

April 25th, 1901.

Dear William P. McKee,

Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee:

I do not think we ought to write to Mrs. Shimer about using her name, until we decide upon our policy. If we are going to close up the Academy, the sooner we close it the better. I am still thinking with reference to the action of the Education Society, and I may add that I am doing something more than thinking; I am making an investigation. You will hear from me within a short time.

Very truly yours,

Shimer
OF
University of Chicago
WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

Dr. W. R. Harper
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Shimer Academy
OF
University of Chicago
WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

Mt. Carroll, Ill., 4/22/01.



Dr. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. Rinewalt has not been able to secure a mortgage loan and he gives it up. The bank, which we are doing business with, is willing to continue to loan us money on short term paper as it has been doing, and it will increase the amount to \$2500 instead of the \$1000, which we have borrowed hitherto. This will allow us to wiggle along. Furthermore they are willing to loan us the \$3000 for three years if Mrs. Shimer will give an accommodation note as security, or if some of the Board of Trustees will do this. Mr. Rinewalt says that it is out of the question to expect a member of the board to do it, but he thinks it would be a good thing to ask Mrs. Shimer to do it. I am not sure whether we are fulfilling the letter of the Board's action in going ahead with the assurance the bank gives about temporary loans or not, but inasmuch as you have said to go along, and inasmuch as this is the only arrangement we have been able to make, we are going on and take our chances on the consequences. I wish, however, that you would consider the matter of asking Mrs. Shimer to lend us the use of her name. If she will do that we can borrow \$3000 for three years at probably 5% and that will fix us out in good shape. Please let me hear from you with regard to that as soon as you can.

I have closed the contracts for advertising and I will go ahead with the arrangements for the steam heat, and the making over of the dining room. I am writing Dr. Goodspeed what the situation is and asking him to notify the teachers at once of their election. I tried to get you by telephone but was unable to do so. I wish I could see you but I live so far away.

Yours very truly,

Wm McKee

The University of Chicago
The University of Chicago
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MT. CARROLL, ILL. 4/22/01.



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The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago
Office of the Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 4/29/01.



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Dear Dr. Harper:-

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Yours very truly,

Wm M. Kee

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Handwritten signature: J. H. ...

Handwritten note: These girls sent by her have found us our best patrons.

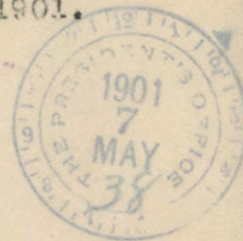
The Frances Shimer Academy

OF
The University of Chicago

WILLIAM P. MCKEE, Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 5/6/01.

May 14th, 1901.



President W. R. Harper,

Mr. W. P. McKee, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper: Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee: The mother of Miss Louelyn Rogers, now in Beloit College of whom I wrote you some time ago, is a widow without much means who has kept her daughter in college largely by doing sewing herself for the people of the neighborhood. The case seems to be a good one, and if she can find three hundred and fifty dollars, I think the University can arrange to have her go through at the utmost. I am of the opinion that if the tuition could be provided for she probably would strain a point and send the girl. Is there anything to be done in a case of this sort when the girl herself is really worth educating? Mrs. Rogers has not talked to me about the matter, but she has talked to Mother and I am of the opinion that this is the situation.

Yours very truly,

W. P. McKee

May 14th, 1901.

Mr. W. P. McKee,
Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee:

We will try to help Miss Rogers.
On the whole I think it is better for you to conduct
the correspondence. The case seems to be a good
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W. P. McKee

Don't let's say

that this is the situation.

We want the matter put before the people and I am of the opinion
that the best way to do this is to have a public hearing. The
fact is that the people are entitled to know what is going on and
the government should be held responsible for the money that is being
spent. I am of the opinion that if the
people are not satisfied with the way the money is being spent
they should have the right to say so. I do
believe in the right of the people to know what is going on and
to have a say in the way the money is being spent. I am of the
opinion that the government should be held responsible for the money
that is being spent and that the people should have the right to say
what they think about it.

The matter of the money that is being spent is a very important one.

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Respectfully,
W. B. Wilson



W. B. Wilson, Jr. 2/2/01

May 27th, 1901.

Dean W. P. McKee,

Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee:

I think it would be better for you
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The University of Chicago

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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

5/20/01.



President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I will depend on you to arrange the matter of the treasurer by letter, inasmuch, as you are not to be present at Commencement time.

Will you also prepare a report of the Committee on endowment to be submitted at that time? I would be glad to do so, but it seems to me that you want to express your own faith in the ultimate outcome of the matter rather than have me do it.

Yours very truly,

W P McKee

*MB I enclose report to be signed by you
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The Francis & Taylor Academy
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The Frances Shimer Academy
The University of Chicago
Office of the Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., JUN 5 1901

June 8th, 1901.



Dear Dr. Harper

The wedding is set for

Thursday June 27. I am anxious

Mr. W. P. McKee,

Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee:

Your note has been received. It will give me great pleasure to be present on the important occasion referred to. I can think of nothing that I should enjoy more.

Vida has just come home from Paris, and I shall ask you to send me also an invitation for her.

You do not tell me what hour the wedding will come off.

Very truly yours,

Yours

McKee

Place - 5100 Hibbard Ave

10 minutes from
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June 8th, 1901.

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The Francis Xavier Academy

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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

JUN 5 1901



Dear Dr. Harper ^{note} ~~engagement~~

The wedding is set for
Thursday June 27. I am anxious
to have you present. I will be
quiet — only a few — and I will
take you from your work but an
hour if necessary. I know that
this is asking much, but I feel
as tho you must be there. Can
you do so?

Yours

McKee

Place — 5100 Hibbard Ave

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MR. CARROLL, ILL.

My dear Mr. Carroll

Dear Dr. Harper

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to have your presence. It will be
great - only a few - and I will
take your own word for it but can
have if necessary. I feel
this is a happy union. But I feel
as the year must be there. Can
you be so?
Yours truly
Oliver - 2100 North Dear
10 minutes from
your office

July 25th, 1901.

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one channel thereby extending its influence in the
general advertising field.
My dear Sir:

I am writing to say that we have been
engaged recently in widening our connections in the
general advertising field and among advertising agen-
cies through the various facilities of the Press Di-
vision. It has been suggested that the establish-
ment of closer relations between the Press and the
affiliated schools in the placing of advertising
would be mutually advantageous. With this in view
I would suggest that you allow the Press an opportu-
nity to figure on such newspaper or magazine advertis-
ing as you are contemplating in the future.

Arrangements have been made whereby we
shall be able to place advertising for the various
departments of the University and for the affiliated
schools at actual cost, and by handling all of this
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The Director of the Press, Mr. Newman Miller, will be glad to confer with you at any time, and I thank you in advance for any cooperation which you may give us in this matter.

Very truly yours,

July 28th, 1901.

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MT. CARROLL, ILL. JUL 30 1901



Dear Dr. Harper =

The treasurer has advanced us \$3000 - (including the old deficit of \$300 - acct building fund - South Hall) and he says the bank would rather not advance any more. They are willing to let us have some more if I will lend use of my name. We must have \$700 - more if important bills (interest on mortgage - labor bills and teachers for last year) are paid. My salary is back

\$900 - — but I will get
\$700 - more for the Academy
to protect its credit till
School opens - unless
you have a better plan
to suggest.

Inquiries are more
numerous than a year
ago - but the actual
number of rooms enga-
ged is not much ahead
of last year. Same time

Yours
McKee



MT. CARROLL, ILL., AUG 20 1901

Dear Dr Harper:

I am somewhat disturbed over the poor prospect for pupils. We have had more inquiries than usual, but we have not had as many rooms actually engaged by pupils as we had a year ago at this time. If certain Chicago inquiries prove to be promising I may go to Chicago to see the people concerned next week, and will see you while there if you can give me time.

We have exceeded the appropriation for advertising - have written second letters to nearly all who have sent for calendars - have secured names of young women & girls in towns over the west who expect to go to girls' schools and have written scores of letters to such; have had old pupils and friends visit inquirers in numerous towns; and have met people here and have gone out into surrounding towns to see pupils and parents, wives of High Schools and want more work than we can give them.

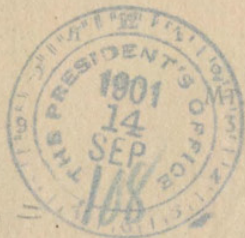
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W. C. CARROLL, III.

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CARROLL, ILL., SEP 12 1901

Dear D. Harper =

, Sept. 17, 1901.

Mr. H. P. McKee,

I have had a long talk with Mr. Rinewalt about the situation at the Frances Shimer Academy, Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

He thinks with me that Mrs. Shimer I note what you say concerning a talk with Mr. Rinewalt.

I will write Mrs. Shimer. I note what you say concerning the pupils. I think that you have reason to be encouraged and not discouraged. The increase from 44 to 52 pupils is an

increase of 20%. Can we not cut down our expenses for the year? of the trustees is well known.

Yours very truly,

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of the Dean
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I have had a long talk
with Mr. Roosevelt about the collection
of the things with me that Mr. Shuman
has been doing in connection with the
cost of the trial. It is well known
that the things are very important
from your point of view. I might
bring the things about without
giving it in the shape of a
request from the Board. I have
talked with Mr. M. and Dr.
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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

request to make of Mrs.
Shinner. I wrote her the
situation fully two weeks
ago. A request from you
would not be a surprise
to her. In case

you do not ~~or~~ take this view of
it will you not arrange for a
trustee meeting early next
week? It seems to me one of
the two must be done at
once.

The situation as to
attendance is this. We have

Academy of Chicago
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W. CARROLL, INC.

My dear Mr. Carroll,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the Chicago Academy of Science. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting on the 15th inst. but I hope you will be able to do so on the 16th inst. I am sure you will find the meeting very interesting and profitable. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. Carroll, Inc.

The meeting will be held at the Chicago Academy of Science, 121 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., on the 15th inst. at 8 o'clock P.M. I am sure you will find the meeting very interesting and profitable. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. Carroll, Inc.

MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

32 pupils in the house, as
against 28 the first week
last year, and 18 the first
week the first year. We
have 20 day pupils - 52
in all - as against 44

at this time a year ago.

If we keep all we have we
will receive \$10500 in school
bills in the year - \$2000 short
of required amount. We expect
to get more girls - some are
"in sight." Nobody can
be more humiliated

Printer A
City of Chicago

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MT. CARROLL, ILL.

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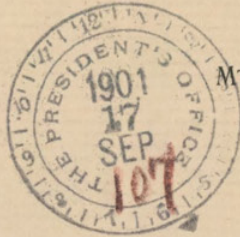
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will receive \$10000 in about
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of expenses incurred. The report
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be more interested

25th

Dear Mr. [illegible]
I have been thinking of you
very much lately and wondering
how you are getting on.
I hope you are well and happy.
I have been very busy lately
but I have managed to find
some time to write to you.

I am very glad to hear
from you and hope you are
all well. I have been very
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The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago



MT. CARROLL, ILL. Sept. 18, 1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,
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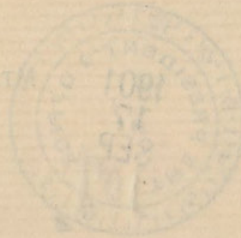
I am glad you have consented to write Mrs. Shimer and I will await her reply with anxiety. I hope that your letter to her and her response will be very prompt.

In the matter of reducing expenses, we will effect a reduction of perhaps \$200.00, on account of the absence of Miss Hulburt this quarter. The appropriation for provisions was based on a larger attendance than we have at present and unless the attendance increases the appropriation, of course, will not all be used. We may save \$330- in that way. The money appropriated for permanent improvements has been expended and we can do nothing there. The appropriations for salaries are fixed and I do not know how to reduce them without the consent of the people concerned. We may save a little out of appropriations for labor etc. With the pupils that are in sight who have not yet come I should say that we might increase the total receipts, if we hold what we have, to \$11700 - (budget 13600,) and reduce the expenses to \$13000 (budget 13600), leaving the situation as follows:- deficit \$1300 or more

Yours truly,

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if we hold what we have, to \$11,000 (estimated), and reduce the expenses
to \$10,000 (estimated), leaving the situation as follows:-

Yours truly,

Oct. 26, 1901.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

I have your note concerning Mrs. Hostetter's daughter and assure you that we shall be glad to take up her case. I am writing Mrs. Hostetter now.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

Oct. 24, 1901.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

I have your note concerning Mrs. Hostetter's daughter and assure you that we shall be glad to take up her case. I am writing Mrs. Hostetter now.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

The Frances Shimer Academy

OF
The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., Sept. 24, 1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Our Mrs. W. R. Hostetter's daughter Beth graduates from the Academy the coming June, having taken five years for the work. She will undoubtedly take the scholarship and I am satisfied that they intend to have her go away to school, though they have not said that they expect to send her to the University. She is one of the finest pupils I have ever known and I am very anxious that she should go to the University. I think it would be a good thing if you ~~should~~ write to Mrs. Hostetter with regard to the matter expressing your interest in her daughter. I am in hopes that she will be with you next year.

Yours truly,

Wm. P. M. Kee

The University of Chicago
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Yours truly,

Send to
McKee



Oakland, Cal -
June 25/01

President Harper,
The University of Chicago
My dear Dr. Harper:

Mrs. Skinner
wishes to have the enclosed
letter, if possible, reach her
^(with dispatch) on the evening of the 27th.

We have not any other
Chicago address for her than
that of the University. Will
you kindly take this to
her as you go to be present
at the time of her marriage

or if too late for that send
to such address as will
reach her. I am sorry to
trouble one so full of cares
with so small a matter —
but nothing is small for a
bride, you know.

We are deeply interested
in this marriage and
hope much of good will
come from the new relation.

Mrs. Thimur is suffer-
ing from nervous exhaustion
and is obliged to lay
aside all business and
work of any kind for
the present.

With most hearty wishes
for a continuation of prosperity
for you, I am

Very Sincerely
Adelia C. Joy

October 4th, 1901.

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Pres. W. B. Harper,

October 28th, 1901.

University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Miss James is sick with sciatica. We are very much afraid that she will have to go to a hospital for a month. It is possible that it will be even more serious than that. If she has to go to a hospital for a month we will have to make temporary provision for the instruction in Latin. We can take care of her work as Lady Principal through some of the teachers now present, but nobody here can teach Latin. Miss Blaine, if she cares to do the work and can do it with the right spirit. If not, I would try to get some one from Chicago. I think we could fill the place from here.

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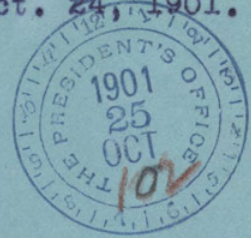
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Mrs. Shimer's funeral occurs at 10:30, Thursday morning. I understood you by telephone to say that Dr. Goodspeed would be here to speak at that time. Mrs. Hazzen reaches Chicago by the C. E. & I railroad at 9:15 Wednesday. They will come out at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. Goodspeed will select his own time, of course, for coming. I had thought if you were going to be here we would have a meeting of the Board, but I suppose that under the circumstances it would not be desirable.

Yours truly,

Wm. M. L.

MB Miss Joy is in Danversport - has been for a week - tho' that Mrs Shimer was much better. Nobody had any notice - warning. Telegram came Sunday morning.

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., Nov. 16, 1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

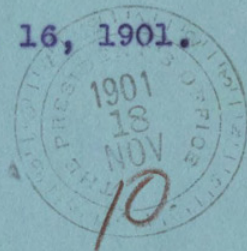
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Miss Joy tells me that Mrs. Shimer's will is in DeLand, Florida, and that as soon as she can have it probated she will send me a copy of it. It was made some years ago and Miss Joy has only read it once and does not wish to undertake to give the details from memory. She assures us, however, that the Academy is generously remembered, though the total value of Mrs. Shimer's estate will be much lower than it was at one time thought. The executors are Miss Joy, Mrs. Hazzen, and Mrs. W. B. Sawyer, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

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MT. CARROLL, IL Dec. 3, 1901.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

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Dear Dr. Harper:-

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MR. CARROLL, JR., 5, 1901.

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Yours truly,

Wm P McKee

MB. We are entering the 2^d quarter about as well as we expected - some unexpected losses - but some unexpected gain also; on the whole a loss - but as compared with that of a year ago it is nothing

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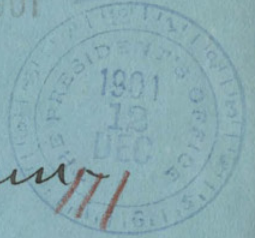
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\$30000 - or \$40000 - — not that that much
would be left for Academy. She
tells me that Miss Joy thinks there
will be enough to pay the Academy
debts - \$10000 - say !!

I find too that the will
bequeaths \$26000 - or more, in
cash, to various people; ~~too~~ \$11000⁰⁰
to Mrs. Harzen, \$10000 to Miss Joy &c.

Full copy of will will be sent you
tomorrow.

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Yours McKee

Dear Mr. [Name] -
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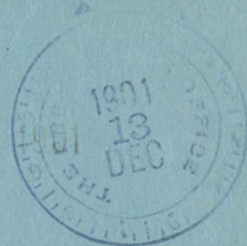
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Dear Dr Harper =

I enclose copy of copy of will. My copy came from A J Sawyer, Executor's attorney, Lincoln Nebraska, where will is to be probated.

The executors are to meet in Lincoln between Dec 25 and Jan 1. They are not apt to meet again in a long time. Would it not be well for you to meet with them and get at the situation? I fear that as soon as the contents of the will are known, our creditors will demand their money - especially the bank; for the uncertainty about the status of the Academy under the will will not be helpful.

I await instructions as to the course to pursue

Sincerely

Wm M Kee

President MR Harper
University of Chicago

MT. CARROLL, ILL.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I enclose copy of copy of what the
"copy" came from. It is a copy of a letter
written to the University, which will be published
in the next issue of the Journal.

I enclose also a copy of a letter from
the University to the University of Chicago, which
are not yet to be sent again in a long time.
I would not be able to tell you the whole
truth about the situation of the University.
I fear that we have no the confidence of
the world, even though our conditions
will be changed. There is no money -
really, the work for the University
about the situation of the University.

The bill will not be helped.
I enclose a statement of the situation.

Very truly,
Yours,
The University of Chicago

DEC 15 1900

Dear Dr. Harper:-
 The bank refuses
 to loan us money on
 security of current
 expense acct longer. This
 means that we will default
 on teachers salaries Febry 1
 unless something can
 be done. This year's income
 has to carry \$1800 + of accumula-
 ted bills for equipment & etc not
 covered by loans
 Yr MCKEE

MT. CARROLL, ILL.

Dear Mr. Baker -
I have no money on
account of current
expenses and hope
to pay you the next
month. I am sorry
to hear that you
are having a hard
time. I hope you
will be able to
pay me soon.
Yours truly,
J. M. Allen

The Frances Shimer Academy
OF
The University of Chicago
Office of the Dean

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I inclose herewith
as requested. You are aware, of course, that we are running under the
budget in a good many items, and if there are any details that you wish
with regard to the matter I will be very glad to furnish them.

Very truly yours,

P.S. We close tomorrow
Worm

Academy Notes.

An attractive group of views of beautiful spots about Mt. Carroll has been presented to the Academy by Messrs. John Hunter and Dr. Metcalf, which are very much appreciated.

The C. M. & St. Paul Railway company has kindly offered to furnish a special car for the exclusive use of Academy pupils and teachers who go to Chicago on Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 7.30. A large proportion of the house pupils and a majority of the teachers will go in the car at that time. This is the first time this courtesy has been asked from the company, and they are entitled to the cordial thanks of all concerned.

Dec. 19, 1901.

for this year,

W. W. M. Key