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President Harper,

Dear Sir,

No doubt your old
colleague Prof. Seyman has
already urged upon you
repeatedly the needs of the
School at Athens, and I
trust there is no question
that the Chicago University
will promptly join in
supporting the undertaking.
Indeed Prof. Hale is already
a member of the Managing
Board, and you would hardly

wish in transplanting him
to break his connection.

But I especially
want your yourself, and
your philosophical faculty,
to help us out with the
Chicago Institute Society. It
was organized with the
help of the "Derphi. boam",
and Charlie Hutchinson's
sturdy shoulder, late in
1889, but contains an
excessive proportion of the sec-
ond class described in the
Archives, "non ... qui aliquid
percipere atque audire stude-
bant, verum -- qui forte
simulabant. i.e. we were perhaps

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a little too successful in making it a "social fact", but among our 160 members had scarcely any to organize it as an educational force. They have had a few sporadic lectures. The Institute ought to have a peripatetic lectureship i.e. ought once in a year or two to send a man fresh from actual work in the Classical lands to talk to, and stir up, our dozen local societies, somewhat as Miss Edwards succeeded in doing for her favorite field. The Institute has been crippled by its poverty, like all such movements.

I am just back from
a Western lecturing & proselyting
tour, and trust I have as-
sured a beginning at least
for societies in St. Louis, Cin-
cinnati and Cleveland. I
had a day open also to
address the Chicago Society,
but Hutchinson and Arman
were away, so no action
was taken until it was
too late for me to spare
the day. I regretted it
deeply, as I had hoped
to meet you.

Let me congratulate
you heartily on securing
Hale and Laughlin, whom I

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have known since our College days. In fact Law-ghlin and Law-ton rubbed elbows for four years in '73, so his diligence, mental orderliness, and clearness of utterance are perfectly intelligible to me. And Hale is certainly the only rival of Gildersleeve in putting enthusiasm and literary power into "statistical syntax". In fact they both, - Hale and Gildersleeve, - avowedly regard all philology as properly but a stepping-stone to the adequate appreciation of language as the material of literature. The pathetic side of it all is, that such men actually spend their whole lives in syntax, and

new emerge, as even Otto
Ritbeck has found time to
do, into the happy up-
lands of construction work.
Girderslun has to be sure
announced a school-look on
Greek literature, and so far
may fulfill the prophecy I
so audaciously made for
him in promising to un-
cover a book he had never
announced! (Atlantic May '91
p. 706.)

That you are
heartily interested in the
general objects of the Ch-
craeological Institute and the
Athens School, in the whole

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effort to widen the field
of Classical Study, and make
it a view of the whole
life of the ancients, of
course I take for granted.

I should however be
much gratified by an as-
surance that you will take
the time to enter and
invigorate our local society of
the Institute, and cooperate
heartily with the Eastern Uni-
versities in this work.

I am, with
the utmost respect,

Very truly yours,
William Cranston Lawton,
(Secy. A. I. A.)

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of classical study, and was
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