of Christ based

on the four Gospels. While I think very highly of your present studies as published in "Old Testament Student", & "Baptist Teacher" yet I find it necessary often in actual class-work to modify them more or less. I have in my mind a text book which I think might be very useful & widely adopted. I am glad you are able to do so much very valuable biblical work. We all owe you a great debt.

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Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 17. 1896.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 13th inst. rec'd. We need $40,000. If the East, where there is a hundred times as much money as there is here, has been drained to raise the comparatively small sums required at Worcester & Suffield how about the West which is required to raise ten times as much as those institutions? I have sent a statement to the Examiner which I hope will appear this week. It states facts. They may show how much we need help. I have worked myself down to sickness almost. Had I known one year ago the condition of Iowa Baptists as well as I know it today I would have declined the work assigned me. I have done all in my power to succeed.

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Des Moines, Iowa, May 7th 1903.

My dear Dr Harper:

Rejoice with us! Des Moines College will be entirely out of debt at the close of the fiscal year May 31st

We are desirous of your presence at the annual meeting of Trustees on June 9th. Can you so arange as to come?

The payment of the debt will entitle us to receive $15000. on the pledge of the Am. Bap. Ed. Socy. I hope to forward Certificate to that effect within a week.

Did Mr Gates respond favorably, at your last interview with him?

Some of our friends here are suggesting that Mr Walker goes to New York and see Mr Rockefeller Jr & Mr Gates and plead the Cause of the College with them & try & obtain $100.000. on such Conditions as the College can fulfill.

Before this is undertaken, I would like to have your opinion regarding it. Knowing Mr Gates' views & those of the Ed. Socy & the proposed Change in the Socy. will such an effort now be opportune & likely to succeed?

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Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 25, 1902.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

Your telegram of inquiry received last evening. I had not written you, supposing that the committee appointed to secure a President (of which you are a member) had communicated fully with you. Doubtless you already know of Mr Adam's resignation. When I last wrote you, it seemed as though everything, even to the manner of presenting the resignation, would continue pleasant and satisfactory. It proved otherwise, however, for he had a method peculiarly his own in resigning; partly written, but mostly oral. It greatly surprised the official brethren here. The salient points were these:- first, Lack of cooperation by the Trustees; second, That the writer had asked him to resign; third, Spiritual and physical depression. Remarking upon these reasons, I would say, concerning the first, the verdict should be, "Guilty but

not proven", the second, absolutely untrue, and he admitted ~~by him to be so~~ (high I find not) before adjournment of the Board; third, disappointment resulting from non-success, would better express it.

I have suffered much embarrassment, humiliation and sleeplessness, on account of the situation, and have been represented, far and near, as the cause of a crisis which threatens the welfare, if not the existence of the College. Amid it all, I have the consolation of having good companionship in "the fiery furnace", namely, yourself, at whose door some blame is laid!!" The day following the resignation, the last session of the school before the Holidays, Mr Adams announced his resignation to the students, some of whom showed excitement and acted thereunder.

It needs not that I rehearse to you a visit of a deputation of students in my home, or the silly fables they had heard, concerning which they demanded explanations.

I recieved them most kindly, even tenderly, and upon my repeated desire to accompany them into the presence of my accusers, they quieted down nicely, and departed seemingly satisfied. Neither will I dilate upon the sensational and mischievous gossip that has prevailed from tongues and press.

Many letters from all over the State, come to me; some of inquiry, only; others of criticism of Mr Adams; and still others of congratulation over the situation. I am happy in the consciousness that all my relations with and toward Mr Adams have been straightforward and transparent as a sunbeam, and there I rest. In nature we are having quite a blizzard in Iowa, for a day or two past, but we know it is the harbinger of good weather to follow. And so this blizzard will blow itself out, and we shall have fair weather, and a smoother sea, and the ship will not founder.

The time of the Board was mostly

occupied in the discussion of our relations with the executors of Mr Hinchman's estate. All agreed that as yet, the conditions upon which the forty thousand dollars could be claimed, had not been met; nor did any one see the probability of their being met; and the sentiment prevailed that it was suicidal to antagonize the executors by litigation. They have intimated a willingness to pay the fifteen thousand dollar pledge, without conditions, if we will execute a waiver, or surrender all claim to the forty thousand. The situation brings us face to face, with the greatest opportunity Des Moines College has ever had. If you could secure from Mr Rockefeller one hundred thousand dollars, so conditioned as to make forty thousand of it available as against Mr Hinchman's forty thousand, there is no question about being able to collect the latter plus the fifteen thousand. Could this be realized, the skies would instantly bright-

ew, the debt would be extinguished, needed equipments be obtained, and the College not only be rescued from peril, but begin a work which hitherto it has not been able to accomplish. But I can not enlarge. Without such helps, the future can not be foretold. I am fully satisfied that no one saving yourself, could influence Mr Rockefeller to confer this boon and solve the educational problem here, at the most strategic point in the middle west. The immediate results of such an announcement would be the securing of such a man for President as would conquer success. But it would be difficult indeed to secure such a man under prevailing conditions. The settlement with the Hinchman estate was unanimously referred, with power, to a committee of three of which the writer is chairman. That committee will have to decide within a period of sixty days at the furthest, what its course of action will be. Could you secure