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CABLEGRAM.

To

William B. Owen,

Bismarckstrasse twenty-three,

Halle A. S., Germany.

Letter received. You continue next year as prin-
cipal.

Harper.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

I am not going to yield my claims to it therefore except on the assurance from you that such is your wish. I have so written Doctor Dewey today. I have said to him that I am, so far as I yet know, the head of the Academy and that to elect my successor without giving me official warning and without making provision, definite and authoritative, for my future would be an outrageous treatment after the service

I have given the Academy. I must believe that you will not allow this to happen.

I wrote, further, to Doctor Dewey that I did not believe that it will be for the good of the school to displace me. Of course time will show whether my opinion is correct or not. I told him that I had conducted the school for the University and had been so successful that no word of complaint had ever come from you as to my conduct of affairs. In fact, you have spoken more

Halle a. S.

May 6th 1901.

Dear Doctor Harper.

I wrote you a letter from Athens April 2^d in reply to yours to me under the date March

I have been waiting with some degree of anxiety a second letter from you, especially as you wrote that you would soon send me further information with regard to the union of the schools. I have no doubt that you have had so many demands on your time that you have been unable to write to me. I should not now intrude on you were I not led to do so by a letter that I received from Professor Dewey some two weeks ago.

I received the letter from Mr. Dewey in Olympia at the close of the trip through the Peloponneseus just before I started to return to Germany. I did not reply to the letter until today. I did not

that no definite promise could be made of any equivalent being given me. The result was that I did not answer him ~~at all~~ today.

I must confess that I was greatly surprised to receive his letter. Neither Doctor Ingals nor yourself gave me any suggestion that such action was contemplated. In fact, your letter was a great satisfaction to me. I am very glad that my trip in Greece was not marred by the receipt of Dr. Drury's letter until I was about ready to return here. I wish very much that I knew your own mind in the matter. You have told me a number of times that I should be the head of the combined schools. I have said to you often that if this were not to be the case, I wanted to know it that I might not give more time to a work of which others were to reap the reward. The fact is and I must be bold enough to say so, the position is mine by right of service and by reason of the fact that I largely made it.

know how to answer him and hoped that I should hear from you and thus know better what to say to him.

Professor Drury has doubtless told you what he wrote me. The substance of his letter was about this. He informed me that the school had been put into his hands and that he had asked of you that Mr. Cooley be appointed in my place; that this demand would be insisted on and that whatever he could do for me aside from this he would gladly do; that he had told you that I ought to receive promotion and an adequate salary but that he had been unable to learn from you just what your intentions were. He asked me to write or even cable him my desires. I could not see that there was much reason in my expending the money to cable when no alternative was left open for me to choose; I was told that I was to be superseded and further informed

University better service and along higher
lines and at the same time do what I can
to better the teaching of Latin in Green.

I sincerely hope that, if I am to be
superseded, ~~that~~ I may be given this
extra year. I might plead the
justice of the request; that I have
given three years of my life to a work
that I was assured should be permanent
and that thereby I was prevented from
making that professional advancement
that I could have made under other
circumstances; that to give me the
leave asked would be to put me in
part in the position I might other-
wise have attained. I understand that
this is not a very politic letter. I have
known you too long and, if you will
pardon me, too well to feel under con-
straint in expressing my mind. I feel
that I am at a very important crisis
in my career and must speak out.

than once in the meetings of the
board of my good work. If I am
now displaced it cannot truthfully be
said that it is because I cannot to
do the work. Such an imputation I
should resent to the uttermost.

There is only one valid ground on which
I could be asked to give up my work
at the Academy, namely, that the
University requires my services in my
own department. If this ground should
be taken, the University ought to provide
me with an adequate salary and ought
to recognize my services by giving me
promotion to the next higher rank.

I am very hesitant to say this but
Professor Drury's letter has forced me to
say what I should much prefer to
leave unsaid. Were I unmarried I should
quietly await developments and choose
my line of conduct thereafter; but I
must, for the sake of my family, speak
out plainly. I have written Mr. Drury

Definitely as to my work. There seems to be some question in certain quarters as to my executive ability. I believe that I can teach. I want, therefore, to decide now once for all one way or the other. By staying here another year I can return to Chicago on equal terms, so far as preparation is concerned, with any man in the Department. I should then devote myself to teaching and promoting the study of Greek and Latin. I want to work further in Paris and London before I return. The fact that I have had a year with salary should not serve as an abjection - I have been using accumulated vacation just as any university man may do. I believe that the University and School combined can afford to grant me this leave. If I return to America I should have to have at least \$3000 salary. For a \$1000 a substitute for one year could be got. I could live here now that I am on the ground, for the remaining \$2000. I should then be able to give the

what I should consider a possible position for me, if I must give up what I have so fairly earned. I may as well say to you what I said to him. I should consider that I was being offered a reasonable substitute, if I were given 1) An associate professorship in the Department of Greek with a salary of \$2500 a year 2) the headship of the Classical Department of the new school with a salary of a \$1000 a year. 3) a leave of absence until September 1902 with a salary for that year of \$2000.

I feel very strongly on one point. If it is decided that I am not to continue with executive work in connection with the Academy, I want from now on to be a teacher and that only. I am no longer young. I have been in the service of the University since 1891. I ought by this time to know

I believe that you can help me at this critical juncture and I appeal to you to do so, even though I run the risk of being misunderstood.

Will you not kindly write me at once your final Decision as to

- 1) the Principalship of the Academy.
- 2) my position in the University, or University and Academy.
- 3) the leave of absence for next year?

If it takes some time to reach a decision will you not cable me? I should like to know your decision early in June that I may form my own plans more definitely.

I must add that I have no ill-feeling toward Mr. Drury. He is doing what he judges best for the school. I believe he wants to protect

My interest in the Academy is not a selfish one. I want to see it flourish and I want to see you in a position to do so. I am sure that you will do what is best for the Academy and I am sure that you will do what is best for me.

Yours truly,
W.D. Drury

My dear Mr. Drury,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and I am glad to hear that you are still in the Academy. I am sure that you will do what is best for the Academy and I am sure that you will do what is best for me.

my interests. I cannot, however,
hand over my interests completely into
his care; we may differ as to what
my interests are.

Hoping to hear from you
soon

I am yours
Wm B. Owm

Bismarckstrasse #23
Halle a. S.

Tuesday morning, May 7th. Since
writing you last evening I have received
a letter from Doctor Engels in which
he seems to be of the opinion that
I am to be in the school next year.
I do not understand the situation at
all. I have just written him about
as I have written you.

Sincerely
W. B. O.

May 22, 1901.

Mr. William B. Owen,

Bismarckstrasse, 23, Halle, A.S. Germany.

My Dear Mr. Owen:

I had already written you before receiving your letter of May sixth. I have read your letter quite closely. I am glad that Dr. Dewey was so frank with you. It goes without saying, however, that the steps proposed would not have been taken without consulting you. My former letter indicated that the affairs of the academy will go on as before.

Today the Trustees^{so-}selected the more important members of the faculty including Whaley, Crowe, Miss Robertson and others. You are to remain in charge of the school. Dr. Dewey is to be general director of secondary work. I have no doubt that you and he can co-operate.

Relieve your mind of all anxiety and make the most of your trip and come back to us in good health and spirits. I am writing hurriedly because I am just leaving the city for a week.

May

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I have just cabled you as follows:
"Letter received. You continue next year as
principal."

Very truly yours,

from
March 11th, 1901.

Mr. William B. Owen,

Anhalterstrasse 1^I, Halle a. S., Germany.

My dear Mr. Owen:

Your last letter was duly received.

It gave me great pleasure to know that you were enjoying your work to such an extent, and that everything was moving on so prosperously with you. I was very much pleased to learn that you were coming back and expected to be here in the summer. I can assure you that I appreciate this personally.

It turns out as I had suspected; namely, that in your absence grave questions have had to be considered. I do not know how much you may have learned, but until the day before yesterday no one has been in a position to say anything, for no one knew that anything would result. The events that have actually happened are the following.

First. Mrs. Emmons Blaine has decided, with her Trustees, to turn over to the University one million dollars, provided the University will build up the pedagogical work along certain lines. The acceptance of the million dollars carried with it,

on the part of the University, the obligation to transfer a large portion of Colonel Parker's faculty to the University's grounds. This money provides for the erection of a building, to cost \$325,000., and arrangements have almost been completed for land on the Midway Plaisance, in Mrs. Scammon's block. It is understood further that Colonel Parker will limit himself to elementary work and to the training of teachers for the elementary grades. This means that Mr. Dewey gives up the present Elementary School, or that it is combined with Colonel Parker's work. The plan goes further and includes a union of the South Side Academy and the Manual Training School, as the secondary department of the work. This, however, is to be under Mr. Dewey's general supervision and not connected with Colonel Parker's work. Mr. Dewey and myself have been in close touch during all of these negotiations. We have made a vigorous effort, and we think we have succeeded, in protecting his interests as well as your own. There were many times when we wished exceedingly for your presence. We are not yet clear, of course,

as to the best method of reorganization under the new scheme. The final action of the Trustees was taken, as I have said, only a few days ago, and everything was exceedingly doubtful until that action had passed. The whole matter came in the form of a proposition from the Blaine school.

I am writing at this earliest moment in order to forestall any letters that you may receive from others who do not know the exact facts, and in order to assure you that you have no occasion whatever for anxiety in the matter. Do not let it trouble you in the least. As soon as Mr. Dewey and I are able, we shall write you fully. The first year will in any case be a flexible year, in which matters will be allowed to take the shape which circumstances may determine. I am particularly anxious that you should not be disturbed in your mind. I may say to you that all of the patrons of the Dewey School are up in arms because of false reports in the newspapers, to the effect that Mr. Dewey has been crowded out of the work. On the other hand, the people of the North Side are up in arms because,

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they say, the University has stolen a march on them and taken away their school. I have no doubt the teachers and patrons of the South Side Academy are also disturbed; but I shall take an early opportunity to send them a statement which will quiet their fears.

The whole matter is a tremendous step forward, as you can see. To have one million dollars for this work is something neither you, nor Mr. Dewey, nor myself would have dreamed of three months ago. To have \$425,000. for buildings and land is also an important feature. And to have with these the support of the McCormick family, which means much for the future, is also a very considerable contribution. I am going to New Orleans today, and will write you very soon after my return. Meanwhile, do not allow any statement which you may receive to give you any uneasiness.

Please give my regards to your wife, and believe me to be

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IN AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
5467 LEXINGTON AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 30, 1901.

Dr. T. W. Goodspeed,
University of Chicago,
Chicago.

My dear Doctor Goodspeed:

I return to you under this cover the letter of Miss Edith Reed. I suggest that an answer to this effect be sent to her: The South Side Academy, which has come under the control of the University of Chicago, has no endowment fund and, therefore, no income which can be used for the defraying of expenses other than the tuitions received from students. The University has no funds at present that can be used for the payment of the expenses of the Academy. It is impossible, therefore, for the University to grant a scholarship in the Academy to any student. There are a few students who by performing service for the Academy are enabled to pay a part of their tuition.

I think it might not be out of the way to add that in case the matter should come up again that she be required to show that her work was being satisfactorily done in the school.

Sincerely yours,

Wm B. Owen

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Sincerely yours,

Wm. B. Owen

When does Mr. Owen think about
this. The refund



By *Good*

Chicago, Ill.

Jan. 28th, 1902.

Dec. 7th 1901

Chris W. Harper, *mail*

Miss Edith Reed,

320 Bowen Ave., Chicago.

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My dear Miss Reed:-

My Aunt, Mrs. Charles E. ...

Your letter of december, seventh should have been answered a long time ago. I do not know how it has happened that the answer has been so long delayed.

I am writing to say that the South Side Academy has no endowment fund and therefore no income which can be used for the establishment of scholarships. The University has at present no funds which can be used for the payment of expenses in the Academy. There are a few students who, by performing service for the Academy, are enabled to pay part of their tuition. It will be necessary in any case that the student's work be of a very high grade.

I should be glad to hear from you further in the matter, for of course, we should be pleased to be of assistance to you if it is at all possible.

Yours very truly,

As Mr. Owen thinks about
The refund



~~Chicago, Ill.~~

Dec. 7th 1901

Pres. Wm. G. Harper, ~~Pres.~~

University of Chicago
City. ~~St. Paul, Minn.~~
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Dear Sir:-

My Aunt, Mrs. Caroline E. Haskell,
said to me a short time before her
death that she would endeavor
to obtain for me the benefit of a
scholarship in the University. This
she was not able to attend to.

Considering the financial con-
dition of my mother and step-

father, it would be a very great
favor to them and myself if I
could have the advantage of a
scholarship either in the
University or in the Academy.

I am at present attending
the Academy (South Side). Am in
the 2nd year. I am sixteen years
old. We live at #320 Bowen Av. If
there is any special way of mak-
ing an application, I would be
glad to be informed how to do it.
If recommendations and ref-
erences are desirable, I will
procure the same and send to you.

Yours respectfully
Edith Reed

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The University of Chicago.

Green

Chicago, Ill. Feb. 19th 1897

Dear President Harper!

Since our interview on Monday evening, I have given every spare moment of my time to an attempt to consider the propositions you made to me, in order to give you a reply that would exactly set forth what I conceive to be the situation and my relation to it.

I think I realize quite well the difficulties that will present themselves, if I attempt the work proposed. The first set comes from my own self. You will pardon me if I set these before you first.

Since I came to the University four and a half years ago, I have bent every effort toward securing a position in the University that would enable me to give myself to scholarly work. I have now, if I may quote the testimony of yourself and Professor Shorcy, gained the point where, if I can continue to improve my scholarship and teaching, I may reasonably hope to give my whole time and work to the University and the interests of the Green Department. I have also secured the privilege of a year's study under conditions such that I feel confident that I can thereby greatly increase my efficiency. For this opportunity I have worked incessantly for nearly three years. I am sure you will see that it will be a great sacrifice to give up this cherished aim.

I certainly would not for a moment consider a proposition to do anything that would make me lose one single item of advantage so hardly gained. The question then comes, shall I lose anything I may have gained, by undertaking the management of the school.

The University of Chicago.

As I have tried to answer this question, I have come to the conclusion that the only possible way for the University to make me secure in the acceptance of this difficult task is to make the acceptance mean a promotion to a position which the University means to regard as one of importance. It is quite necessary, I think, that my colleagues in and out of the Department should realize that I am not undertaking this difficult work merely as a makeshift, but as a distinct and honorable service to the University, one which the University regards as of great importance. It is equally necessary that the public interested and the patrons of the school should so understand the matter, as a prime requisite for the success of the school. To be brief, I feel that the only terms under which I could undertake the work of the school ~~is~~ that the University should promote me before the opening of the school to the position of assistant professor, and should assure me that I should be unhampered in the offering of my two courses during three quarters of the year, as at present. I think this is not an unreasonable request. In fact, I have not been assured by you as yet that I am not to be promoted, independently of this new move, although our only conversation on the subject made it clear that it was probable that I should not be promoted until I should take my degree. However I may feel about that condition, I do not make this present condition of acceptance in view of previous arrangements. I simply feel that this must be done in order to make my work and position tolerable. I do not make the suggestion in order to secure more money from the University. I am quite willing to accept the salary that would be paid me

The University of Chicago

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The University of Chicago.

under the present arrangement until July 1st 1898, when my appointment as instructor will expire. But the promotion, as I see it, is necessary and must date from July 1st 1897, the salary of the first year to be fifteen or sixteen hundred ^{Dollars,} according to the present arrangement.

Again, the University, in order to secure the success of the school, must be able to say to the public something as follows: "We have undertaken to conduct, under the control of the University, a preparatory school on the South Side, as an experiment, for the period of ten years. If the public desires and needs such a school, the school will succeed. Otherwise, the school will be suspended. We place at the head of the school a man of experience, a professor in the University, and the University will see to it that the experiment be a fair one and, if it fail, the public will be able to conclude that such a school is not needed, but that preparatory training for the University is sufficiently provided for in the schools of the city."

We must, I think, say substantially this. On no other terms could I undertake the work. The South Side Academy could have been mine today. It was I that urged Mr. Sisson and Mr. Smith to undertake to build up the school. Many parents of children who were with me at Morgan Park urged me to undertake the work. I refused, because I desired to become a scholar and University teacher. To go back to the work then relinquished would be a step backward, that I could ~~take~~ only under the necessity of making a living for my family. I should infinitely prefer to teach for the University at \$2000 a year

The University of Chicago

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indefinitely have to look for the University to do a

The University of Chicago.

than to drift back to the private school business, were there \$5000 a year to be made by the move. I can go to Europe in a few weeks, remain a year and come back to my University work with a rested body and mind, fresh zeal and be happy in my work. But at the end of two years of hard work, to find myself without substantial progress in scholarship, with a consequent loss of University standing, would make me very unhappy indeed.

I have spoken thus fully my mind on the subject. I certainly appreciate your kindness to me and I may be pardoned if I remind you that you have always encouraged me to believe that my university career was assured, if I would go on. The opportunity of my life is before me, I mean that of one year's uninterrupted study. I cannot easily relinquish it. But if you think it best and will secure me in the way mentioned, I shall return in the summer for two years' effort. At the end of that time, I shall want a considerable vacation in which to recover, in some degree, the ground lost in this way.

I very much want to discuss this whole matter with you. I can come to your office at six o'clock this evening or at any time on Saturday you may mention.

Sincerely yours,
Wm B. Ewen

The University of Chicago

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Sincerely yours
Wm. B. Brewster

Finally, inasmuch as my promotion to the assistant professorship will not mean the receipt of the corresponding salary, as long as I have charge of the school, I trust it is proper for me to suggest that it would be an advantage ^{to me} to have the announcement made before my return. I shall have less explanation to make of my return, and shall also have the prestige of the name in my work for the school. I have, however, a recollection that you fixed the date as October 1st. I have no desire to urge the above considerations as against any reasons you may have for preferring the later date.

I hope I may receive a memorandum of the agreement which is to be made concerning the general management and control of the school, the points of which, I believe, we have in the main considered together.

My family enjoys good health and I am much relieved on this account.

With very best wishes for the University and all connected with it,

Yours sincerely

Wm B. Oorn

Königsgrätzerstrasse
111 III
Berlin
Germany

Berlin, June 7th 1897.

Dear President Harper:

I am beginning to be concerned about my work for the coming year and should like very much to hear from you concerning the University school and the plans for its connection with the University.

I understood that you were to visit New York in April and that after that you would reach a definite conclusion as to the form of the control that the University would exercise over the school. I hope that this decision has been reached and should be glad to hear your conclusion.

I am planning to reach Chicago about the 20th of August, as agreed upon. My work here has been very enjoyable indeed. I have comparatively little difficulty with the German and am studying quite hard. I must confess to great reluctance to returning to America and feel more than ever the importance, from a personal standpoint, of protecting myself in my University teaching. I should be greatly disappointed if my connection with the school should interfere with the work for which I find, by comparison, I am prepared and in which I have so much

factor in determining the success of the school.

Again, we cannot expect to make many changes in the school the first year. But I should like to lay emphasis on one department that has been especially neglected in all the secondary schools, namely, English. I think it would be a decided triumph, if we could put into the school a carefully arranged and systematic course in English for all pupils, that should extend throughout the four years of the course. Perhaps the financial resources of the school would not permit the adoption of the whole plan at once, but the plan could be made, and adopted in the lower classes at once. Cannot the English Department in the University (especially Mr. Herrick) be brought to interest itself in this matter? Perhaps you may think it wise to speak with the proper persons about it and then, if you think wise, I can confer with them at length on my return.

I have received a communication from Dr. Goodspeed announcing that my salary has been raised to \$1600. a year, beginning July 1st, 1897. For this increase I am indebted, no doubt, to your commendation and I am thankful for this consideration shown me.

pleasure! On the other hand, I think I appreciate the need of establishing on the South side of Chicago a secondary school that will not suffer by comparison with any similar school in the country. I believe that I can engage in the management of such a school with new enthusiasm after my stay here.

There are some points that I have thought about considerably, which I should like to mention for your consideration, and which would better be decided before my return.

In the first place, it seems to me unwise at present to make announcement of the fact that the school will prepare for college in three years. The school has no financial backing and must make its way quietly. Let us try to prepare pupils in that time, if advisable, and make the announcement after we have succeeded. At least, let us make the transfer of the school (with all its difficulties) first and decide the matter of announcement later. I have a strong conviction that this is the wiser course.

I hope also that the University will do all it can, without detriment to itself, to lend its own prestige to the school.

Of course, no one can judge what that would mean save yourself. I only mention it, because I feel it is to be an important

day to receive congratulations on account of the splendid new gift of Mr. Rockefeller. I fear that I shall hardly know the University when I return. I feel now as if I never wanted to leave it again.

As I intimated above I shall be ready to come on call, if the Academy needs my services.

Sincerely yours

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P.S. The above will continue to be my address until further notice.

Halle a. S.

February 5th 1901



My dear Doctor Harper:

A letter just received from Doctor Anderson contains one from yourself relative to my degree. I am much obliged for the full expression of opinion in regard to the matter.

I gather from Doctor Anderson's letter that the question was discussed by Professor Shorey and yourself.

I am sorry if this is so, although I have no objection to any amount of discussion: I wanted a very simple thing and took what I thought was the easiest way of getting it, namely, your own personal opinion on the matter: such an expression as I could have got from you, if I may be allowed to judge by experience, by calling on you at your office. I am sorry if you have been put to inconvenience in order to answer my request. Had I been able to see you before I left, I should have raised the question then. Of course, I never had any idea that you would desire to use any constraint and tried my best in my letter to make it clear that I felt under obligation to take the degree at the University unless you as head of the University advised another course.

It is difficult to convey one's attitude in a letter and I am not sure but you misunderstood mine: if so, I shall

importance. Mrs. Whaley, for some reason or other, does not see fit to answer my letters. Otherwise, I should bring the matters to his attention.

I hope that no contract will be made that will confine us to our present quarters. I have heard that several plans of the sort were on foot. As I have written Doctor Ingals, I believe that such a course would be a great mistake. We can afford to mark time until entirely ready. My judgment about the promise of the Academy is strengthened by being away and I am sure we ought to make up our minds to build there a great institution.

Of course, I do not expect you to take the trouble to answer this letter. I should be very glad, however, to have a letter from you to our ambassador in Berlin, Mrs. Andrew D. White, saying that I am a professor (assistant) and dean of the Academy and asking him, if possible, to secure for me permission to visit the German schools. I want to do something in that line before I return. The permission is a mere formality. Perhaps you will not think it too late in the

have to ask you to suspend judgment until I can see you personally. It is quite impossible that you should have reason to criticize me on the score of my request and I may be entirely wrong in seeing just a suggestion of such a thing in your letter.

I wrote Mr. Capps Sunday asking him to present my name as a candidate for a degree to the graduate faculty at its next meeting. I shall be ready for the examination in August, if health and other circumstances remain favorable. I may say that I reached this decision a month ago and should not have changed it after the receipt of your letter.

I wish to thank you especially for your letter to Professor Bliss. It has been of great service to me. I am fortunate enough to receive a good many favors at his hands. The year will be of great benefit to me both in my University and Academy work. I have been working very steadily with the exception of the last of December and the first half of January. I found that I then had to take a rest. I was much more tired than I realized, but am now feeling much better.

It is my present plan to spend March and April in Rome & Greece and May, June and July in Halle. I shall be home early in August unless I am needed sooner.

There are a number of matters pertaining to the Academy that I am going to write out in the form of a memorandum with the request that in your conferences with Mrs. Whaley you emphasize their