

Voice
History

Home Mission Rooms,
Temple Court, N. Y. City,
November 26th, 1887.

Prof. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

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Yours very truly,

H. L. Anderson
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Home Mission House,
Temple Court, N. Y. City,
November 28th, 1887.

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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

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History
New York, April 26th, 1888.

Prof. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

Your favor is just at hand. By all means be on hand at Washington "primed" and loaded with a vigorous seven minutes' speech. It is likely that aside from the set addresses speakers will be limited to seven minutes, as there will be many to take part. The outrageous antagonism of the Examiner, with its distortion of facts and its misrepresentation, should arouse every friend of fair dealing as well as of the new Society to overwhelm utterly such detestable measures of warfare. An open, candid, fair antagonist I honor; but I despise from the bottom of my heart meanness and misrepresentation. Depend upon it, if the battle waxes warm I shall say some pretty positive things myself at Washington.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
W. R.

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NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 11, 1888

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APRIL 1888, 1888

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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

New York, Nov. 27th, 1888

Prof. W. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

// I supposed you received the call for the Board meeting of the Education Society, at Washington, December 3d, at 8 P. M. at the Columbian University corner of H and 13th Streets. I have notified Mr. Rockefeller also of the meeting. I have not yet had an interview with him nor heard anything definite from him concerning his plans. He wrote me last week that it was doubtful about his being at the meeting on account of sickness in his family. Still I hope he will be there. In any event, it is quite important that the meeting be held. If he is not prepared with any specific proposition I think it will not be difficult to get a meeting in New York City in February or March to consider anything that he may wish to submit. I trust by all means you will be present.// We shall catch some of the brethren, I think, who are going on to the Richmond meeting.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

New York, Nov. 30th, 1888

Prof. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

"Yours of the 28th is at hand. I am surprised that you did not receive the regular call for the meeting at Washington for it was sent to all the members of the Board. We shall be very sorry indeed if you can not attend. I am expecting Mr. Gates here Saturday. Dr. Welling called to-day. It is quite likely that we shall have to hold an adjourned meeting on Tuesday morning although some who can be present Monday night cannot be present Tuesday morning. I judge that Mr. Rockefeller is not prepared to submit any proposition or statement just now and that it is doubtful about his attending the meeting. Still I have informed him of the meeting and said we would be greatly pleased to see him. If he concludes to go by all means you must be there. I will write you or telegraph you again on Saturday after conference with Secretary Gates."

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
Cdy

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1888

Prof. W. R. Harper,

Yale College, New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that you are a member of the Columbian Univ. Committee appointed by the Executive Bd of the American Baptist Education Society, and also a member of the Committee on the next meeting of the society.

Fraternally Yours—

On Univ.:

F. M. Ellis, D.D.

A. C. Osborn, D.D.

Prof. W. R. Harper

G. D. Boardman, D.D.

H. L. Morehouse, D.D.

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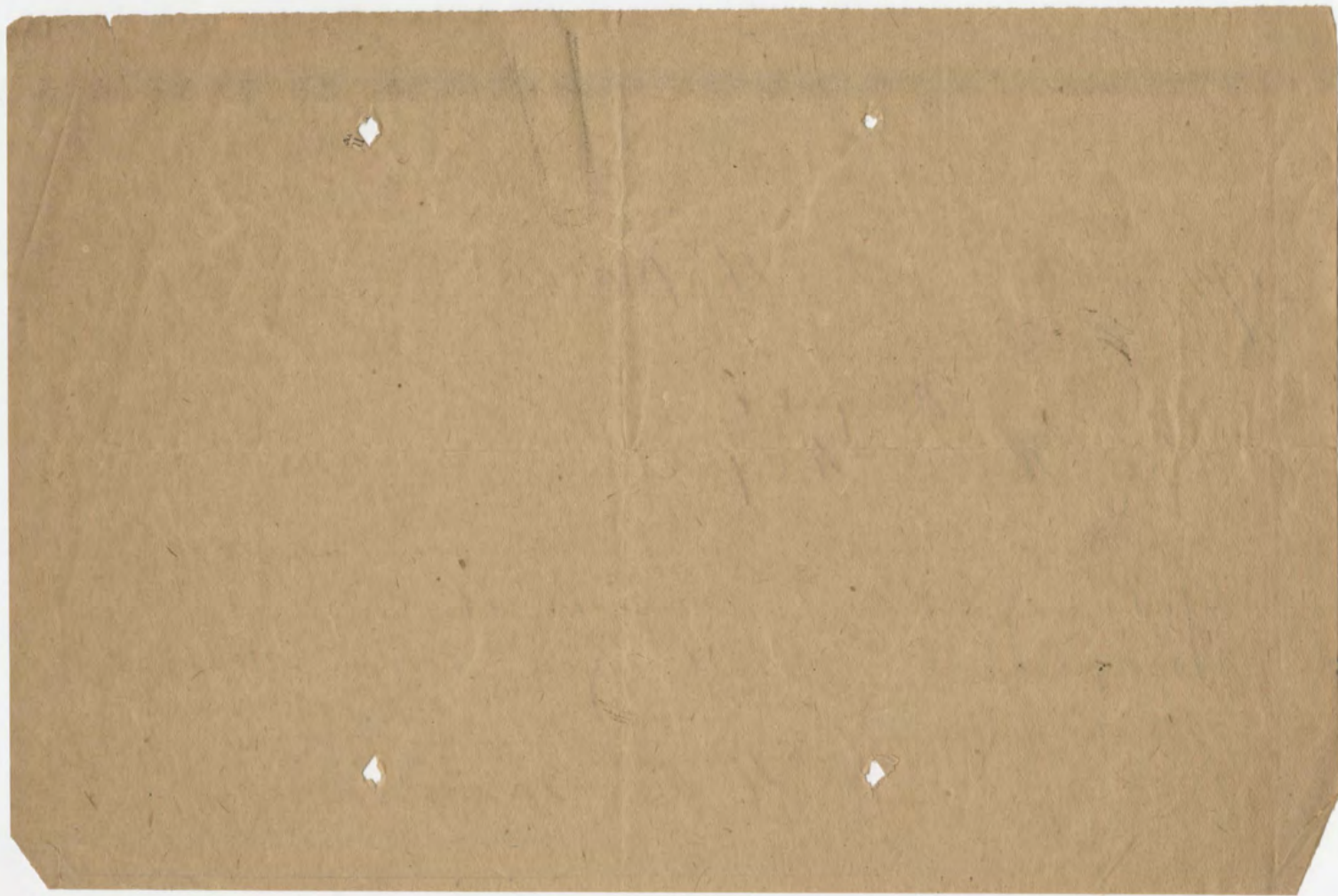
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Dated New York
To Prof. W R Harper

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New York, Jan. 4th, 1889

Prof. W. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

"Yours of the 1st was duly received. I thank you for the further information in regard to the course of affairs. I have thought over your suggestion about having Gates come on to see Mr. Rockefeller, but remembering Mr. Rockefeller's disinclination to see Mr. Gates when he was here I have hesitated to ask him to come on. I have decided at least to do this thing first, namely, to ask Gates to write a letter, the points of which I have given him, to Goodspeed, giving Goodspeed permission to forward the letter to Mr. Rockefeller. The Education Society can not indefinitely dance attendance on uncertainties. If Mr. Rockefeller can not make up his mind in view of all that has been said, the alternative will be to accept the Morgan Park offer and make the best of it. When I was at Washington I was apprehensive that in trying to ride two horses we might fall between both. There is this danger: If the Morgan Park people withdraw their offer and if Mr. Rockefeller should decide to do nothing, we would be left in a sad predicament.

I believe that if the right man can be found to be at the head of the institution it would greatly expedite Mr. Rockefeller's decision; but presidential timber is so scarce I hardly know where to look for the man.

As regards the eager and hasty action of Dr. S. to supplant you in Mr. Rockefeller's estimation I have not the patience or grace to trust myself to speak as I feel. I believe, however, it will all be overruled for your good and that Dr. S. will find that in this as in another thing that he did it will react upon himself."

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

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New Haven
Conn.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION ROOMS,

Temple Court, New York,

Feb 14 1889

Dear Bro,

I am authorized by Pres. Welling
to notify you that in accordance with
special request of five members of the
Board, the meeting of the Board of the
Education Society will be held at 2 PM
Wednesday 20th instead of Tuesday 19th

Yours Truly,

Doubtful about a
quorum on Tuesday,
we expect you sure.

H. J. Anchorage



Prof. W. R. Harper
New Haven
Conn

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION ROOMS,

Temple Court, New York, Feb. 14 1889

Please drop me a card saying:
"It is my request that the meeting
of the Board of the Education Society
be called for Wednesday Feb. 20th -
Yours &c

H. L. Lurehouse
Come without fail!

SECTION 1. All such persons as now are, or may hereafter become, members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the City of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, shall be, and hereby are constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The American Baptist Home Mission Society." for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

New York City, N. Y.
January 6th, 1889

My Dear Bro.

At the meeting of the Executive Board of The American Baptist Education Society, held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 4th '88, it was decided to incorporate the Society. When the petition for incorporation was nearly ready for presentation, it was found that the laws of the District would not furnish a charter sufficiently broad and flexible to meet the wishes of the friends of the organization. By the terms of the Statutes a majority of the corporators must be residents of the District and only the corporators and their successors can have a legal voice in the affairs of the Society. The constituency of the Society as proposed in the Constitution would be barred out and the Society would become a close and self perpetuating organization. Congress can not grant a special charter to meet our views.

Hence the interests of the Society seem to demand its incorporation in some State where the desired charter can be secured. In many States the statutes are similar to those of the District of Columbia and special legislation in such matters is likewise prohibited. In a very few States only, where we would think of incorporating the Society, has the Legislature power to grant special charters. The State of New York confers this power on the Legislature. To several who have given the subject consideration it is thought best that incorporation should be effected in the State of New York. The precedents already established, as in the case of the Home Mission Society, will be in our favor. The first Section of the Society's Charter is essentially what we want and must have, if it be possible to obtain it. I enclose herewith a copy of that Section.

There are very important financial considerations which demand the earliest possible incorporation of the Society. If the incorporation is to be effected in N. Y. the City of New York is the natural place for the meeting to take the necessary action for this purpose.

If you favor such a meeting, will you kindly sign the enclosed request to the Chairman of the Executive Board to call it, as he is required to do upon the written request of five members, and return the paper to me to be forwarded to him.

It is proper to add that the course proposed is approved and urged by Hon. Francis Wayland, President of the Society and Rev. F. T. Gates, Corresponding Secretary.

Please give this your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Murchouse

be requisite to constitute a Member for Life; and one hundred dollars, paid at one time, which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be to constitute a Director for Life.

OFFICERS.

IV.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Recording Secretary.

MANAGERS.

V.—There shall be fifteen managers also, residing chiefly in the City of New York, or its vicinity.

Temple Court, New York City, N. Y.
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OFFICERS

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MANAGERS

There shall be a Manager for each of the five departments of the Society, and the Board of Directors shall have the right to elect and discontinue any or all of the managers, which, in addition to any other powers, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors for Life.

Temple Court, New York City, N. Y.
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Yours very truly,

W. F. Weyland

OFFICE OF
SIOUX FALLS UNIVERSITY.

REV. E. B. MEREDITH, PRESIDENT.

SIOUX FALLS, DAKOTA, March 9, 89

to Mr. Harper

My dear friend
your letter of Feb 25th 89 is
before me. was glad to hear from you and
to read your encouraging words. Had just
received a letter from Mr. Gates a short
time before. Am pleased to know that the
society is making so much progress for
they have a great work and much needed
one to do in our denomination. Am also
very glad to hear of the interest you take in
our western work. I shall be glad to meet
with your committee and consult with
them. In your letter you seem to censure
me for my attitude toward Mr. Gates, and call
my attention to three points. Now first I have no
trouble with Mr. Gates and never have had and
don't see why Mr. Gates thinks I have. Have never

expected him to do anything or give anything before
he had it and the board directed him to use it,
I have never shown any lack of patience and
the only fault I ever found was that he made
reports that he expected the Living Falls University
to be sold under the Sheriff's hammer, and then
his advice to me to close the school and offer
some of our outside blocks for bids and sell them,
In other words I complained to one or two
of our brethren about a man giving advice
against my judgement without ever coming
on the ground to see for himself. You know
as well as I that such advice is not likely
to be sound,

Knowing me as well as you do I think you
should know what my "attitude" has been and
whether I have "said" anything before you censure
me for "talking." So far as I can learn someone
must have exaggerated greatly anything I have said,
I have stood under this institution for a long time
and we are doing good work. After I put in money
till I could not pay my own bills I opened an
office down town and the Lord has prospered me
wonderfully. I would not take \$75,000 - to go back
where I was a year ago and I think the last
year and a half has put me where I can

OFFICE OF
SIOUX FALLS UNIVERSITY.

REV. E. B. MEREDITH, PRESIDENT.

SIOUX FALLS, DAKOTA,

Call myself worth nearly \$100,000 - I
have put nearly \$2000 into the school
this year and expect to put in more,
You need not fear about the school
being sold by the sheriff. We have
property worth fully \$60,000 at present
prices, an excellent location; good
patronage and no very enormous
debt. Property is rapidly advancing and
I fully believe that in 5 years with a little
judicious work we will have an insti-
tution worth from \$100,000. to \$150,000 - Of
course a little help at this time would
do a great deal for us and count for
much in the future. Wish you could
make it possible to come out and make
us a visit - but suppose you are too busy,
shall try to see you next time I get out
Yours with pleasant remembrance
E. B. Meredith

SIOUX FALLS, DAKOTA

Call myself worth nearly \$10,000 -
have but about \$2,000 into the school
this year and expect to put in more,
you need not fear about the school
being sold if the thing, we have
property worth fully \$10,000 of personal
things, an excellent location, good
bathrooms and are very convenient
and, property is rapidly advancing and
I fully believe that in a year with a little
prudent work we will have an income
of \$10,000 - \$15,000 - Of
course a little less at this time would
do a great deal for us and count for
much in the future, but you could
make it possible to come out and make
an visit - but suppose you are to buy,
I'll try to see you next time I get out
I am with you and remain
Yours truly
E. B. Merritt

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New York, Mar. 22d, 1889.

Prof. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 20th is at hand. I expect to be at the Rooms constantly during the month of April and shall be glad to meet the committee at any time that will be most convenient to them. I have no engagement which will prevent my meeting them on any Wednesday or Friday between April 6th and 25th. The Rooms of the Society are at the disposal of the committee if they desire. I am glad that you are making arrangements for a meeting which will doubtless be one of no little importance.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse

The General Missionary

The American Baptist Home Mission Society

General Missionary

Rev. M. L. Johnson, D.D., Sec. Gen.
Temple Court, Broadway Street

W. W. Johnson, D.D., Sec. Gen.
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Prof. W. W. Johnson
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 20th is at hand. I expect to be at the Rooms constantly during the month of April and shall be glad to meet the committee at any time that will be most convenient to them. I have no engagement which will prevent my meeting them on any Wednesday or Friday between April 6th and 28th. The Rooms of the Society are at the disposal of the committee if they desire. I am glad that you are making arrangements for a meeting with all doubtless be one of no little importance.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Johnson

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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

New York, March 29th, 1889.

Prof. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 28th is at hand. I have also a letter from Dr. Ellis urging the meeting of the Committee at Washington. I have replied that it seems almost impossible for me to get away for one or two days to attend a meeting at Washington because my duties prior to the annual meeting of the Society are very taxing here. Possibly, if the meeting could be postponed until the latter part of April I could do so. I do not believe Dr. Osborn, of Albion, will go to Washington. In any event I can not go Washington until after the middle of April.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
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New York, April 3d, 1889.

Prof. W. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

"Dr. Ellis, of Baltimore, writes that he calls a meeting of the Committee of Columbian University at Washington, April 9th, at 12 M. I have written him that I am greatly surprised at this action after I had positively stated that it would be impossible for me to attend that week. I have a Board meeting here on the 8th, the meeting of the Committee of Chicago University on the 12th; to go to Washington would consume two days more of that week and there would be nothing left therefore for ordinary business. I can not and will not go. It looks to me as if there were to be an attempt to force the Columbian matter to the front before the meeting of the Chicago Committee, although they knew that such a meeting was to be held. Now if you can afford the time to go to Washington for two days and then to take two days more on this Chicago University business the same week and settle both questions I shall be greatly rejoiced and shall be relieved of any responsibility in regard to affairs at Washington. But from what you said I think you will write Ellis that it will be impossible for you to attend on the 9th. If he will call it for the 19th or 20 I think I could go."

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
C. S.

"P.S. Gates telegraphs me he will be here the 12th."

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New York, April 4th, 1889.

Prof. W. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

"Yours of the 3d is at hand. I presume you have by this time received a letter from Dr. Welling saying he has engaged rooms for us at Washington on the 9th. I have replied that I can not possibly be there on the 9th and urge that the meeting be called for the last week in April.

Gates writes me that nobody will represent the provisional committee at our meeting; that they could not agree upon Lorimer. On the whole I am glad that he is not to come but that Gates is to be here instead.

I note what you say about an address by Dr. Strong on a great university. I had a long talk with Gates on the subject during his last visit here. He strongly advocated the invitation. I told him I had great misgivings on the subject, for I did not feel that we were called upon to appear to commit ourselves to a great university scheme. But he recently wrote me again at length and wished I would telegraph him if I would consent to inviting Dr. Strong. Finally I consented. But I have some doubt whether he will deliver the address, though he may regard it as his great opportunity. If he does, of course Dr. Welling will want to have his say concerning Columbian University. In case this is done the Education Society will certainly have affairs enough on its hands to keep it occupied for some time."

I have advices from Senator Fassett, of Albany, that our bill for the incorporation of the Society has gone to its 3d reading in the Assembly and that it will doubtless pass next week.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
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New York, Oct. 28th, 1889.

Prof. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 26th is at hand. I sent Gates about 200 names of persons to whom he might send the Annual Report. I have also requested him after sending out the Report to forward the list of names to you in order that you may send out an appeal to them for contributions. I presume you will receive the list very soon. I return you Gates's letter concerning Dr. Everts's attitude in respect to the old university site. I have also had a letter from Gates on the subject. I wrote Dr. Everts, who sent me a personal letter with his circular, that I thought the agitation of this matter was most untimely and that it would have the effect of bringing in a distracting element which might turn attention away from the great thing that we are now after, namely, getting the \$400,000. I believe, however, that his advocacy of the plan will amount to practically nothing.

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New Haven, Conn.

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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

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H. L. H.

New York, Nov. 9th, 1889.

Dear Dr. Harper,

Yours of the 8th is just at hand. I think the letter which you enclose covers the case fully and is right to the point. Possibly it might be well to modify the last sentence a little in order to get definite information from the persons to whom you write concerning their remittance. If we ask them to remit to the treasurer they may make no reply to us and we may be in the dark concerning their action until we have inquired of Mr. Levering what sums came into his hands. I have therefore written in pencil what I think would cover the case a little better.

I think you better use your own discretion in regard to the form in which the letter should be sent out, -whether mimeographed or set up in type-writer type. The nearer it can come in appearance to an original letter the better it will be.

Have you got in anything from the old pledges made last May? I recently had a letter from Bro. Gates which clearly shows that he is feeling considerably depressed over the financial outlook for himself. I have cheered him up, and shall apply to two or three men in this city to see if I cannot get them each to assume his salary for a month.

I don't think it is necessary to have a meeting of the committee to get Mr. Cauldwell's approval to this letter for I am sure he will approve.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse

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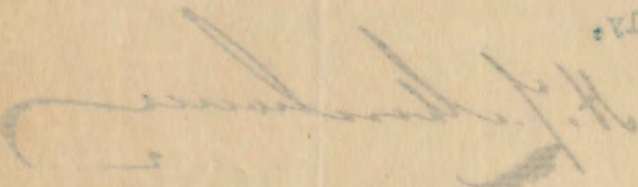
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Yours very truly,



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P.O. DRAWER 630.

Baltimore, Nov 18 1889

W. R. Harper
New Haven
Dear Sir

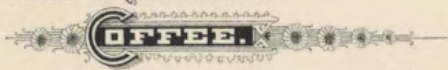
As a matter of interest
to you I enclose herewith a list
of recent contributions to the
Education Society.

J. A. Bostoner	\$100.
Chas. W. Needham	100.
C. Nelson Blake	100.
L. D. Ely	100.
Balance to Natick's sub.	34.50
Rev Geo. D. Lawson	50.
Alex Blackburn	30.
	514.50.

I remit receipts promptly to Mr Sater
but so far have only paid him
about \$1450. on acct salary expenses

and red salaries due him.

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P.O. DRAWER 630.

Baltimore, Nov 26 1889

Prof

W.R. Harped

New Haven

Dear Sir

Yours of yesterday received
enclosing check for \$220.⁰⁰ from
parties as stated for credit of
Education Society & same has
had proper attention.

Yours
Edwin Leeking

W.K. Porter Pittsburgh \$100.

Cash (Am E. Buckston) " 100.

Horace Waters " 10.

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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

New York, Dec. 31st, 188

Prof. W. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro.

"I received yours of the 28th on Saturday. I had just written a very strong letter urging you to consider the question of taking the presidency of the new university at Chicago on the ground that I believe Mr. Rockefeller's gift to that institution will hinge very largely upon the man who is to be at the head of it. I have had an impression that he regarded you as the man for the place. And feeling that the whole scheme might collapse unless you should accept that position I have been anxious that you should do so. I will not send you the letter for your present attitude, in view of the attack which has been made upon you, is doubtless the best for you to assume. But I am becoming very apprehensive that unless a speedy decision is reached Mr. Rockefeller's plans for Chicago, will end somewhat as the plans for the great university at New York ended. I know how he is being besieged at present from Richmond. I think it is too bad.

I have not seen him. I do not think I shall ask to see him on this subject unless a crisis comes. While our relations are pleasant and nothing has ever occurred to alienate us in any way so far as I know, yet I am thoroughly convinced that I have been misrepresented to him by certain parties who have, unfortunately, got into very close relations with him. As your letter is confidential to me so mine must be confidential to you. I understand that Dr. Boyd, of Newark, only this week lunched with Mr. Rockefeller, and they have lunched together several times this fall and winter. Boyd may be regarded as Dr. Strong's lieutenant to do everything in his power here to thwart the university scheme at Chicago; at least this is my conviction. To this end I will be put in false light if that will help defeat the scheme. I believe there are some who would be glad to have the Chicago scheme defeated as much for the purpose of giving a setback to the Education Society as for any other purpose. There are some men whose names I will not further mention, whom I can not trust at all, however plausible may be their manner in my presence.

The latest move of Dr. Strong, to which you refer,

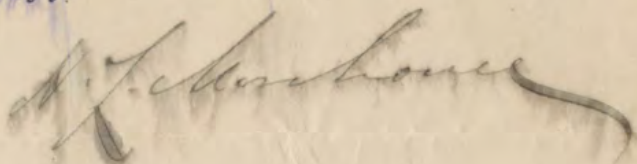
astounds me. If he has begun to operate on this line of attack he will undoubtedly get his lieutenant to co-operate to the best of his ability. At the same time I do not believe it is going to seriously affect the enterprise inasmuch as you declare yourself out of the field as a candidate for the presidency.

You will of course see the Standard of this week which I hope Mr. Rockefeller may also see. How much weight these opinions will have with him I do not know, but they can do no harm.

I have heard nothing from Goodspeed, who seemed to be in very close relations with Mr. Rockefeller when he was here, and who thought he had a definite proposition which Mr. Rockefeller would accept with some modifications perhaps. If Mr. Rockefeller can invite others from a distance to visit him on this matter he certainly can invite me when he wishes any suggestions from me. I have once and again opened the way for such an invitation and he has replied in general terms that he hoped to see me soon. Beyond this I do not think I ought to go at present.

I think the thing for you to do is to hold on to Mr. Rockefeller with as close and kindly a grip as you can, for I believe more depends upon you than upon anybody else in this important matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. F. Chandler", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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New York, March 11, 1890.

Dear Dr. Harper,

"In looking over some letters after my return from my three weeks absence at the South I come across yours of the 10th ult. I have been thinking of writing you. I visited Chicago on my way home and had a conference with Brethren Gates, Goodspeed and Smith. I expect Bro. Gates heretomorrow as probably you are aware. We must have about \$75,000 from the East for the University but for the life of me I don't know where to get it. The Baptists of this city are being solicited most urgently for \$50,000 for Cook Academy and something is going on in almost every direction. We shall all have to take hold of the neterprise I fear in order to achieve success."

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Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
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J. G. SNELLING, TREAS.

New York, March 22d, 1890.

Dear Dr. Harper,

Yours of the 19th is at hand. I am glad you have a plan already in mind for securing a regular income and that you are convinced that we must cease to apply to contributors for small sums. I have been doing a little thinking on this subject also. I shall be glad to know whether our thoughts coincide. By all means come to New York while Gates is here. I cannot get away for an evening in New Haven. Just now I am unusually preoccupied with duties preliminary to the anniversaries. I think we ought to have a meeting of the Executive Committee while Bro. Gates is in the East.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
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REV. H. J. MONROE, D.D., LL.D.,
TEMPLE COURT, BETHANY STREET,
NEW YORK.

The General Assembly
of the American Baptist
Church, held at New York
City, on the 1st of May,
1884.

March 22d,

Dear Dr. Harper,

Yours of the 19th is at hand. I am glad you have a
plan already in mind for securing a regular income and that you
are convinced that we must cease to apply to contributors for small
sums. I have been doing a little thinking on this subject also.
I shall be glad to know whether our thoughts coincide. By all
means come to New York while Gates is here. I cannot get away
for an evening in New Haven. Just now I am unusually preoccupied with
duties preliminary to the anniversary. I think we ought to
have a meeting of the Executive Committee while Bro. Gates is in
the East.

Yours very truly,

H. J. Monroe

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New York, May 3d, 1890.

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H. L. Morehouse
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"The pledges for Chicago Union are rolling up - Big time ahead!"

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 Temple Court, Bedford Street

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New York, Sept. 9th, 1890.

My Dear Dr. Harper,

"Yours of the 6th was received yesterday and gave me great delight and satisfaction. Bro. Gates when visiting here about three weeks ago gave me ground for hope that Mr. Rockefeller would do this magnificent thing. He told me what your plans and desires were. I congratulate you particularly upon the result. You are now in for the presidency of what is to be the grandest Baptist institution on the continent. There can be no question now as to your duty. I hope you have already given your decision. You will have magnificent support in your new position. I rejoice for your sake, for the sake of Christian education and for the sake of the American Baptist Education Society whose recent work has been crowned by this munificent gift of Mr. Rockefeller largely through your instrumentality. I am glad also that the two institutions are to be organically united. Praise the Lord for His goodness. You may depend upon my keeping the matter close until you are prepared for the announcement, but let me have an opportunity as early as possible to make the announcement which I hope may be made simultaneously in many papers. Come and see me when you can."

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse

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<u>218 LaSalle St Chicago.</u>			
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<u>into splendid seminary building</u>			
<u>to be called Rockefeller Hall"</u>			
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Dear Dr. Harper,

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I am so pressed with other matters I am afraid I cannot give much thought to a scheme for the combination of the seminary and the university. I think I could work one out, however, with a little time. Doubtless Dr. Northrup is applying his thought to the subject. I will incubate upon it and if anything worth while is hatched out I will send you the chicken. Come in and see me if you can on your way to Chicago. Of course I shall say nothing about the recent pledge of Mr. Rockefeller until you give me liberty to do so or until the matter is made public."

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Temple Court, Berkeley Street

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New York, Sept. 13th, 1890.

Dear Dr. Harper,

"I have been thinking a little about the possible organic union of the seminary and university at Chicago. I think it practicable. I will give you a few of my points if you come this way. I have no idea, however, that they are very valuable but they may be suggestive.

I think it would be to your advantage to come and meet Dr. MacVicar who was, until recently, chancellor of McMaster University at Toronto. They have had a double-headed arrangement at Toronto and at Woodstock and I believe have got the whole system harmoniously working, after considerable difficulty, however. Dr. MacVicar is a very sagacious man I think and might be very helpful to you in an interview in such a matter. The interview could be perfectly confidential.

Rev. Mr. Williams of the Baptist Congress, who was at the Rooms this morning, read me a sentence from your letter to him about good things that might be expected soon. He was very anxious to know further, but I was close as a clam, looked wise and mysterious, saying, however, that it is all so."

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My Dear Dr. Harper,

"Yours of the 22d is at hand. I have been delighted in seeing the newspaper statements concerning the Chicago University, Mr. Rockefeller's gift &c. I could read a considerable between the lines. I am more delighted to know that both boards were enthusiastic and unanimous in the acceptance of the plan proposed. And I am specially glad that the Seminary is to be taken under the University wing and to be so splendidly domiciled.

I am glad to know that you are devising a grand new departure in college and University work. I shall be deeply interested in hearing about it." I do hope you will come in and see me before I go west, for brethren in Chicago will be asking me a great many questions about Chicago University. I expect to leave here the 5th of Oct. to be gone about three weeks, stopping at Chicago, going to Wisconsin and thence west to Kansas, Colo., Ind. Ter. &c.

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Yours very truly,

H. L. Morehouse
Corresponding Secretary
per D. W. Perkins

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New York, Sept. 26th, 1890.

Dear Dr. Harper,

Yours of the 25th is at hand as I return from the Vt. Convention. I don't see how I can spend a Sunday at Vassar. I cannot do so next Sunday for I must be here that day, nor can I do it the following Sunday for I may have to leave for the West very early Monday morning. If you are passing through the city and have but a short time, let me know when you are coming and I will try to meet you at the Grand Union Hotel for a half hour's chat. But I shall be glad to see you at the Rooms if you can come down.

"Every body here is jubilant about the prospects of the institution - unless it may be some of these croakers, and some who are interested in building up a big institution here and who fancy that their projects are not likely to be realized. I had a letter from Dr. Strong to-day relating to other matters but never a line about Chicago University. In my reply I think I cannot refrain from expressing my gratification ^{at} the gift of Mr. Rockefeller and saying that I am sure he will rejoice with us all in this. Will it be wicked to do so?"

Yours very truly,

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Dear Dr. Harper,

I have just had an interview with Dr. Welling. The way is all clear for you to visit Washington, not only to look into its facilities for university education but to confer with the Dr. concerning university work at Washington in close relations with the university work at Chicago. He is in hearty sympathy with the idea of federated or co-operative work, and he desires me to say that he will be glad to see you for a conference on this subject. I have pretty strongly hinted to him that the hope of Columbian University so far as non-professional university work is concerned, lies in connecting itself very closely with Chicago University. How closely this alliance can be made I don't know. But the door is open and you are invited to walk in.

I received the copy of the conclusions to which we came at New Haven.

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New York, Dec. 12 1890

Dear Dr. Harper

"Yours of 10th at hand. Accept my thanks for the privilege of perusing the plan of organization &c. It is wrought out with remarkable ability both in its general features and in its details. I see nothing to be added or taken therefrom. I shall be glad to see you as you pass through the city on your way to Chicago.

I believe the adoption of this plan, and its publication will be the educational sensation of the time; further, I believe it will meet with general approval, though of course you need not expect to escape criticism from some old fogies from "Wayback."

Now, as the Lord has given you the plan, so you must attend to its execution."

Yours ever H. L. Morehouse

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Rev. H. L. Burleigh, D.D., Secy.

TEMPLE COURT, BOSTON STREET

1892

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the financial report for 1891. I am sorry to hear that you have not received the report in time. I have just received it from the printer and it is now being forwarded to you by express. I am sure you will find it of interest and value. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
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New York, Feb. 2d, 1890.

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// Mr. Rockefeller has shown me your letter of January 8th touching your acceptance of the Presidency of the University of Chicago. While I am in no sense authorized to represent Mr. Rockefeller, at the same time you may implicitly rely upon the following statements as embodying substantially his conclusions as well as my own in this matter.

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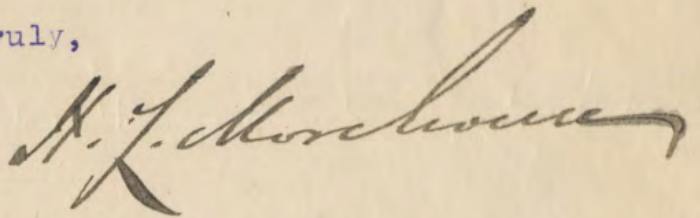
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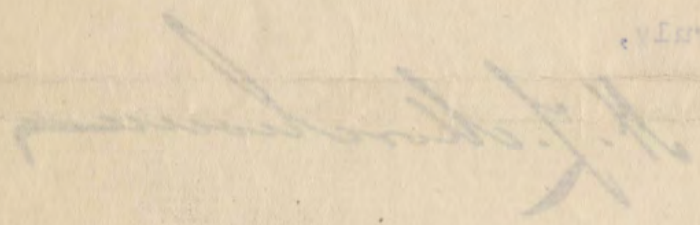
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I would not want to take hold of it under any circumstances, unless it could be made the best school in Iowa and put in the forefront of similar institutions in this country. Do you know of any help that could be realized in paying this debt? If the debt could be provided for in some way, I see no reason why the school could not be made a grand feeder for the University.

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April 25, 1923

President E.D. Burton, D.D.
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Burton:

I feel in duty bound to tell you of a situation. Mr. Cress in Montana is one of the ablest State Secretaries in the denomination. He combines intense devotion to the cause of Christ with breadth of mind and is a great credit to the Divinity School of Chicago University.

A group of intense political Fundamentalists in Montana, very likely fomented from outside the State, is determined to drive Cress out. They announce their purpose to do so at the coming meeting of the State Convention. The matter is seething.

If they learn that the University of Chicago is moving to modify its relation to the Baptist denomination, they are sure to use that as a confirmation of their contention that he is unsound.

Here in New York the leaders of the political Fundamentalists are showing marked signs of being ready to desist from violent antagonism to the denomination.

It is a time of times to avoid furnishing excuses for theological partisanship. The Montana situation which touches me so keenly is typical. Would loss to the University from waiting a while longer, be as great as loss to the whole cause of cooperation by bringing on the discussion just now?

Yours in cordial service,

Charles L. White

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