Chicago, August 6, 1915

Dear Mr. McKee:-

At the Convocation time I had hoped to have a chat with you on the matter of Mr. Heckman's membership on your Board of Trustees. Somehow the thing slipped away, however, and I have not had a chance to see you since. Perhaps he will withhold the question of his resignation for the present. Of course he could not visit Mt. Carroll very often.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Dean W. P. McKee,
The Frances Shimer School,
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The University of Chicago
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER
Office of the Auditor

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THE FRANCES SHIMER SCHOOL
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Mr. Judd 69

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Chicago, November 4, 1915

Dear Mr. McKee:-

Yours of the 28th of October is received. I hardly see how under the regulations of the North Central Association it would be possible to cut down the recitation periods, and I fear that either change would come in conflict with the Association policies.

Very truly yours,

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THE FRANCES SHIMER SCHOOL
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DEC 8 1915
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Chicago, December 9, 1915

Dear Mr. McKee:-

Yours of the 8th inst. is received. I shall be glad to see you on either day on the matter to which you refer. I don't believe that either of the gentlemen you name would have the time to make the survey in question, as they are both occupied with other surveys on a large scale. At the same time I think we might make a plan which would be satisfactory. Meanwhile I will consider your document, and possibly may be ready to make some suggestions myself.

Very truly yours,

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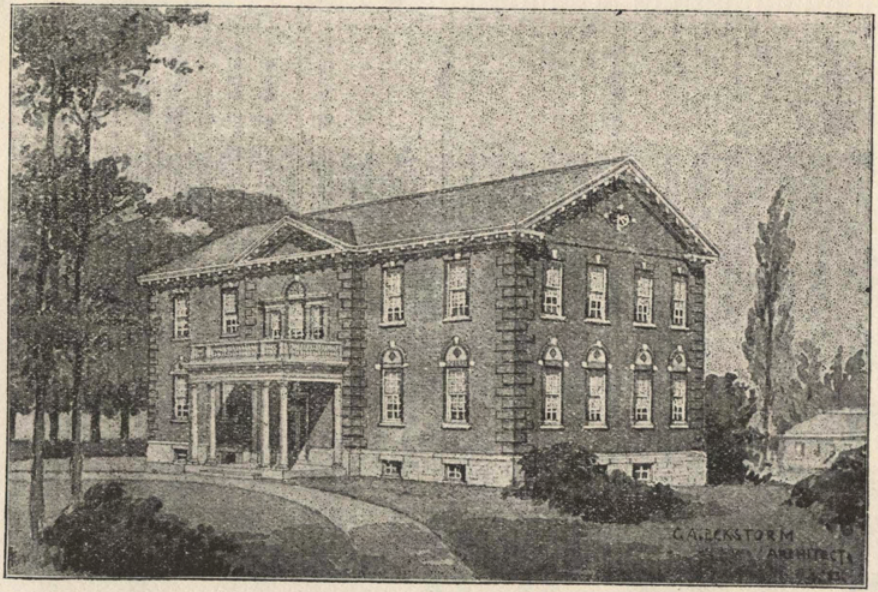

SCIENCE HALL, NEW BUILDING 80 X 45 FEET.

FRANCES SHIMER SCHOOL

MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS.

May 15. "The Rivals," President Henry Lawrence Southwick, Boston.

May 17. Junior College Play.

May 19. Senior Piano Recital, Lucy Wimer.

May 26. Senior Piano Recital, - Charmion Holbert.

June 2. Play, by Department of Expression.

June 7. Saturday, 8:00 P. M., Pupils' Commencement Concert.

June 8. Sunday, 3:00 P. M., Address before the Classes of '13, by Dean McKee. "The New Social Conscience."

7:15 P. M., The Vesper Service.

June 9. Monday, 2:30 P. M., Receptions in Art Studio and Domestic Science Rooms. Exhibits.

8:00 P. M., Recital by Sibyl-Sammis MacDermid, auspices Old Students' Association. 50 cents.

June 10. Tuesday, Old Students' Day:

10:00 A. M., Educational Aid Association, Pupils' Parlor, West Hall.

3:00 P. M., Meeting of Trustees, in Dean's Office.

4:00 P. M., Business Meeting of Old Students' Association.

5:30 Lawn Supper.

8:00 P. M., Commencement Exercises. Address by Rev. Charles W. Gilkey, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago.

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Dear President Judson:

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

December 29, 1915

Dear President Judson:

I have just received from Mr. Butler the following information concerning an affiliation with Frances Shimer Academy. He says:

"I will say that we have never had in this office any record of the steps leading to affiliation between the University and any secondary school. The matter of affiliation, when that relationship existed, was always administered quite independently of co-operation. My impression is that arrangements of that sort were always made by President Harper himself perhaps after consultation with Dean Small. All I know in regard to Frances Shimer is that it is one of the few institutions including Bradley Polytechnic, Rush Medical, and two Divinity Schools in regard to which the privileges involved formerly in affiliation appear to be still in force."

Very truly yours,

J. Dickerson

President Harry Pratt Judson.

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January 8th, 1916.

President H. P. Judson,
University of Chicago.

Dear President Judson:

We Trustees here very much wish that a University man should take Dr. Metcalf's place as a member of the committee on faculty. Will you suggest one of our present members for that task ? The three beside yourself are Mr. Heckman, Mr. Butler and Mr. Dickerson.

Very truly yours,

Wm McKee

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Sept. 21, 1916

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Judson:

A special meeting of the Trustees is called for Tuesday, September 26, at the Dean's Office, at 3:30 P. M., to hear the report of the Dean on the condition and needs of the School, and to transact such other business as may appear. For the information of the Trustees who may not find it convenient to be present, I report here:

The number of pupils in the buildings is 98(capacity 100), as compared with 66 last year. The total, including the day pupils, is 138, almost equal to the number in the banner year 1911-1912. Of these, over thirty are College Freshmen, from four-year high schools, and the others are well distributed over the four Academic classes. Sixteen states are represented in the student body, including Vermont, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Oregon, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Mississippi. On the basis of present attendance, an increase of 50% in gross income over last year, is now in sight, if we hold what we have.

Yours very truly,

W P McKee

Chicago, September 27, 1916

Dear Mr. McKee:-

Thank you very much for your favor of the 21st inst. with facts about the School at the opening of the autumn. I cordially congratulate you on the prospects.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Dean W. P. McKee
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FRANCES SHIMER SCHOOL.

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Bible History	12	"
Botany	11	"
Qualitative Analysis, Chem.2nd yr.,College	2	"
General Chemistry, College	4	"
College Cooking	4	"
Academy Cooking	4	"
General Design, College	5	"
English 1	13	"
English 11	10	"
English 111	12	"
English 1V	11	"
English V, College	12	"
English V1, College	8	"
Economics, College	7	"
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Expression	8	"
French 1, two classes, one College	18	"
French 11, College	4	"
Geometry, Plane	9	"
German 1	9	"
German 11	6	"
German 111, College	3	"
Ancient History	12	"
Med & Modern History	7	"
History of Music	4	"
Latin 1	11	"
Latin 11	4	"
Latin 111,Cicero	5	"
Latin 1V,Virgil	4	"
Latin V, College	2	"
Physics	4	"
Physiology, College	3	"
Physiography, College	4	"
House Decoration, College	5	"
Piano, Prin	18	"
Piano, 1st Ass't	15	"
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September 6, 1917

President Harry Pratt Judson,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Judson:

A telegram just received from Three Rivers, Michigan, engages the last two spaces we have, and we can take no more unless withdrawals occur.

Yours very truly,

WPMcK

Chicago, September 7, 1917

Dear Mr. McKee:

Yours of the 6th inst. is received. I congratulate you on the success of the school evident for the coming year.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Dean W. P. McKee
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TRUSTEES September 1917. Shimer Sch

Registration to date (9-27-17)

Actually present		
House pupils 100 (old 41, new 59) others 30		130
Rooms engaged (Hall and Lyon)		2
In Hospital, to return (?)		1

Registration by Departments

English (6 classes, 2 College)	114
French (4 classes, 1 College)	51
German (3 classes)	21
Mathematics (4 classes, 1 College)	53
Botany (1 class)	15
Chemistry (1 class, College)	8
Cooking (3 classes, 2 College)	23
Economics (1 class, College)	8
General Science (1 class)	13
History (3 classes)	25
Design & House Decoration (1 class, College)	5
Latin (5 classes, 1 College)	42
Physics (1 class)	7
Piano (3 teachers)	34
Harmony (1 class)	3
Psychology (1 class, College)	11
Sewing & Drafting (1 class, College)	7
Stenography (1 class)	5
Textiles (1 class, College)	4
Zoology (1 class, College)	5
Voice (teacher 1)	18
Expression (1 teacher)	10
Art (1 teacher)	10
Musical Form (class)	1
Physical Culture (Bask. Ball 25, Golf 31, Tennis 45)	101
Biblical History (1 class)	25
Chorus Class (1)	46

52 courses in all.

Registration by Classes

College Seniors	15
" Juniors	23
Academy Seniors	24
" Juniors	15
" Sophomores	12
" Freshmen	13
Unclassified	28

(A large proportion of the last are day pupils taking Art or Music. Some of the 14 will be classified later)

Number of House Pupils who engaged room and later withdrew 26
(18 old, 8 new: last year 3 old, 5 new, total 8)

15 States represented in the student body:

Ohio	3	Vermont	1	North Dakota	1
New York	1	Iowa	28	South Dakota	1
Indiana	7	Mississippi	1	Kansas	1
Michigan	5	Texas	1	Nebraska	5
Illinois	69	Minnesota	2	Wisconsin	2

FINANCIAL

Receipts, School Bills, estimated on basis of present attendance	$51,135.00
Receipts from School Bills last year	44,240.95
Gain in School Bills (estimated) over last year	6,894.05
Estimated increase in Expenses this year over Budget	2,300.00
Surplus (estimated) for current year on basis of present attendance	9,776.00

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To the Members of the Board of Trustees:

I present the following for your consideration, pending an early meeting of the Trustees:

A. As to new gymnasium and swimming pool:

Monticello Seminary, Ferry Hall, Illinois Woman's College, and The Western College for Women, with all of which we come into active competition yearly, are well equipped in this respect. Monticello and Illinois Woman's College have expended in the past year ~~over~~ one $20,000, the others about $40,000 in these lines.

Should not our Board take action at least as stated below, within a month of the present time?

(1) Deciding formally to go forward with the effort.
(2) Asking the architect to submit plans by June 1, 1917.
(3) Appoint a committee to solicit funds, as gifts or annuities, at least a ------ part of the total cost to be actual gifts.
(4) The contract to be let when $ have been secured in reliable pledges, the purpose being to have the equipment ready for September, 1918.

B. As to rate for house pupils: Milwaukee Downer (Seminary) and Monticello are to have a rate of $500 for the coming year, and Ferry Hall $625. Illinois Woman's College is to raise its rate from $340 to $400 and Rockford (in the new building) to $510.

Should not our rate be increased to $500, the $400 rate being taken out entirely, and the $450 rate to continue for one year, to present pupils and to such new pupils as may apply within _____ days of receipt of notice?

Wm. P. McKee
Dean.

Mt. Carroll, Ill., March 26, 1917

N. B. Mrs. Mary Dunshee of our Board has recently turned over $1000 (annuity) to the School which may be used toward a gymnasium if desired.

President Judson - I shall be grateful if you can find time to look this over WPM

Chicago, April 13, 1917

Dear Mr. McKee:

The draft of your statement to the Board of Trustees of the School was received while I was in the east. I am wondering whether the present time is an advantageous one for undertaking an additional building. This is not merely on account of the uncertainties caused by the war, but on account of the enormously increased cost of building, which is deterring us from building at all, although we have the funds in hand. Perhaps a similar consideration applies in part at least to the question of increasing rates.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Dean W. P. McKee
The Frances Shimer School
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

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THE FRANCES SHIMER SCHOOL
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS
REV. WILLIAM P. McKEE, DEAN

April 14, 1917

Pres. Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Judson:

I have your letter of the 13th. The plan I suggest involves us in no expense except for preliminary sketches by the architect. This is no time to build, and it may be it is not the time to make plans. In some instances we have taken too little time to study our plans. The main question to me is whether the gymnasium is the thing to do next. If it is, I should like to have time to work up interest in it and secure funds, to be spent when the time is ripe.

As to the increase in rate, I am not quite clear whether you mean to suggest delay in that. Our expenses are increased by the high cost of living, and promise to increase still further.

Cordially yours,

WmKee

Chicago, April 16, 1917

Dear Mr. McKee:

Yours of the 14th inst. is received. I am really not in a position to judge as to the question of increasing the rates of tuition. You on the ground can decide much better than I.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Dean W. P. McKee
The Frances Shimer School
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Chicago, June 4, 1918

My dear Mr. McKee:

I am much interested to know that Harper has gone to Camp Grant, and wish him all success in rendering service to the great cause.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Dean W. P. McKee
The Frances Shimer School for Girls
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

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MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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December 1, 1919

President Harry Pratt Judson

The University of Chicago

Dear President Judson:

In April 1917 you advised me, in response to my inquiry, against building at that time. I am wondering whether you would give the same answer now.

The new features are that the war is over and this year we have turned away as many girls as would fill two of our present dormitories, that is, over eighty.

We decided last April that the next step ahead should be a swimming pool. At that time, however, we did not of course know that we were to be flooded with demands for space which we could not meet.

Personally I am not averse to going ahead making a better school rather than a larger one: that is, put in the swimming pool, get more books, improve instruction, enlarge curriculum.

But have we a right to go on turning away pupils in such numbers?

Any comment you may give will be gratefully received.

Yours truly,

Wm P. McKee

December 8, 1919

My dear Dean McKee:

Your favor of the 1st is received. There is no reason why you should not take up building now if you have the funds. We are greatly hampered in our own projects by the enormous costs, and find it necessary to obtain very considerable additional funds if those projects are carried out.

The question of how large you can make the school is a question almost entirely of ways and means. I certainly hope you can get all the funds you need.

Very truly yours,

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Dean Wm. P. McKee,
The Frances Shimer School,
Mt. Carrol, Ill.

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Febraury 2, 1920

President Harry Pratt Judson
Chicago, Illinois

Dear President Judson:

Some time ago Catherine Comfort wrote me intimating that she might want to get away from Bradley soon, and asking if we had a vacancy in English. At the time we did not have, but for September 1920 we may have.

I have not seen her in twenty years, and while my early recollections are favorable I do not feel that I know her as she now is. In case you should be willing to make any comments on the matter, anything you may write me will of course have great weight.

Cordially,

Wm P McKee

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February 3, 1920

My dear Mr. McKee:

Your favor of the 2d instant is received.

I have met Miss Comfort several times in the last few years and she impresses me very favorably. I believe that you would find her an excellent woman and a good teacher. I am inclined to think also that she would find the Mount Carroll environment more to her taste than that of the school where she now is.

With best wishes for all, I am

Very truly yours,

Mr. Wm. P. McKee,
Frances Shimer School,
Mt. Carroll, Ill.

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