

The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago



MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

1/30/99.

MCKEE

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

Dear Dr. Harper:-

What would you think of putting in Miss Gertrude Board to do Miss Turney's work next year? She graduated from the Academy two years ago as the honor girl and was entitled to a scholarship in the University, but nobody knew at that time that we were entitled to a scholarship and she did not therefore get it. She has been teaching since and expects to spend a part of next year in the University, entering July 1st. She has worked a good deal among Germans and Miss Turney says she is as good a German student as she was when she undertook to teach it. She is the daughter of our Matron and if we should engage Miss Board, it would help us to keep Mrs. Board, who is, in my judgment, one of the most valuable people in the Institution. On the other hand Gertrude is not above 19 years of age, and has taught only in country schools. Metcalf is not clear as to the wisdom of the scheme and I am not either. There is this about it, however, that we could get her at a very moderate price. Perhaps it would be wise to economize in this direction next year.

Yours truly,

Wm McKee

1/30/99.

MT. CARROLL, ILL.



President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

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Dear Dr. Harper:-

What would you think of putting in Miss Gertrude Board

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two years ago as the honor girl and was entitled to a scholarship in
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Wm. R. Harper

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WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

Mar. 15, 1899.

President W. R. Harper,

Palo Alto, Cal.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Wm. H. Wildey, grocer, has subscribed \$100, and Mrs.

Hannah P. Miles \$100, total to date \$3900.

Yours truly,

Wm P McKee
WM

The Francis B. Smith Building

The University of Chicago

William A. Wood, Cash

President W. R. Harper,

Palo Alto, Cal.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. H. Wiley, Treasurer, has subscribed \$100, and Mrs.

Hannah P. Miles \$100, total to date \$2000.

Yours truly,

Wm. A. Wood
W

Mar. 15, 1899.

W. CARROLL, III.

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WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

3/4/99.

President W. R. Harper,

Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

OR

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I enclose herewith four copies of the blank subscription form, which the Committee here agreed upon. You will notice that it contains the clause suggested by Dr. Goodspeed, which will enable us to collect the subscriptions even though the total sum does not reach \$6000, provided Mrs. Shimer will accept them.

Yours truly,

W P McKee

The Frances Spitzer Schreyer
The University of Chicago
WILLIAM D. HOGAN, JR.
CHICAGO, ILL.

2/4/33.
MR. CARROLL, ILL.

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Dr. T. W. Goodspeed,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

The matter of subscription is progressing slowly.

The subscriptions are as follows up to date, including your own, the condition of which we will try to meet:

Mrs Shimer 2000.
Carroll Co. Bank \$500
J. M. Rinewalt 75
~~H. S. Metcalf 200~~
H. S. Metcalf 200
W. R. Harper 200
W. P. McKee 200
J. S. Miles 125
T. W. Goodspeed 100
Rhodes Bros., Fuel, 100
H. Mackay 100
Chas. Kinney 100
Wm. H. Wildey, grocer, 100
Hannah P. Miles 100
Total \$3900

We think that some more subscriptions here are in sight.

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100	Rhodes Bros., Wash.
100	H. Mackay
100	Chas. Kinney
100	Wm. H. Wiley, Grocer
100	Hannah P. Miles
<u>\$3300</u>	Total

We think that some more subscriptions here are in sight.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Wiley

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., 4/11/99.

President W. R. Harper,

Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I do not know where the other \$2000 is coming from for the Building Fund. Mrs. Hostetter says that we must raise it. I do not believe that we are through by any means here. We must remember that the \$3,700 already reported has been contributed by not more than twelve people. If it were a matter of raising \$5000 instead of \$6000 altogether, I think we could finish it up in a very few days. The last thousand is going to be somewhat difficult to get. The situation is aggravated by the fact that an expert has condemned the public school building here and the prospect is that a new public school building will have to be erected this summer, which means increased taxation. I believe, however, that we will get through somehow.

I do not know when I have missed anything which I was more sorry to miss than the Student's Conference.

My fears at the time of the Board meeting, concerning the deficit for this year, seem to have been well grounded. I am of the opinion that the deficit will ^{not} be less than \$1400. We over-estimated the income for the year and we have indulged too freely in expenses. Some of it, really all of it was absolutely necessary and yet here we are.

We have

Increased Expenses

Salaries \$455.75; repairs \$500; interest \$277.24; fuel \$150	
provisions \$350; light \$10; laundry \$40;	Total \$1,782.99

Moreover we must remember that we had

Cash Contributions last year

Toward deficit \$350; for books and laboratory \$236. Total \$586.

Now if you will add the increased expenditures to these contributions, which we had last year, which we have not had this year, you will get about \$2,368, which represents the difference in outgo practically for this year over last. The increase in school bills will be about \$900, and we save about \$140 on labor, printing, advertising and postage. The result is about as I said before, deficit somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$1,400.

We have lost pupils from the house on account of sickness, in an unprecedented way, thus diminishing our income seriously. The steady weakening of the Vocal department accounts for a large slice of the diminution in receipts, and there is some loss on account of the change in the Piano Principal. All in all it puts us in a bad way. I could explain it to you more definitely if I could see you.

On the other hand the outlook for next year is first class. The pupils seem to be in good spirits and our effort toward improvement in buildings will give them something to tell their friends about that will be a very great help.

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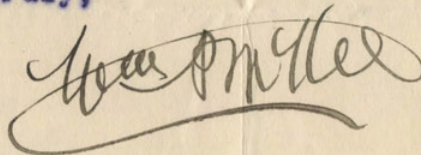
Mt. Carroll, Ill., 4/11/99.

I have a note from Clara Hulbert, saying that she will consider a proposition from us for next year. It is a serious question in my mind, if Miss Tunnell goes to Kansas City, as is expected, whether we will not be able, by giving the book-keeping to a pupil, to get along with one less full Instructor than we have had this year and thus save four or five hundred dollars next year. What would you think of asking Clara to do German two periods a day, and English two periods a day, and History one period a day, making five in all? This would leave nothing unprovided for except the Higher Algebra, which the University seems to require now greatly to our annoyance. If it were not for this half year of Higher Algebra, we could provide for everything without the extra teacher, by committing the introductory work to an assistant.

I am still looking for three other men to join me in giving \$500 a piece to this Building Fund. I am satisfied that Rinewalt would do it if Metcalf would, but I do not see any evidence that Metcalf will do it.

Is anything of special interest going on at the University again within three or four weeks? I am going in as soon as there is something on hand.

Yours very truly,



Dr. W. R. H.

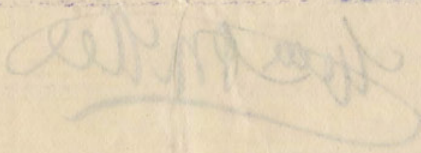
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Morse
OUR PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR...
INCLUDE NEW MT. CARROLL, ILL., 4/13/99.
DORMITORIES GYMNASIUM, ETC.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Adams

Mrs. Hattie N. LeBelley has subscribed	\$ 50
Miss Neva M. Davis, our instructor in Elocution,	50
The Educational Aid Ass'n.	300
Chas. M. Miles,	25
Sarah Hostetter	10
Laura Coleman,	10
W. T. S. Holman	10
Jake Miles,	50

Total subscriptions to date including Mrs. Shimers \$4415; Total necessary to meet Mrs. Shimer's conditions \$1585.

We have reason to think that the subscriptions will come in more rapidly here now, in as much as the school house question has been settled. I do not, however, see, for the life of me, where we are going to get \$1585 more in Mt. Carroll and vicinity.

It has to come to the knowledge of the Trustees that Mrs. Shimer has offered to sell a farm to a resident of this town at a certain sum on the condition that the man shall contribute \$500 toward this Building Fund. I can scarcely believe that anything will come of it, but it does show that Mrs. Shimer's interest in the matter is wide awake.

Yours truly,

W. P. M. Kel

P. S. May I use your name with that of the rest of the Committee in an appeal to be published in the newspapers here?

W. P. M.

The University of Chicago
or
The Francis & Taylor Publishing

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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

APR 14 1889

*McKee
Blaine*

Dear Dr Harper

(5)

Miss Blaine is on the
war path - expresses herself in presence of
teachers and pupils concerning the insufficiency
of her salary - has asked me for a letter of
recommendation - goes to Chicago next Thursday
to look for a place. Your instructions to me
were - not to try to persuade her to stay, and I
am obeying instructions. But what about a successor?

Yrs
Wm P. McKee

The Francis & Taylor Building

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

MT. CARROLL, ILL.

(3)

Dear Mr. Taylor

was felt - expression of interest in
teacher and pupils concerning the
of the school - has asked me for a letter of
recommendation - goes to Chicago next Thursday
to look for a place. Your invitation to me
was - not to try to persuade me to stay, and I
am staying in the school. But what about a recommendation?

Yours truly
The Francis & Taylor Building

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

5/2/99.

McKee

President W. R. Harper,

Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Dr. Harper:-

The Committee here unanimously request that you should write to Mrs. Shimer at once and ask her to accept the money we have raised as filling her conditions. This is absolutely necessary to clinch the pledges which have been made. Every pledge contains the clause underlined in the copy enclosed herewith.

The Committee are just as unanimous in their determination to get the full \$4000 required by Mrs. Shimer, but we cannot get it at once, while it is necessary to have the subscriptions bound before we can wisely let any contracts. I do not consider that it is our province to write her about this matter, and we therefore request you to do it.

Yours truly,

Wm P McKee

The Frances Shimer Endowment

The University of Chicago

William A. Miller, Dean

5/2/99.

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Wm. A. Miller

Mrs. F. A. W. Shimer, having offered to contribute two thousand dollars cash for renewing the buildings and increasing the equipment of the Frances Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago on condition that the further sum of four thousand dollars cash be raised for the same purposes, we the undersigned agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the said Frances Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago, on or before January 1, 1900, the sums set opposite our respective names, on condition that the full sum of four thousand dollars, or such smaller sum as may be accepted by Mrs. Shimer, for the said purposes of renewing the buildings and increasing the equipment of the Academy, be raised in subscriptions satisfactory to the Board of Trustees of the Academy. The fact that such sum has been obtained, and the time when completed, shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Academy, and entered upon their record, and the certificate of the chairman of said Board of Trustees shall be evidence of the fact.

Mr. E. W. Miller, having offered to contribute two thousand dollars each for remodeling the buildings and increasing the equipment of the Francis Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago on condition that the further sum of four thousand dollars each be raised for the same purpose, the undersigned agreed to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the said Francis Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago, on or before January 1, 1900, the sum of one thousand dollars, on condition that the full sum of four thousand dollars, or such smaller sum as may be accepted by Mr. Miller, for the said purpose of remodeling the buildings and increasing the equipment of the Academy, be raised in subscription satisfactory to the Board of Trustees of the Academy. The fact that such sum has been obtained and the time when completed, shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Academy, and entered upon their record, and the certificate of the chairman of said board of trustees shall be evidence of the fact.

May 4th, 1899.

Mrs. F. A. Shimer,
DeLand, Fla.

Francis Shimer

My dear Mrs. Shimer:

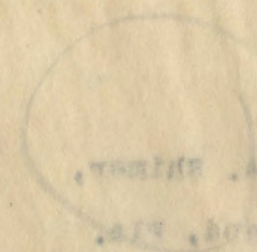
The Committee at Mt. Carroll and in Chicago have been hard at work. We have secured pledges amounting to about \$3000. These pledges are made upon the basis of the enclosed subscription. This subscription paper was carefully drawn, and, as you will see, every subscription is good only on condition that the full sum of \$4000. is secured, or such smaller sum as may be accepted by yourself. I believe that we shall get the \$4000., but we cannot get it at once. Now if we are to have the advantage of this money next autumn we must start in on the repairs and changes at once. I write on behalf of the Committee to ask whether you will accept the sum of \$3000., assuring you that we shall continue just as urgently to endeavor to secure the \$4000. You will observe that not a dollar of the \$3000. is good unless it is accepted by you. We believe that a great work has been done in Carroll County in securing the \$3000. thus raised. The citizens have come forward splendidly. It was a new kind of work for them, but they have responded and the Academy will be greatly the gainer from this agitation.

Hoping that you are well and that you will consent to this proposition, I remain,

Yours very truly

May 4th, 1892

Handwritten signature



Mrs. F. A. Shiner,
Bellevue, Wis.

My dear Mrs. Shiner:

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been hard at work. We have accepted pledges amounting to about \$2000.
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by you. We believe that a great work has been done in Carroll County
by its members, the \$2000. being raised. The officers have been chosen
regularly. It was done at a time when the work was hard, and that was because
of the Assembly will be given the money this fall.

Respectfully, I remain,

Very truly

The Frances Shimer Academy

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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

5/25/99.

McKee

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

We are making a strong appeal to people who have declined to give up to the present time here in town. On Sunday the matter is to be presented in the Baptist Church by the Pastor and myself. We have no thought of failure and at the same time we cannot see where the last \$300 is to come from; if indeed we can see where the last \$500 is to come from. We expect to have a meeting of the committee on Monday night at which time some decisive action of some sort will be taken. I have received no further word from Dr. Goodspeed and assume that we are to have no further help from Chicago. The list now stands at \$5211.55 not counting Cobb's plans which are worth \$200. We have received no figures as yet as to what the improvements will cost. I do not believe that the people will allow the thing to fail but I do not know of any five men to get to give \$200 a piece as you suggest nor \$100 a piece. We will be able to make a pretty definite statement next Monday, in my judgment.

Yours very truly,

Wm McKee
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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

MAY 31 1899

McKee

Dr Harper:

We lack \$358⁴⁵ still

(3 p.m. ~~W~~ Monday).

What shall we do if we
are short Tuesday when time comes
to let contract? I fear we may be.
Would you appeal for funds at Commence-
ment - in any case?

McKee

The Francis Spitzer Reading

The University of Chicago

William A. Miller, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 1881 18 1882

We have \$328.42, still

(3 p.m. 11th November)

What shall we do?

are about Tuesday when our course
to let court? I fear we may be
would you appeal for funds of course
ment - in any case

W. Miller

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The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

*Dr. Goodspeed's
telegraphed
that I disliked
understand
Mr. Carroll, I have
written him
about it*

MT. CARROLL, ILL.

McKee

June 3. 99

Dr. Harper =

I infer from Dr. Goodspeed's letter in answer to my telegram to you that you do not deem it wise to take any action toward increasing my salary for the coming year. At the meeting in January you said that you thought that it would be increased \$300 - Perhaps you have had reason to change your mind.

I have not changed my opinion in the matter. This will make the third Summer I have worked all vacation in the

The Frances Spitzer Rosenberg

The University of Chicago

William A. Hall, Dean

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June 2. 99

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WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

rectors of the Academy, tho in your letter
naming conditions of my appointment in May '97
you expressly state that I was to have the
"usual vacation accorded instructors and
university officers." I will put the \$1500—
into the budget as usual; for I am not
going to make an appeal to the Board for an
increase in salary. But I would not have
you nor Dr Goodspeed feel that I think that
the remuneration is satisfactory; for it is not.
NB We have all the \$6000 now except
92 91⁴⁵ Yrs WPM Kee

The Frances Shimer Academy

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The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

McKee
June 4/99

OK
Dear Dr. Harper =
I do not know that I understand
the import of your telegram "I understood it was
eighteen hundred." I have however left the
matter in your hands.

I am glad to be able to announce
that we have pledged now amounting to \$6026.55.
Some of it is conditional
with more to come. and we will keep on until we get all covered,

Cordially
W P M'Kee

9/7

MT. CARROLL, ILL., June 4/77

Dear Dr. Spitzer - I do not think that I understand
 the import of your telegram "I have decided to
 resign" I have however left the
 matter in your hands.
 I am glad to be able to announce
 that we have filed an amendment to the constitution
 with view to come. Some of it is constitutional
 and we will keep on until we get all covered.

Sincerely,
 Wm. A. Wilson

Conservatory Concert

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

Monday, June 5, 1899

at eight p. m.

PART I.

1. Overture, Midsummer Night's Dream, Mendelssohn
MISSSES CRATTY, BAIRD, JORDAN, KENYON.
2. Kennst Du das Land, - - - - Liszt
MISS WINTER.
3. Polonaise in A Major, - - - - Chopin
MISS KENYON.
4. Toreador's Song, Carmen, - - - - Bizet
MR. THOMAS.
5. Rondo Capriccioso, - - - - Mendelssohn
MISS JORDAN.
6. Brindisi, La Traviata, - - - - Verdi
MISS BURT.

PART II

1. Thine - - - - Bohm
MISS CONRAD.
2. Largo, Concerto in C Minor - - Beethoven
MISS SMITH.
3. Bolero, - - - - Gounod
MISS MERSHON.
4. Etude in D Flat, - - - - Liszt
MISS CRATTY.
5. A Song of Thanksgiving, - - - - Allitsen
6. Hybrias the Cretan, - - - - Elliott
MR. SMITH.
7. Concerto, G Minor, Allegro Confuoco, Mendelssohn
MISS BAIRD.

THE GRADUATING CLASS.



JESSIE MARIE CAPPERUNE,

ALICE MAY GIBBS,

ROSABEL GLASS,

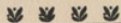
ADALINE IRVINE HOSTETTER,

TEXA WILSON JORDAN,

ETHEL KENYON,

EDITH WEBER.

MARY AUGUSTA NOURSE.



THE CHOIR.

Mrs. Eva T. Rogers,	-	-	Organist
Mrs. Blanche Cave Jacobs,	-	-	Soprano
Mary Queen Conrad,	-	-	- Alto
Luther Hartman.	-	-	- Tenor
George Porter Smith,	-	-	- Basso

THE USHERS.

Bertha Kinney,	Pearl Sandusky,	Edna Ames,
Theo Cratty,	Jessie Matkin.	

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THE FRANCES SHIMER ACADEMY

Of the University of Chicago.

Mt. Carroll, Ill.



Sunday, June 4, 1899

3:30 P. M.

The Order of Exercises.



1. Processional, - - - Mrs. EVA T. ROGERS
2. Doxology.
3. The Invocation, - - - REV. WM. BEERS
4. Psalm 91, Read Responsively, - REV. J. F. F. KAYHOE
5. Anthem,—“Lovely Appear,” (Redemption,) - Gounod
6. The Scripture Lesson, - - - REV. J. M. PHELPS
7. Duet,—Crucifix, - - - - Faure
MRS. JACOBS AND MR. SMITH.
8. The Prayer, - - - - REV. A. J. KEMPTON
9. Response, “The Lord is My Shepherd.”
10. Hymn, - - - - CHOIR AND CONGREGATION
11. The Sermon, - - - - DEAN WM. P. MCKEE
12. Hymn.
13. The Benediction, - - - - REV. GEO. E. CLARK
14. Recessional.

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., JUN 10 1899

McKee

Dr Harper = We have in cash & pledges toward
the new building \$7146, 02

Only \$53.98 needed to
Cover the whole \$7200.00. I think
that we will get it all in time to
sign contract Tuesday
McKee

The Francis & John B. Bingham

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

(93)

MT. CARMEL, ILL.

Dr. Harper -
The time is over a little longer
It was undoubtedly \$7146.02

Cover the whole \$7500.00. I think
that we will get a bill in time to
send you
Yours
W. H. K.

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

JUN 14 1899

Dr Harper I think this list will give you
joy. Things have moved beyond all
Expectation. It was a stroke of genius
when you gave the word "ask for
specifications for a new building".
And is it Mrs Shimer
a daisy? Yrs McKee

My dear Mr. Spitzer,
I thank you very much for
the copy of your book which
you have sent me. I have
just received it and am
glad to find it so interesting
and full of valuable
information. I am sure
it will be of great
service to me in my
present work.

The Frances Shimer Academy

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The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., JUL 10 1899

Dr Harper = You will of course do as you
please about letting miss Miller off; but I do
not wish to be held responsible for the results.
I think that we have new teachers enough
for next year

Yrs
McKee

The Francis Spitzer Academy

The University of Chicago

William A. Miller, Dean

MT. CARROLL, INDIANA, 1882

My dear Sir

I think that we have been
not without the best
papers about sitting down
for well of course so as you
will be off but I do
not want to be
for need your

Yours
Wm. A. Miller

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

*McKee
Kister*

MT. CARROLL, ILL., Aug. 28th. 1899.

Dr. W. R. Harper

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:--

Mr. Veeder wrote me the same letter he wrote
you, I do not wish to answer it, but I hope that you will do so.

Yours truly,

W. P. McKee

*McKee
What is his
address*

*Lyons
New York*

No ans

The Francis & Taylor Company

The University of Chicago

William A. Morse, Clerk

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Handwritten notes:
The letter is to be
sent to the
University of Chicago
Library

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
...FOR THE...
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

~~Mr. P. McKel~~
~~Return~~

COLUMBUS MEETING,
AUG. 19-26, 1899.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug 21-1899

President Mrs R. Harper, University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:- My daughter Sarah E. Reeder forwards to me the correspondence regarding the position she has occupied at Mt Carroll, and her election to Ohio Wesleyan. Being in the midst of educational acquaintances I have submitted it to a number of them, and they are unanimous that under such circumstances consummation of the change is best for all concerned. I have therefore advised my daughter that I shall take the responsibility of insisting to that effect.

I know that she has a great liking for Mt Carroll and there is not the slightest disposition on her part to find fault. But the Ohio Wesleyan authorities went to Syracuse and found out enough about her work to induce them to make her a desirable offer. She had been waiting for an answer from Mt Carroll for some weeks and did not consider herself engaged there without such answer. President Bashford stated that it was necessary for him to notify other candidates so that she was hurried into acceptance not dreaming that there would be a disposition to hinder her advancement (without regard to technicalities) and so the complication arose and I do not now see any way out except for her to go on with the arrangement at Ohio Wesleyan and shall so insist. It has been an unfortunate matter all around and I greatly regret its occurrence.

Yours very truly

M. A. Reeder

P.S. I know nothing about the question of balance due but take the responsibility in that regard also of saying that such balance may be kept as a goodwill offering. Have written Dean McKel to above effect also

M. A. R.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
...FOR THE...
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

COLUMBUS MEETING
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COLUMBUS, O., Aug 21 - 1899

President Mr. R. H. Jackson, University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir: My daughter Sarah's letter prompts me to write to you regarding the position she has occupied at the Council, and her election to the position. I am in the midst of education of my daughter, and have submitted it to a number of them, and they are unanimous that under such circumstances communication of the change is best for all concerned. I have therefore advised my daughter that I shall take the responsibility of insisting to that effect.

I know that she has agreed to resign for Mr. Carroll and this is the slightest objection on her part to find fault. But the Ohio Association authorities want to suppress her and find out enough about her work to induce them to make her a reasonable offer. She has been waiting for an answer from Mr. Carroll for some weeks and did not consider herself engaged there without first answer. President Boardford stated that it was necessary for him to notify others regarding so that she was hurried into a decision not dreaming that there would be a disposition to hinder her advancement (without regard to technicalities) and so the configuration arose and she was now very sorry not except for her to go on with the arrangement at Ohio Association and shall so insist. It has been an unfortunate matter all around and I greatly regret its occurrence.

Yours very truly
Mr. Jackson

P.S. I have written about the question of her work and I take the responsibility in that regard also of saying that she has been very useful as a friendly offering. Have written them to take the above effect also.
A. V.

The Frances Schimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

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McKee

Mr Harper =

I know that you assured me
that you would be here Sept 28 - 8 p. m.,
to attend our Dedication Exercises. But I
want to assure you in addition that you
must break my heart if you allow anything
to interfere with that engagement. Your
presence means much here - and it begins
to look as tho we were going to get out of the woods;
and if we do you will enjoy being here
Yr McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL.

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My dear Mr. Carpenter

I thank you very much for the
 letter you would be sure to
 be looking over the enclosed
 want to know you in addition that you
 not break my heart if you attend anything
 to interfere with that engagement. I am
 former woman must be - and I hope
 that as the one more going to get out of the world
 and if you be you will enjoy being here
 I am very truly
 your friend
 W. E. Miller, Jr.

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

JK

Minneapolis

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

716 13 ave S. E.

Mckee

Aug 21. 99

Mr Harper =

I get no word from Miss Sherwood, our former Instructor.

I met Miss Mabel Camp of Lake Bluff Saturday evening. Her training and experience are satisfactory to me but I would not accept her personal appearance without your explicit approval. Will you ask her to see you Tuesday or Wednesday and wire me your judgment at above address. She is in a great hurry, as she has another position waiting to go to
W P Mckee

The Francis & John Academy

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

OK

Minneapolis

Sept 21. 22

MR. CARROLL

116 13 Ave S.E.

St. Charles =
I got no word from Mrs. Howard. car
former Quaker.
I met Mrs. Mabel Camp of Lake
Bluff. Doubtless meeting her formerly and
reference are satisfactory to me but I would
not accept her personal appearance without
your explicit approval. Will you call her
to see you at Sunday or Wednesday next week
or perhaps Friday at about 11:00 AM. It is an
important question, as it has created further working
to the matter

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., 10/10/99.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Will you have the kindness to ask the following gentlemen to lecture for us on some date between Jan. 1st and April 1st, 1899?

Mr. Shepardson, Mr. Starr, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Geo. Goodspeed.

We wish very much that Dr. Goodspeed would tell us something about Greek Religion.

Is there anybody whom we could get to give us a lecture on Greek Art?

I will write Professor Judson and Dr. Crandall myself.

Cordially yours,

Wm P. McKee

The Frances Spilner Harding

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

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Cordially yours,

10/10/99.

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

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MT. GARROLL, ILL.,

10/10/99.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

It seems to me necessary that I should spend a good share of next Summer in and about the University. I think that I could carry on the necessary details of the Academy work, coming out here occasionally but staying in Chicago the most of the time.

Would it be possible for me to rent a furnished house in order that Mother and Harper might be with me? I have not spoken to Mother about it, but my impression is that it would be a great pleasure to her to spend the Summer in Chicago. Could you give me any estimate as to what it would cost us to get such a house as I mention, in a quarter near the University? It occurs to me that possibly some professor may be out of residence for that time and we might get his house.

Very cordially yours,

W P McKee

The Francis Spitzer Building

The University of Chicago

William F. Meyer, Dean

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

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Very cordially yours,

10/10/99.

W. F. Meyer, Ill.

The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago
WILLIAM P. McKEE, Dean

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., Oct. 24th, 1899.9.

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

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. Starr cannot lecture for us, owing to absence from the country. Mr. Goodspeed says that he has no lecture ready and has no time to make one. Mr. Crandall says that he is too busy with his new meeting house and other present duties. I have no reply from Mr. Shepardson up to the present time, therefore we have no lecturers whatever for the season, except yourself. I feel absolutely helpless in the matter, and do not think that anybody can do anything except yourself.

Cordially yours,

W P McKee

W P McKee
Three of the pupils reported as
"Expected" on Oct. 29 -
Came in today. & one a fortnight
ago. Things are improving

McKee

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
LIBRARY

Oct. 24, 1905

President W. W. Barker,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Barker:-

Mr. Barry cannot lecture for me, owing to absence from the country. Mr. Goodspeed says that he has no lecture room and has no time to make one. Mr. Crumwell says that he is too busy with the new meeting house and other present duties. I have no reply from Mr. [unclear] up to the present time, therefore I have no lecture to deliver for the season, except [unclear]. I feel extremely [unclear] in the matter, and do not think that anybody can do anything except yourself.

Cordially yours,

W. W. Barker

W. W. Barker of the [unclear] [unclear] in
[unclear] on [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 11/28/99.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Dr. Harper:-

I did not seem to get time on Saturday to tell you that Mrs. Shimer has offered to furnish all the money we want to buy pianos; she to receive the money back from the fees we get for practice. I have agreed to accept one piano on those terms.

I enclose bill as requested.

Yours truly,

W P McKee

The Frances Shimer Academy

The University of Chicago

White Hall, Room

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President W. R. Harper,
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Yours truly,

Carroll

The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago
WILLIAM P. McKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL., Dec. 9th, 1899.

President W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

What shall we do with regard to our Instructor in Art? She seems to be almost an entire failure as an instructor, although she is acquainted with the matter, especially in Oils. She does not seem to know how to teach. In the matter of Anatomy she does not seem to be informed. At one time, it looked as though we would lose pupils on account of the matter. Her personal appearance is greatly against her, and her method of criticism is the severe one which recognizes no excellence and discourages the pupils.

I think it might be possible to get Miss Sherwood to come on and take her place in case we could make some amicable settlement with Miss Camp to give up her work.

The income for the past quarter for her work has been but \$51, of which \$30 was not in cash. It was more than double this a year ago.

Yours truly,

W. P. McKee

Ms She costs us \$350 per year and house

McKee

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 1/22/00.

President W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

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The gentleman referred to, who lives in a large western city, is a Baptist deacon from Omaha, Neb., whose daughter was here last year and went home because of bad health. They found some fault with the equipment as they were wealthy people and had every luxury. I am interested to know that they took exception also in other ways, and I am sorry. Is there anything more you wish me to do with regard to this matter? I will meet ^{Baldwin} him in a business way at the Club the next time I am in Chicago if he wishes to see me. I certainly will not go to call on him.

I will return the letter within a day or so.

Will Shall I reply in detail again
to his points? *no*

Yours very truly,

W. P. McKee

The University of Chicago

Department of Chemistry

Room 5, North Hall

President W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.
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I will return the letter within a day or so.

Yours very truly,
H. M. Hall

MT. CARROLL, ILL. 1/22/00.

The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago
WILLIAM P. McKEE, Dean

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., Jan. 23, 1900. ~~1899~~

President W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

If I am able to arrange my work so that I can get away as I think I can, I will probably be present at the meeting of the congregation on Friday afternoon. I will see Dr. Goodspeed and Mr. Rust with relation to the settlement with Mr. Stratton and will have a word with you concerning the matter of the teachers for next year, in case you can spare the time.

You will be interested to know that Miss Kelly, who left the Academy under discipline in December, afterwards sought entrance at Iowa College, Grinnell, and was refused, after ^{Rust} Gates had written us with regard to the matter. On his advice and mine she returns this week to the Academy. One other certainly, and two possibly will also enter next Tuesday, making a decided addition to our household.

Cordially yours,

Wm P. McKee

The [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

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The Frances Shimer Academy

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The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

McKee

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 2/1/00.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

We have been through the books and made an estimate of the situation, Jan. 29th, which is the middle of the school year, and if our estimates of expenses and prospective income are correct, the deficiency will run considerably under \$500, ^{for the year ending July 1, 1900,} possibly under \$300. Of course nobody knows how many pupils may be compelled to leave, but the situation at this minute is very hopeful.

Would you send these facts to other members of the Board?

Yours truly,

Your 2 qtrts are OK so far
WPM

WPM

The Francis Spinner Exchange

The University of Chicago

William A. Miller, Dean

Mr. Carroll, Ill. 2/1/00.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

We have been through the books and made an estimate of the situation, Jan. 29th, which is the middle of the school year, and is our estimate of expenses and prospective income are as follows, the balance will run consistently under \$200, possibly under \$100. Of course nobody knows how many pupils may be compelled to leave, but the situation at this time is very hopeful.

Would you send these facts to other members of the Board?

Yours truly,

John A. Miller and Dr. Harper

W. R. Harper

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Frances Shimer Academy,

Mt. Carroll, Ill., Feb. 5th, 1900.

President W. R. Harper,

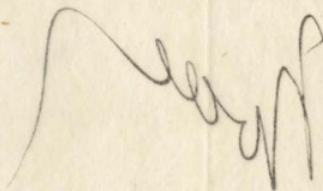
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We will esteem it a favor if we may now have your subscription of \$200.00 to the Building Fund, due thirty days ago, as we are in urgent need of money. Payments may be made by check to the order of the Frances Shimer Academy, or the money may be deposited to the credit of the Academy at either of the Mt. Carroll Banks.

Very cordially yours,

W. R. M. Ke
Dean.



Frances Shimer Academy,

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

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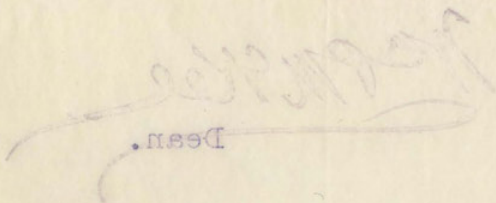
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Dean.

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 2/5/00.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

In Minneapolis there was a club of preachers and professors who met at dinner every two weeks, each man furnishing a paper in succession. It occurred to me that there might be something of this sort in connection with the University, which I might be able to attend once in four or six weeks and furnish my paper in order.

Yours very truly,

Wm McKee

~~Academy~~
why not?

The Frances B. Smith Academy

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

President W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

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fessors who met at dinner every two weeks, each contributing a paper
in succession. It occurred to me that there might be something of this
sort in connection with the University, which I might be able to arrange
once in four or six weeks and furnish my paper in order.

Yours very truly,

Robert H. Coates

*Received
Jan 10 1892*

MT. CARMEL, ILL.
2/5/00.

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL, 2/12/00.

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Wm. L.

Dr. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Harper:-

I took pains yesterday to go through the entire list of people who were here last year who did not return and asked Miss Hulbert in every case if she thought that the matter of food had anything to do with their failure to return and she said that she did not think it did. She also said that she did not believe that there was sufficient ground for any complaint whatever this year *about food.*

I may say that I have done the same thing in the case of all the teachers with the same result.

Miss Blaine says that, in her judgment, the school will grow more when we charge more. She thinks that the price we have advertises the school as a cheap school and so turns many patrons away.

Yours very truly,

Wm. L.

MT. CARROLL, ILL. 2/12/00.

(62)

My dear Dr. Harper,

Dr. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Harper:-

I took pains yesterday to go through the entire list of people who were here last year who did not return and asked Miss Abbott in every case if she thought that the matter of food was anything to do with their failure to return and she said that she did not think so. She also said that she did not believe that there was anything ground for my complaint whatever this year. Yours truly,

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Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

(56)
MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

ED 20 1900

Dear Dr A

The last time I saw you you
were wanting to borrow \$1500, and now
you are paying Mother's note off when she
had no notice of your condign intention
& does not know what to do with the
money. I don't know whether she will
want to loan you any more or not!

M Kee

The Francis & John B. Boring

The University of Chicago

WILLIAM A. BOWEN, JR.

W. CARROLL, JR.

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Dear Sir

I have been thinking of you very much
and wondering how you are getting on.
I hope you are well and happy.
I have been very busy lately
but I have not forgotten you.
I have been thinking of you
and wondering how you are getting on.
I hope you are well and happy.
I have been very busy lately
but I have not forgotten you.

Yours truly
W. Carroll, Jr.

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., 3/5/00.

President W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Dr. Harper:-

Dr. Metcalf says that he thinks that I ought to consult the best surgeon in Chicago at once concerning my trouble. My intention is to go to Chicago on Friday of this week. What better can I do than to see Dr. Senn? I wish you would write me freely concerning the matter or telephone or telegraph at my expense.

I am feeling pretty well but the last attack was pretty severe.

Cordially yours,

MB would you mind writing a letter to Senn direct introducing me? WPMcKee