List of pupils up to Jan. 26, 1904, with estimate of receipts from pupils for the year.

Miss Ackerman	$337.56	Miss Hayward	$ 90.00
" Adams,	300.00	" Jones	
" Anderman	250.00	" Kingery	30.00
" Barthell	411.70	Mrs. Kinney	7.00
" Brown	300.00	Miss Kelley	350.00
" Blough	26.00	" Knight	25.00
" Browning	291.00	" Koepp	388.05
" Campbell	15.00	" Leix	128.00
" Capperune		" Lott	430.55
" Cratty	345.00	" Lyle	451.15
		" McGrath	30.00
" Clark, Mildred,	108.33	" McGinty	25.85
" Clark, Bernice,	100.00	Mr. Miles	15.00
" Cook	407.30	Miss Miller	26.00
" Comstock,	416.55	" Minshall	403.05
" Comstock, Lavancha	403.05	" Myers, Edwina,	325.00
" Deets	40.42	" Myers, Mabel	
" Davis, Hazel,	129.35	Mrs. Myers	524.55
" Davis, Anna,	300.00	Miss McBain	129.35
" Dodson,	30.00	" Mader	45.00
" Durham	45.00	McKee, Harper,	39.00
" Dittmeier	330.00	Mrs. McKee, Florence T.	10.00
" Elliott	30.00	Miss Noble	100.00
" Emery	100.00	" Nycum	35.17
" Fisher	305.00	" Paul	69.00
" Goodhue	345.00	" Pratt	322.50
" Green	39.00	" Palmer	35.00
" Greenawalt	85.00	" Reed	30.00
" Hammond	60.00	" Quick	20.00
" Hannis	340.00	" Raddell	357.00
" Hall	229.49	Russell, Grace,	123.24
" Holman	13.00	Russell, Lula,	52.50
" Hostetter		" Rogers	
" Hoffman	132.00	Rex Renner	9.00
" Hughes	358.05	Miss Rotchford	207.00

Miss	Smith	$407.55	
"	Shively	230.73	
"	Swartz	26.00	
Mrs.	Squires	35.00	
"	Stevens	330.00	
"	Sterner	325.00	
"	Sweitzer		
"	Switzer	10.00	
Mrs.	Turnbaugh	36.00	
Miss	Tyger	386.05	
"	Thain, Gussie	195.24	
"	Thain, Hazel	195.24	
"	Willmore	330.00	
"	Walcott	125.00	
"	Yule	330.00	
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The Frances Shimer Academy

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The University of Chicago

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Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Dr. Harper:-

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Yours truly,

Wm McKee

My dear Mr. McKee:-

Yours of May 23rd has been received. I have just returned from New York. I think your suggestion for next Monday is a good one. Let us try it.

Yours very truly,

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Mount Carroll, Ill.

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W. M. Ker

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The Quadrangle Club

CHICAGO May 31. 03

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G. D. Campbell	200.00
W. P. McKee	200.00
J. M. Rinewalt	200.00
O. F. McKenney	25.00
Hannah P. Miles	150.00
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J. H. Miles & Wife	50.00
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Mary D. Miles	50.00
W. R. Hostetter & Wife	50.00
Sarah Hostetter	15.00
Colehour & Miles	25.00
J. W. Cormany	5.00
Mrs. G. S. Reedy	1.00
Laura Coleman	2.00
Grace Squires	5.00
B. Heller	.50
Mrs. R. Coburn	5.00
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L. Chrisman	30.00
Thos. Rhodes	10.00
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Ed Holman	10.00
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Reedy & Emmert	25.00
O. H. Martin	25.00
C. S. Bells	10.00
W. F. Snook	5.00
C. L. Hostetter(Scholarship)	100.00
Thos. Squires	50.00
Wm. R. Harper	100.00
T. W. Goodspeed	50.00
A. K. Parker	50.00
Mrs. E. Mammen	5.00
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Wm. Petty	5.00
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A. T. Dunshee	25.00
Mrs. W. E. Nipe	5.00
W. B. Sipes	10.00
Mary Hunter	5.10
Wm. Gillespie	10.00
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MT. CARROLL, ILL., Sept. 29, 1903.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

As a memorandum of our conversation yesterday, I write to say that your note of seven hundred dollars with $42.00, interest fell due on Saturday, the 26th of this month. I understood from our conversation that you would send me a check for this amount within thirty days with whatever additional interest may accrue by the time you send your check.

I understand also that you are to forward me at once another life insurance policy, though the value of it was not mentioned. Please make it big enough, as you incur no risk in putting it into my possession, as I can collect nothing from it except as my interest may appear.

Yours truly,

W P McKee

The Frances Shimer Academy
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The University of Chicago

MT. CARROLL, ILL., Oct. 19, 1903.

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

University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I am asked to make a brief report of the work of the Academy at the General Association, Lexington Avenue and 62d Street Church, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 4:15 P. M. Friends of the Academy are invited to be present.

Yours truly,

Wm McKee

P. S. The will of Adelia C. Joy was read before the local Trustees Saturday, and it includes bequests of $1000.00, to the Educational Aid Association of Mt. Carroll for the benefit of poor girls attending the Academy; $1000.00, to the Trustees of the Academy for permanent improvements; and $2500.00, as a nucleus of a fund to endow the chair of the Lady Principal. There are certain contingencies which may possibly somewhat reduce these amounts.

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., Jan. 6, 1904.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I have received from Mr. Barker a note which Miss Joy began to write to me on August 14, and left unfinished. In the letter occurs this sentence: "Have you considered help for the school on this plan? The institution shall receive sums on which interest is paid during the life of the donor with the understanding that all the principal becomes the property of the Academy at the death of the donor. It seems to me a good way."

This suggestion is pertinent to our present situation with regard to a new dormitory. We have at this writing fifty-two house pupils and with help and teachers and assistants a total family of sixty-eight. By doubling up some people who would not like to be doubled up, we could receive at the outside four more pupils. We have had a narrow escape today from seeing a dissatisfied patron take her girl home because of the smallness and undesirability of the best room we have to offer her. Mr. Stratton tells me that a dormitory that would take care of thirty pupils could be erected after the general style of the new music hall for ten thousand dollars. If the cost of such a building furnished is put at $11,000.00, the annual expense, if the building were full with thirty pupils, would be approximately as follows:-

Interest $550.00; heat $250.00; care $100.00; repairs $100.00; depreciation $200.00; insurance $7000.00, $50.00; food $1200.00; light $150.00; laundry $200.00; additional teacher, $700.00; total $3500.00. The income on the same basis with the house full would be at a low estimate $9000.00, which means that if full, the building would pay for the investment in two years. If half full, it would pay over twenty-five

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Interest $660.00; rent $660.00; care $100.00; repairs $10[illegible].
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The income on the same basis with the house full would be at a low estimate $6000.00, which means that if full, the building would pay for the investment in two years. If half full, it would pay over twenty-five

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MT. CARROLL, ILL.,

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My question to you is this: can we not find ten or more people who would be willing in this emergency to give to the Academy absolutely a thousand dollars a piece, or give to the Academy this amount the donor to receive interest on the donation during his or her lifetime? I have no hope of getting a new dormitory for the coming year even with our increased income. A deficiency of from three to seven hundred dollars will be left at the end of the year on our new building, which must be provided out of the current expense next year. It does seem to me, however, that it is indispensable to the further progress of the school that we take under careful consideration the matter of a new dormitory at the earliest possible time.

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., 9.7.04

September 16, 1904.

Mr. W. P. McKee,

Frances Shimer Academy,

Mt. Carroll, Ill.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

Yours of September 7th has been received. In regard to the note due September 27, 1904, you say there is standing on this $257.25, plus interest amounting to $12.95. Will you kindly tell me when this note was made? My memorandum of it seems to have been misplaced. I thought it was something for the Institute of Sacred Literature. Miss Chamberlin says it is not. If you will give me the data I shall be glad to take it up.

Regretting to trouble you in this way, I remain,

Yours very truly,

N.B. I am interested to know that you are so full of girls that you do not know what to do with them. This is fine. We must have another building. Think what this means for the future. I can see that you are in a bad way.

Academy
of Chicago
the Dean

Miss Chamber

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MT. CARROLL, ILL., 9. 7. 04

Dear Dr. Harper:

~~Ind~~ Note $700 date 27 Sept '02, due Sept 27. 03. shows credit $500, 12 Nov '03.

Note Sept 27. 04, stands $247.25, plus interest 10½ months $12.95 - total $260.20

Would inquire whether you wish to pay off this note - or pay interest $12.95

Yrs

W P McKee

The Frances Shimer Academy
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Affiliation

MT. CARROLL, ILL., Sept. 20, 1904.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

The note in question for $700.00 was dated Sept. 27, 1902, and Nov. 12, 1903, you paid $500.00. I heard nothing at the time about the Institute of Sacred Literature and know nothing more about the circumstances of this note. The memoranda sent are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Girls continue to apply for admission and we are denying everybody who is not able to pay their way in full. If we had only had the foresight and the money to erect the new dormitory this summer, my opinion is that the total attendance in the house for the coming year would have been fully fifty per cent. greater than it was last year, if not more. I do not feel that we are making a very good job of this thing or we would not allow ourselves to get caught in any such fashion.

Yours truly,

W P McKee

Prospective income from school bills - $18000 cash.
" " " " " in 1897 Sept. $7000 ~

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean

MT. CARROLL, ILL., Sept. 20, 1904.

Mt. Carroll, Ill. October 20, 1904

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. William P. McKee,

Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McKee:

I am enclosing a letter from Miss Talbot which in part answers your question. We will discuss this some time.

Yours very truly

Affiliation

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I wish you would pass judgment on the question whether we ought to allow credit for graduation at the Academy for work done in Domestic Science. We give two year's work, and each of them requires six hours class room work a week. Perhaps half of the work is theory and the other half practice. Assuming that some credit should be given for this work, I wish you would indicate how much credit in units.

This is a practical pressing thing with us as the work of the department is hindered by our refusal to recognize it in this way in addition to imposing a special fee for it. We cannot remove the fee, but if we could give credit for it toward graduation in the scholastic department, it would undoubtedly increase the demand.

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THE FRANCES SHIMER ACADEMY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS

WILLIAM P. MC KEE, DEAN

Mt. Carroll, Ill., 10/21/19

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I am in receipt of your letter to Miss Talbot and her notations thereon. It seems to me you are a long way from giving credit for this sort of thing at the University, although you are requiring that very work at the University High School, as you told me. Under the circumstances, what do you advise this Academy to do? We already give credit toward graduation here for various things which are not recognized by the University for admission; shall we add this one?

I note in the "Chicago Evening Post" of Oct. 18th, that Smith College offers an elementary examination in music.

Yours truly,

W. P. McKee

Affiliation

November 16,1904

Mr.W.P.McKee,

Mt.Carroll, Illinois

My dear Mr.McKee:

We are able to accommodate at Morgan Park about twelve additional boys. It has occurred to me that in connection with your work at the close of the autumn quarter there might occur to you the names of boys who would really be helped by going to Morgan Park away from distracting influences. I am sure that you can see the advantages which would come to some boys under certain circumstances in residence in an Academy like Morgan Park. If you have in mind two or three boys who could be helped in this way and are willing to give me the names of these boys, I should be very glad indeed to hear from you.

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The University of Chicago

Chicago November 28th, 1904.

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Dear Sir:

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I call your attention to this matter upon the advice of Professor Jameson and of Dean Miller, with whom I conferred, and who told me that it would be better if I wrote a personal letter to you. It goes without saying, I hope, that I am not actuated by any animus in this matter, but am simply speaking from a conviction established by long observation of the case.

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James Westfall Thompson

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December 13,1904

Hi. Please

My dear Mr.McKee:

I have been looking over some material relating to secondary schools, and am struck with a lack which it is not easy to fill. There is more or less instruction in the Bible, in one way or another, to be sure; but nowhere do I find comprehensive teaching of the English Bible from a literary, historical and to some extent, critical, point of view. The English Bible, as literature, its relation to the literary and social developmentof the English-speaking race, seem to me worth while. What Mr.Moulton is doing, rather than the higher criticism, is what I have in mind. There is no one to take his place when he goes, while it will seem possible for such work to be extended and improved, if handled by the right one. Are not you the right one? With your training and experience, it would seem clear that you could do what few men could in that line. If you would give yourself to that as a specialty, work it out, test it in the class room, test it later on the platform. Why might there not be a large opening? Is this merely visionary?

Cordially yours,

Rev.W.P.McKee,

Frances Shimer Academy,

Mt.Carroll,Illinois.

December 13, 1904

My dear Mr. McKee:

I have been looking over some material relating to secondary schools, and am struck with a lack which it is not easy to fill. There is more or less instruction in the Bible, in one way or another, to be sure; but nowhere do I find comprehensive teaching of the English Bible from a literary, historical and to some extent, critical, point of view. The English Bible, as literature, its relation to the literary and social development of the English-speaking race, seem to me worth while. What Mr. Moulton is doing, rather than the higher criticism, is what I have in mind. There is no one to take his place when he goes, while it will seem possible for such work to be extended and improved, if handled by the right one. Are not you the right one? With your training and experience, it would seem clear that you could do what few men could in that line. If you would give yourself to that as a specialty, work it out, test it in the class room, test it later on the platform. Why might there not be a large opening? Is this merely visionary?

Cordially yours,

Rev. W. P. McKee,

Pomona Summer Academy,

Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

THE FRANCES SHIMER ACADEMY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS
WILLIAM R. HARPER, DEAN

December 31st, 1904.

Rev. W. P. McKee,

Mount Carroll, Ill.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

I would like very much to settle up the note of $70. dated September 27th, 1902. Will you kindly reckon the interest on this to January 1st, and I will try to fix it on that date or very soon after.

Yours very truly,

Mt. Carroll, Ill., Dec. 1, 1904.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Sometime ago you wrote me that in that week you would send me a check for $260.20, in payment of balance of note of $700.00, dated Sept. 27, 1902. Later you wrote saying that you had not been able to locate this note and wanted a description of it. I sent the description and have heard nothing since. I do not know whether you have concluded that the note is not genuine, or whether you have found your bank account short, or whether you overlooked it. I am not suffering for the lack of the money, but if you wish to pay it, I can use it, and if you wish to scrutinize the note and make sure that it is all right, I would be glad to exhibit it to you.

Yours truly,

W. M. Kee

Have collected school bills one term - Much is one third of yr - $6312.20
Due - good - & unpaid 237.28
6549.48
Receipts for whole year 97-8- $8500.00 approx

THE FRANCES SHIMER ACADEMY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS
WILLIAM P. McKEE, DEAN

My dear
Mr Clark:-
Is this asking
too much?
Dr Harper

[illegible] 05

Harper:

It would help us to interest prospective givers. If we could have a picture of the proposed dormitory. The new location requires a change in the front elevation - putting it on side instead of end. If you would

ask Mr Clark to give us a new skeleth of the front we could have a halftone made from it & show people exactly what we propose to do. If this meets your approval kindly see to it as the time grows short

Sincerely

Wm P McKee

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Ans'd

THE FRANCES SHIMER ACADEMY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM P. McKEE, DEAN

January 5th, 1905.

Affiliation

Rev. W. P. McKee,

Mount Carrroll, Ill.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

Yours of January 3rd is at hand. It seems to me quite reasonable, I will admit, to do what you say. Let us go forward and unless something very unfortunate occurs I will try to carry out the idea.

Yours very truly,

Mt. Carroll, Ill., Jan. 3, 1905.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

With regard to this new dormitory I look at the matter this way. How would it do to fix the first day of March for a full board meeting at the Academy at which time a decision must be reached on ~~the~~ building this summer? It would be manifestly impossible, I suppose, to decide later than that and have the building ready for occupancy by the first of September. If this date is fixed with the understanding that you should make the sacrifice of giving up that day to this enterprise, in case it seems necessary, and set it apart for that purpose, then we would have a definite date to work to and would know how to bring pressure upon some people who are slow to make up their minds. I do not want you to have to give a day to this thing if I can fix it without your presence, but I would like to know whether you would be willing, in case it seems necessary, to give that much time? You could leave Chicago at seven o'clock in the morning and be back in the evening at ten and spend nine hours in Mt. Carroll.

If this does not strike you as a reasonable performance, I wish you would make some suggestions for the way does not seem clear by a good deal.

Yours truly,

WBMcKee

THE FRANCES SHIMER ACADEMY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS

WILLIAM P. MC KEE, DEAN

Jan. 18, 1905.

Maj H A Rust,

Chicago, Ill

Dear Mr. Rust:-

Nobody can regret any more than I do that I have been unable to interest so few people outside the Trustees in the financial support of this institution. I very much fear we are going to be defeated in this building enterprise unless some help in addition to the plans can be secured for us by the Chicago Trustees. It is, of course, for them individually to say whether I am right and whether they are in a position to render this service. I am certain that nobody is more interested in the Academy and has given more real evidence of interest in the past than the Chicago Trustees, including yourself, have done.

I am sorry to have to trouble you again about the Anderman business, but I fear I must. Anderman sent money to pay the first term in full with a promise to pay the other by the first day of January, which promise he has not fulfilled. He complained of some company his daughter had fallen in to with one of our pupils, and on investigation we found that his complaint was well founded, and we refused the child complaind of permission to return. She came here showing straight evidence of membership in a convent, and other patrons of unquestioned standing in Chicago knew that the father of this child had been of good reputation in the past. I ought to have been more familiar with locations in Chicago and ought to have suspected that the address he gave me, 382 Dearborn, was to be inquired into. I depended on these other facts and made a mistake.

I am of the opinion that Andermann thinks that this mistake and the fact that his girl got acquainted with the girl we have expelled, can be used by him to our detriment and that he thinks we will not push him. Miss James and I feel that the child Miss Andermann ought not to be allowed to stay here unless the bill is paid within a week. My question is: whether you would write to Mr. H. F. Andermann, 139, 42nd Place, and state the case to him and come to a conclusion? & write me.

Regretting to have to annoy you about this matter, I am,

Yours truly,

W P McKee

NB - I wrote Anderman that the money must be paid last week - but it was not,
W P

P.S. of the $6549.48 1st terms school bills all is collected except $59.68 and of this 46.33 is due from a man to whom we owe more than that - local - absolutely good
W P McKee

January 25th, 1905.

Rev. W. P. McKee,

Mount Carroll, Ill.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

I am enclosing a letter of Mr. Anderman. I am inclined to think that you have pressed this matter too close. The injury done this girl would seem to have been rather serious. I was very much surprised to learn the facts. I suppose that you have received the check by this time.

Yours very truly

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WILLIAM P. MC KEE, DEAN

Jan. 8th 1905.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. Anderman does not state the matter correctly. He promises in this letter to send the check Saturday morning, but he did not do it, though it was received this morning. He says all overdue bills were paid before January 1st. This bill of $100.00, was due Dec. 6, as was stated clearly on the form on which the bill was made. He says that he was compelled to keep his daughter home a week on account of the pupil objected to. The information concerning that objectionable pupil reached me January 2. Within thirty minutes I had wired the father of the pupil that she could not return and she did not. That day a letter went to Mrs. Anderman informing her of this fact. The next day, January 3, she wrote me with these words: "Since you have taken such quick action in the matter, will send Edna in a day or so."

He makes two correct statements. One of them is that a girl secured entrance here who ought not to have been allowed to enter. We were deceived, but the people who recommended her were the same people who recommended Mr. Anderman's daughter in the first place, and this objectionable pupil's father was a classmate of one of our patrons of the very highest standing and he himself had not discovered his present objectionable business and wrote us to allow his daughters to go with this girl to Freeport to visit his own mother. We were deceived, but we corrected the fault instantly when it was discovered. The other true statement he makes by implication is that he thought he could keep me from pressing for an overdue bill by threatening to carry this matter

to you. He was mistaken, and the bottom, after all, is as the mother expressed to us when she brought the child here in the first place, that she had neglected her own daughter. When an opportunity came for this daughter to hear things that were not nice, her mind was good soil for just such things, and it has been a question with us ever since she came whether it was right for us to allow her to stay here, and the only reason we have done so is because her ancestry was good, not referring to her mother, and because she seemed to be improving. Mrs. Anderman now awakes to the fact of her own failure and is frightened at the effect of all this on her daughter. It is undoubtedly a bad job, but I am perfectly satisfied that these people intentionally delayed the payment of this bill, and have sought to take advantage of the situation. I shall put no more pressure on them of any description, if you still feel as you suggest in your letter, but the facts are as I have stated them.

Yours truly,

W. P. McKee

Mt. Carroll, Ill., Jan. 30, 1905.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

Dear Friend:-

We have at last actually begun receiving subscriptions toward the new dormitory, Dr. H. S. Metcalf and Mr. George D. Campbell having put their names for one thousand dollars each to the subscription form as follows:-

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Frances Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago have undertaken to secure Twenty Thousand Dollars for the erection of a new dormitory, a heat and power plant, and to make other necessary permanent improvements, we, the undersigned, agree to contribute to said Academy the sums set opposite our names for these purposes payable May 1, 1905, on these express conditions, namely:

1. That we receive from said Academy for and during our natural lives an annual sum equal to one-twentieth the amount of our several subscriptions.
2. That the sum of the subscriptions of this character, or as absolute gifts, be not less than Ten Thousand Dollars.
3. That the Academy shall have the option to return any or all of these subscriptions, or any part of the same, on May 1, of any year by giving three months notice, and on such return the obligation of the Academy to pay annually a twentieth part of the same shall cease.
4. That the income of the estate of Frances A. W. Shimer, deceased, which shall come to said Academy is hereby pledged as security for the annual payments guaranteed to donors.

Further subscriptions are hoped for soon, including some as absolute gifts. These will be reported in due time.

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Reporter

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OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

REV. WILLIAM P. McKEE, DEAN

BELL AND INDEPENDENT TELEPHONES

MT. CARROLL, ILL., 2-13-05

Dear Friend

I postponed writing you thinking that today the stenographer could do it & so send you something readable. An unexpected visit from the Insurance adjuster and an extra meeting of the Board of Trustees left me with no time to give the dictation.

The fire started mysteriously in roof of South Hall (erected 1899) about 4:30 Friday afternoon. The building was dry & burned rapidly. Drainage of a combination of circumstances the fire pressure was weak. The fire had considerable headway before discovered: one teacher being awakened by burning rafters falling on ceiling of her room. Pressure improved soon but not soon enough to save Center Hall (1853) nor East Hall (1870) tho we secured much of the furniture & fixtures in East Hall. In South Hall we saved the Steinway piano and some chairs - only.

It is impossible to grieve over Center Hall. It was not a thing of beauty - & it ~~sto~~ blocked the way of progress. It

almost equally true of East Hall. It was good, warm, useful, but not adapted to a school which seeks to be in the front in these days.

We have $24000 insurance. We conclude from the interview with the adjuster today that we are practically certain to realise the full amount almost at once. The community has been stirred about our calamity and will undoubtedly add a substantial sum to our insurance for building purposes. We are considering an appeal for help outside in order that we may erect buildings of a fitting kind. We continue our work after 27 Febry in fair conditions arranging for laundry outside & fitting up kitchen & dining room in basement Dearborn Hall. By crowding & economy of space we can find place for classes. It makes lots of anxious work but it means progress

With love
WPM

Dr H P Judson U & Co.

Affiliation

February 18th, 1905.

Mr. William P. McKee,

Mount Carroll, Ill.

My dear Mr. McKee:-

You have my note for $4,000. due June 1905. I am enclosing a letter to Mr. Heckman which will secure for you on that note July 1st the sum of $2500. Appended to this letter is his letter of February 17th which furnishes you the guarantee of the same. This leaves a balance of $1500. on the $4,000. note. I am enclosing Miss Chamberlin's check for $609.22 and checks for $550. and $340.78. This makes a total of $4,000. There will be some interest accumulated which I beg you to work out as you think best.

Y rs very truly,