

ELGIN ACADEMY

Affiliated with the University of Chicago.
George Newton Sleight, Principal and Dean.

ELGIN, ILL., April 30th., 1902

President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 29th. For some days I have been considering the advisability of requesting you to send Dr. Small, but have been unable to see how I could get the trustees together so that he could meet them. I finally decided to show your letter to Mr. Grote asking for his consent knowing that if he gave it the trustees might be gotten in shape for an interview with Dr. Small. As I feared he said NO, and added that Mr. Lord had asked him yesterday if he (Mr. Grote) thought your presence here would be helpful. Mr Grote replied that if you came no one with money would attend a meeting, that a personal canvass was out of the question (being beneath your dignity and requiring time which you could not give) and finally that he would be ashamed to have you meet in Elgin so many men of wealth who were too narrow and too little to give to such a cause.

Mr. Lord wanted to resign from the board but Mr. Grote told him that they two must stand by the institution to the end.

Mr. G. informed Mr. Lord that if they decided to close the Academy as they probably would, he felt that he, (Mr. Grote) was under obligations to write and inform you of their action before it was made public.

There remains but one hope viz: that you request in an urgent letter to Mr. Grote that he come to the University for a personal interview

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President William E. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 30th. For some days I have been considering the advisability of replying to you and Dr. Small, but have been unable to see how I could get the answer together so that he could meet them. I finally decided to show your letter to Mr. Grove asking for his consent knowing that if he gave it that business might be got on in shape for an interview with Dr. Small. As I feared he said NO, and added that Mr. Bond had asked him yesterday if he (Mr. Grove) thought your presence here would be helpful. Mr. Grove replied that if you came no one with money would attend a meeting, that personal canvass was out of the question (being beneath your dignity and reputation time which you could not give) and finally that he would be ashamed to have you meet in Elgin so many men of wealth who were too narrow and too little to give to such a cause. Mr. Bond wanted to resign from the board but Mr. Grove told him that they two must stand by the institution to the end. Mr. G. informed Mr. Bond that if they decided to close the Academy as they probably would, he felt that Mr. Grove was under obligation to write and inform you of their action before it was made public. There remains but one hope viz: that you request in an urgent letter to Mr. Grove that he come to the University for a personal interview

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and let you know the situation, that the University with the Academy as an affiliated institution should know all the details. Then find out if the University with the assistance of Mr. Grote cannot influence a certain Mr. Stuart (or Stewart) of St. Charles to give \$10 000, also a Mr. Waterman of Dundee to give \$100 000 more . Then let Mr. And Mrs Lord take care of the rest. It was Mr. Grote's plan to do this. He has seen Mr Stuart, talked to him three hours, gained his interest and his consent to do something but Mr. G. fears he will not do very much . If this could be done Mr. G. is sure that Mr. L will be all right.

I of course do not know whether this is possible from the point of view of the University. I feel that you should see Mr. Grote under any circumstances, and at once as matters are moving rapidly now. Mr. G. is an intelligent, levelheaded, shrewd, energetic, religious and uneducated German, worthy of great respect and confidence, with I believe Congressional aspirations. I think he would feel honored by a request from you for an interview. He is closely connected with the money interests of Elgin and vicinity and whatever the outcome concerning the Academy his interest in the University would be of possible value. Should you consider it wise to write him as I suggest kindly advise me as I should wish to inform him that I had written you respecting the two men mentioned.

I now believe that Mr. L. is sincere in thinking that he cannot carry the whole burden . Mr Grote informs me to-day that the Y.M.C.A. is troubling him.

Yours very truly, *George Newton Sleight*

I have just learned that the stock-
holders have met and filled out
the required number of Trustees (12).
Mr Lord and H. B. Chase, go off.
The conditions remain same. Meeting
called for Fri. or Saturday. In case
you see Mr Grot, please put the case
to him as follows: That I write
you to the effect that he advised you
not to send Mr Small, and that I felt
he was doing all that he could and
was working with the parties. Give
of J. S. Charles, one of the directors.
Mr Grot has two copies of the same.
He says

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ELGIN, ILL., May 19th

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President William R. Harper,

May 21st, 1902.

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Mr. George N. Sleight,

Elgin, Ill.

The Trustees have decided to

My dear Mr. Sleight:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 19th, and

I am glad to know that the work has gone forward.

Wishing you great success, and hoping that nothing will occur to prevent

your pushing forward the new plans, I remain

Yours very truly,

I regret to say that the Academy, ^{was} ~~will~~

but closed last week when a little ^{more} ~~in the~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{was} put into it and the matter pushed through.

Yours very truly,

George Newton Sleight.

ELGIN, ILL.,

May 19th

1902

President William A. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Harper:

(W)

The Trusters have decided to
continue the Academy. All plans are not
yet matured but it is the intention to se-
cure an endowment. Mr Lord's \$25,000 is
known by the public.

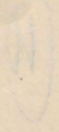
I regret to say that the Academy ^{was} ~~will~~
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was put into it and the matter passed through.

Yours very truly,
George Newton Slight.

EDWIN, ILL.

May 1902

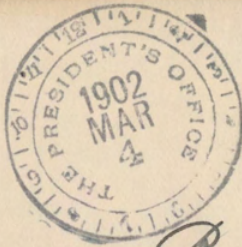
Dear William A. Hager
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.



The Trustees have decided to
construct the University of Chicago
just behind the old building to be
an extension of the building
which will be the new building.

I hope it is not too late to
let them build just next door to
the old building.

Yours very truly,
George Newton Shogren



ELGIN, ILL.,

March 2

1902

President William A. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:

(30)
I enclose you the letter requested, written from the point of view of the University to such a man as I know Mr. Lord to be. It may be wise to add a hint respecting the perpetuating of his name by a liberal endowment. You will of course modify the letter as you think best. It may be best for you to state that you asked me for his (Mr. L.) address. You will also note that the letter as worded gives Mr. L. the opportunity to state a line why the University cannot give financial aid.

A letter to Mr. William Grote, Elgin, Ill., Vice President of our Trustees might be of great value. He stands very close to Mr. Lord. The letter I should contain the following points, 1. My resignation, 2. The value of the Academy as an educational factor, 3. Its age, high quality of work, 4. A desire that the Trustees note

every effort possible. 5. The
university action of the students in
their petition 6. The fact that I stated
to you that I believed that the
money could be raised if he, Mr. Goble,
could but undertake to p. & willing-
ness on the part of the University to co-
operate so far as possible.

I await your further
pleasure in the matter.

Yours very truly,
George Newton Sleight.

every effort has been made to
secure a copy of the book for the
University of Chicago. The book is
very rare and is not in the
Library of the University of Chicago.
The book is not in the Library of
the University of Chicago.

I am very sorry that
I cannot give you further
information in this matter.
Yours very truly,
George Newton Smith

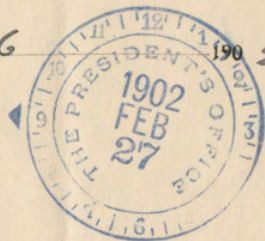
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ELGIN, ILL.,

Feb. 26



President Wm. R. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mr. Harper:

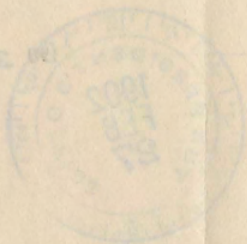
I am in receipt of your letter of February 24th stating that you desire to talk the matter of my resignation over with me before any action is taken by the Trustees.

I can call at the University Friday P.M. February 28th at about 3 P.M. if it is possible for you to see me at that time. If no telegram reaches me to the contrary on Thursday, I will arrange to visit the University at about this hour. Very truly yours,
Geo. N. Sleight

ELGIN, ILL.

July 25

1902



President Mr. A. D. Thompson
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am in receipt of your
letter of July 25th regarding the
to take the meeting of my organization now with
me before any action is taken by the Institute
I am sure that the University of Chicago will
show its interest in the matter.
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show its interest in the matter.
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show its interest in the matter.

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Dated Elgin Ill May 1st-1902

To President Wm R. Harper.

University of Chicago.

Received at Chicago.

(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)

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Trustees meet in P. M. C. A. Saturday
10 a.m. Grote consents to Dr Small
coming there.

George N. Sleight-



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FORM 15.

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ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President.

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ELGIN, ILL., May 21st.,

1902

President William R. Harper,

May 22d, 1902.

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

My dear Mr. Sleight:-

Mr. Lord has expressed a very strong desire that we
I have a just written to Mr. Lord in reference

add to the diplomas. I think it would be very excellent to have them printed

in the way suggested. I write to say that if the University raises

no objections we will do so.

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

George N. Sleight

all right

with the University of Chicago.
Newton Sleight, Principal and Dean.

ELGIN, ILL., May 21st.,

1902

President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. Lerd has expressed a very strong desire that we add to our diplomas the words: Affiliated with the University of Chicago July 1st. 1899. I write to say that if the University raises no objections we will do so.

Yours very truly,

George N. Sleight

all right

ELGIN, ILL., May 21st, 1900

President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. Hart has expressed a very strong desire that we

add to our diplomas the words: Affiliated with the University of
Chicago July 1st, 1900. I write to say that if the University release

no objections we will do so.

Yours very truly,

George Newton Dwight

Wm. R. Harper

May 22d, 1902.

My dear Mr. Sleight:-

I have a just written to Mr. Lord in reference to the diplomas. I think it would be very excellent to have them printed in the way suggested.

Yours very truly,

May 22d, 1903.

My dear Mr. Sleight:-

I have a [redacted] written to Mr. Lord in reference
to the diplomas. I think it would be very excellent to have them printed
in the way suggested.

Yours very truly,

with the Univer
Newton Sleight, F

President William