

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

President's Office.

ANN ARBOR,

1894

Angell
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My dear President

In answer to your
question I may say
that I am near "tired
of life": but am often
in these days my time
of Practical life. I
am rather sorry for you
fellows who have the

beginning - I sigh for a chance to do
a little studying - & I fear you
must sometimes. I often go to the library
place with some of my books.

I am very truly
James R. Russell

My road before me. & I
am studying diligently
I ascertain how I
can get release.
Alas! I do not yet
see the way clear.

The business is very
different from what it
was when I first
knew it, so much
more complicated &

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President's Office

ANN ARBOR

May 9, 1894.

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President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:-

We were rather surprised last year to hear that you had taken Ricketts without insisting on a letter from us. Though there was nothing in his college record that could justify us in refusing a letter of dismissal, we should probably have intimated to you, if you had written us, that there were reports current here that he had not acted honorably in connection with the Students' Lecture Association. As a matter of curiosity, I should like to know why he was expelled. I have seen it reported in the newspapers that he was charged with forgery. I am inclined to think, from what I know of his life, that his downfall has come from his excessive ambition to be a leader, and, in order to accomplish this, to subject himself to expenses which he could not afford.

Yours truly,

James R. Angell

1893

May 9, 1894.

ANN ARBOR

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University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

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Yours truly,

James R. Harper

although the work is to be a
labor of love, & not for
compensation, as there is
none, I greatly fear that
for the next few months
it will lay a mortgage
on every spare moment
I can find. It is on
this account that I
was constrained to give
you a negative answer,
though my reluctance. And
for the same reason I
think I shall have

to ask you to please me
in April.

Nothing but a heavy mass
of duties has made me
deny myself the pleasure
of expressing my great
joy at hearing of your
recent good fortune. I wish
Rockefeller's ailment were
contagious in Michigan.
If I saw you, I should
stand on the Graduate
work above all. I can't
help thinking that is
your great chance. You

how the strategic point
for it in the West, as
Columbia does in the
East. Really, wishing
for my success, I am

Yours as ever

James L. Bryant

President Boston

Univ. of Chicago

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Boston Mr. Nov. 14. 1855

My dear President Harper.

I was really sorry
to telegraph you tonight
a declaration of your invi-
tation. I had rather have
myself in hand for April.

But you ^{may} have been
that I have been
pulled into this. Deep
water - was, inquiring by
Mr. Cleveland. But

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Angell.

ANN ARBOR, March 8,

1895.

President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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My dear President:-

I never was so overwhelmed with work, and I see no daylight ahead for a long time. The Legislature are calling on me for all sorts of reports, and I do not know when they are going to get through. Moreover, I always feel, when Commencement is done, that I do not want to see another college for a hundred years. You have been very patient with me, and I should be most sorry if you thought I had not the desire to show my cordiality of feeling toward you and Chicago University by rendering it the service you ask. But I do not at this moment see how I can possibly make any promise for July 1st. I sincerely hope you have not any bigger load on your shoulders than I have just now.

Yours truly,

James B. Angell

1895

March 8,

ANN ARBOR

President Harper,

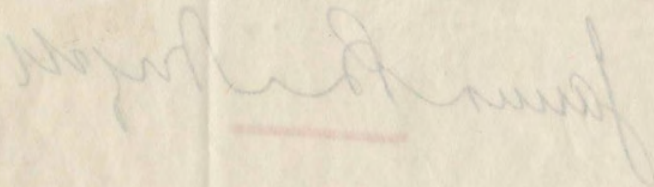
University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

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Yours truly,




Angell

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

President's Office.

ANN ARBOR, January 30, 1896⁹⁵.

President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

OK

My dear President:-

I once knew a woman who married a man, she said, in order to get rid of him, and I begin to think that I may have to accept one of your invitations, if only with a similar purpose. I am unable to-day to answer you, but if you will give me two or three days to meditate upon the matter, I will see whether I can manage to get ready an address. Seriously, I would much like to come to you; but you, by this time, have begun to find out how hard it is for a University President to command his time for any special work.

Yours truly,

James R. Angell

ANN ARBOR, January 30, 1894

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Yours truly,

James R. Duggan

You have so often & so kindly
honored me. And I hope
some day to send you an
your Convocation.

Yours very truly,
James D. Angell

President Harper

Univ. of Chicago.

President's Office

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ANN ARBOR

Apr 3 1896

My dear President,

I have given all my
spare moments since I
wrote you to meditation
on an address for you. For
I could not think of
giving you scraps from
old addresses. I pitched
on a theme which I
thought might answer.
But after brooding on

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President's Office
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It. I find it would re-
quire more time than
I can be sure of
commanding between
now & April 1st.

Do you know I have
just passed my 67th
birth-day, and I find
I can't take on better
work as recklessly
as I used to do.

My physician has given
me some such hints as
you will soon be having,
if you work so hard
a day, as I hear
you do.

I hope you will
believe me when I
say I am always
sorry & distrust the
imitation with which

Wagel & Co.

Answer

San Francisco Nov. 27.

My dear President

I should really like
to be able to say Yes
to your urgent request.
But I could not be
right to let you rely
on me, because the
chances are so large
that I could not

be ready.

This Canal busi-
ness is to take too
much of my time
in December.

By the way. Your
reputation as a
football prophet
is gone. You

assured me our boys
were to beat you
yesterday. Luckily
I did not accept
your invitation to
come. Well, when
two sides are horse,
one must ride to
win.

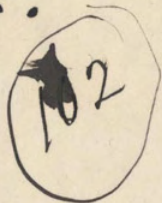
Yours truly
J. B. Russell
Montreal Quebec

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ANN ARBOR, September 27 1898.

Angell



My dear Doctor Harper:-

I shall be glad when the day comes that some engagement does not prevent me from accepting an invitation from you to anything.

By the way, suppose the peace-making ministry now in power in Spain is overturned,-- what will become of all the jubilant speeches that are ripening in oratorical brains? Will the celebration still go on?

Yours truly,

James B. Angell

Dr. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Illinois.

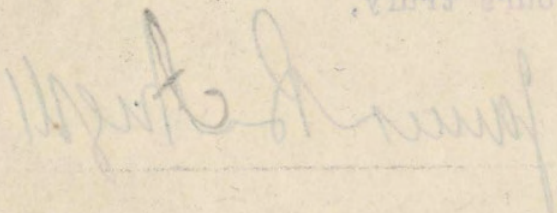
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By the way, suppose the peace-making minority now in power in Spain is overthrown, -- what will become of all the jubilate speeches that are ripening in overzealous brains? Will the celebration still go on?

Yours truly,



Dr. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Illinois.

is a little hackneyed & tame
for a company of warmies.
But I will try to say
something, though I am un-
der 2 come rather to com-
ply with the kind urgan-
cy of you & other good
friends than from a
desire on my part to
appear.

Yours truly
James B. Tufts
Rev. Dr. Barber

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

President's Office

Angell

ANN ARBOR

Oct. 14 1898

My dear President,

After our telephonic
conferation this morning,
(for which I left the den-
tist's chair) my phy-
sician inspected my
throat and expressed
the opinion that there
is a fair chance of
my being able to make

myself audible by Wednesday
day Evg. I am decidedly
better, but still not yet
recovered.

But my Regents
have had occasion to
change the date of their
meeting from Wednesday
to Tuesday. So I think
I can leave late Tues-
day night or early
Wednesday morning,

& reach Chicago at latest
by 3 pm. Wednesday.

Will you please mail
me at once a ticket
or pass, which will ad-
mit me to the supper,
with sometimes when
I when to report on the
it.

I suppose 10 minutes
is long enough to talk,
2 from Administration

ANN ARBOR,

Nov 24

1898.

Angel

My Dear President.

Your kind persistence
in writing me to appear
at one of your Conve-
nions reminds me of a
good woman I knew,
who was pursued by a
persistent suitor for
some years, and finally
married him, at the
last, to get rid of him.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. and in reply to inform
you that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Now I don't want to get
rid of you. But realizing
that you have your way
in this region in almost
everything. I suppose I
might as well say that
at no distant day I
will endeavor to serve
you.

But at your Janu-
ary date I must be
in Rhod Island. When

I go to assist in course.
— church

I go to assist in consecrating a tablet in church
to my inseparable friend,
Rowland Babard.

But should you
want me in April,
I will try to come.

Yours truly
James B. Russell

Frederick Barber
Univ. of Chicago

to be a student in course
 meeting a letter in course
 a very important person

Professor H. H. H.

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President's Office.

ANN ARBOR, May 22 1899

Angell
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My dear President.

Mrs. Angell and
I beg to thank you
and Mrs. Harper most
cordially for your kind
invitation.

Such a prolonged
visit as you propose
strikes us as somewhat
of a visitation to

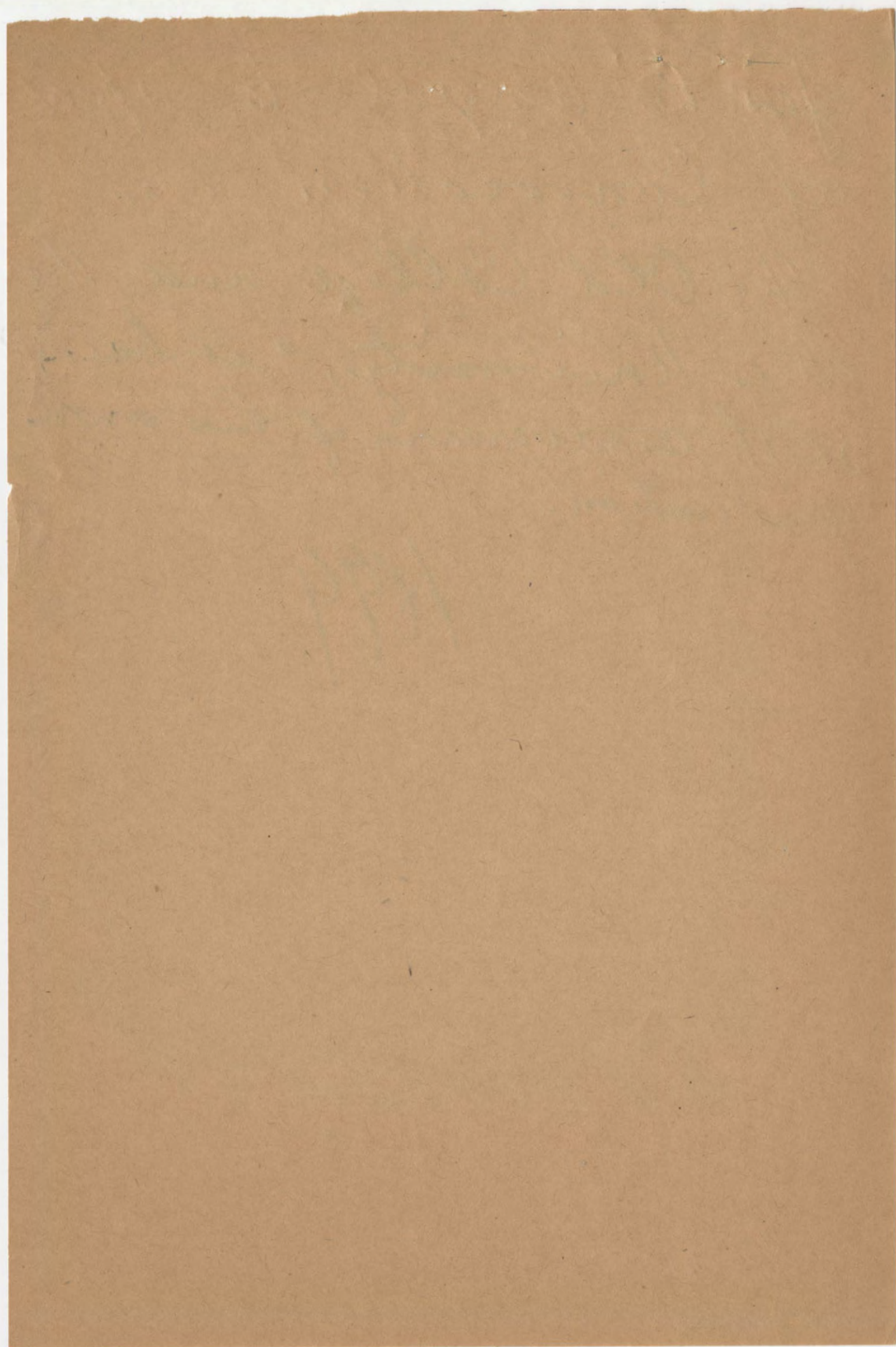
implict on you. But we
know your large-hearted
hospitality, and so we
humbly accept your
invitation.

In the Convocation
rooms (yet to be written)
on Saturday? I do
understand it.

Yours very truly
James B. Russell
Orrin H. Barber.

Jas. B. Angell to speak
at Convocation on
"The Old College and the
New University," it being
50th anniversary of his own
graduation.

1899



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Angell

ANN ARBOR, June 7,

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President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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My dear President:-

I think I have not asked you how much time you allot to me. Please write to me on that point.

In the hurly-burly of the last days of the year, I have been taking my odd minutes in trying to prepare for you. As this is the fiftieth anniversary of my graduation, it has occurred to me to choose as my theme "The Old College and the New University." My endeavor is to set forth some of the contrasts between them. I have written I suppose what would take about an hour to deliver, but if you want me to cut it down, please say so frankly. I have written that amount, I suppose, because it is the time we usually allow here. I trust the subject is one not without interest to your people, though I fear my treatment of it will be rather simple.

Yours truly,

James B. Angell

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

President's Office

ANN ARBOR, June 7, 1909

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President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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here. I trust the subject is one not without interest to your peo-
ple, though I fear my treatment of it will be rather simple.

Yours truly,

James A. Wright

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Angell

President's Office.

ANN ARBOR, July 7,

1899.

President Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your check for \$50, which is somewhat more than was necessary. I beg to assure you of the great pleasure which I received in my visit and of the new impression I got of the importance of your work.

Yours truly,

James R. Angell

*With my best regards to Mrs.
Harper & your children & Mr.
Smith.*

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1900

July 7

Ann Arbor

President Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

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your check for \$50, which is somewhat more
than was necessary. I beg to assure you of
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Yours truly,

James H. Angell

With very best regards to Mrs.
Harper from children & self.
Sincerely,
J. H. Angell

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

President's Office.

ANN ARBOR, May 9, 1901. 190

6, 1901.

President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.



My dear President:--

I am greatly obliged to you for your kind invitation of May 6th to be present at your Ten Years' Celebration. I should be most happy to comply with your invitation to take part in the celebration, but unhappily the date you have fixed is in our Commencement week, and the annual meeting of our Board of Regents occurs on that day. I shall therefore be obliged, with regret, to decline.

Yours truly,

James D. Angell

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great favor
a few words,
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Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR May 9, 1901.



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University of Chicago,
President Harper,

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Yours truly,

James D. Angell

Pres. Jas. B. Angell,
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May 6, 1901.

Pres. Jas. B. Angell,

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

We are going to try to celebrate in a small way the end of our tenth year. Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller have consented to visit us. It is proposed to have a few brief addresses, touching upon the work of the University of Chicago during these years. The Governor of the state of Illinois will speak from the point of view of the state. I am writing to you to ask whether you will do us the very great favor of spending a day or two with us and speaking a few words, (not to exceed 12 or 15 minutes) as the representative of other higher institutions of learning in the west. I feel drawn to ask you to ~~xx~~ do us this great favor, because you are the Nestor of higher education in the west; because you represent the greatest institution of the west; and because you are, as it were, connected with us, through your son.

The date of this particular address would be Tuesday, June 18th. in the forenoon. Will you not come ?

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

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June 18th. in the forenoon. Will you not come?

The date of this particular address would be Tuesday,

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you are the Nestor of higher education in the west; because
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University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Pres. Jas. B. Angell,

May 6, 1901.

Pres. Harper. Thanks
JB Angell for
sympathy. Says
he has come back
and resumed part
of his work, and
thinks he is making
progress toward
recovery.

Apr. 1905



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, Mich.

April 14th, 1905.

My dear President.

I hope I do not

President James B. Angell,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear President Angell:-

It is very good of you to write me so kindly under date of April 11th. I have come back and taken up a portion of the work. How long I shall be able to continue time will tell. It appears, however, that I have really made good progress towards recovery. I cannot tell you how greatly I appreciate your interest and kindness which have been manifest in so many ways.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper

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April 14th, 1902.

President James B. Angell,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper

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My dear President Wood:-
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE
ANN ARBOR, MICH.
President James B. Wood

April 14th, 1908.

My dear President

I hope I do not
weary you in sending
you just a word to say
with what anxious sym-
pathy I have watched
for weeks for the daily
news for you, and how
delighted I am to
hear that you have

April 11, 1902
Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear President,
I hope I do not
wound you in speaking
for just a word to day
with what concerns you
better I have written
for reasons for the day
seems for your own
collection of some of
the best of your

returned in so good spirits
and with such a meas-
ure of strength. God
grant that you may
regain your health and
be spared to continue
indefinitely the great
work you have begun.
Do not answer this.

Yours truly
James R. Angell

President Harper

admission in to your spirit
and with such a man
we of strength. For
I want that you may
regain your health and
be strong & contented
with the life you
now are living
do not concern this

Yours truly
James R. Harper

James R. Harper

Ann Arbor, Michigan

The Campus

Feb. 8, 1915

My dear President:

I have in my long
life inflicted so many
speches on mankind,
that I am growing le-
nient towards them, and
am refraining from
disturbing their peace;
so I think I must
ask you to excuse me
from accepting your kind
invitation on the 19th,
especially as in our time
the woods are so full

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Report

Angelle D. B.

of soi-disant educators who
like to talk.

Meanwhile, with my deep
interest in China justify
me in begging for your
Rockefeller Medical
Report?

Yours very truly
James B. Angell

President Johnson
Chicago Univ.

Angell J.B.

, 1915

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Report

President James B. Angell,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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to be sent

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interest in clearing your
our in looking for your

Receipts

Receipts

James B. Hoff

Chicago, Ill.

Chicago, March 9, 1915

Angell J.B.

My dear President Angell:-

Your favor of the 8th inst. is at hand. I am greatly disappointed that you cannot be with us. While of course it is true that oratory is abundant President Angells are not abundant. We were especially anxious to have you because you were the first President of the Association, and this is the celebration of its twenty-first anniversary. I don't want to do any urging, but it would give us endless pleasure if you could come.

I have ordered a copy of the Medical Report sent to you. With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

President James B. Angell,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Enfolded
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Chicago, March 9, 1915

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Ann Arbor, Michigan.