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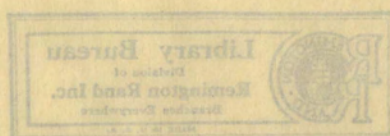
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE; 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, Sept 21 1892

Dear Dr. Harper:

I spent yesterday at La Porte, Ind., and to-day at Fort Wayne. At about 4³⁰ this afternoon I was preparing to take a Wabash train for Logansport, when I received a telegram saying that my father, who is in Wisconsin, is very ill, and that I must go to him. Of course there was nothing to do but to take the first train for Chicago. I have just arrived (10³⁰ P.M.). I shall take an early train for Wisconsin to-morrow morning.

Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Ziebellin, and Dr. Shepardson are in the office. I will write to them suggesting some things that I should have attended to myself on my return. All matters were arranged between us for my absence this week. I am confident that all will go well there.

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of Board.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNANCE BUILDING

Chicago Sept 21 1907

Dear Dr. Hatcher,

I spent yesterday at the lake, and to day at Fort Wayne. At about 2:30 this afternoon I was preparing to take a westward train for Poplarport, when I received a telegram saying that my father, who is in Wisconsin, is very ill, and that I must go to him. Of course there was nothing to do but to take the first train for Chicago. I have just arrived (10:20 P.M.). I shall take an early train for Wisconsin tomorrow morning.

The Thatcher, Mr. Zerkow, and Dr. Richardson are in the office. I will write to them suggesting something that I should have attended to myself on my return. The matters were arranged between us for my absence this week, I am confident that all will go well there.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE; 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, 189

Besides regretting the illness of my father, I particularly regret that anything calls me away just now. I shall return at the very earliest moment possible.

I am confident of good results from my visits at La Porte and at Fort Wayne. Many people in both cities are greatly interested in the work.

Sincerely yours,
Nathl Butler Jr.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE: 220 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING

CHICAGO, ILL.

Dear Sir, regarding the letter of
my father, I particularly regret that
something calls me away from you.
I shall return at the very earliest
moment possible.

I am confident of good result
from my visit, at least one at
least. I hope, I am sure, in good
time and great interest in the
work.

Sincerely yours,
Nathaniel

THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

NATHANIEL BUTLER
Director

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON
Lecture-study Secretary

OLIVER J. THATCHER
Correspondence-study Secretary

IRA W. HOWERTH
Class-study Secretary

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

WILLIAM R. HARPER, PRESIDENT

Butler

Gill

CHICAGO Sept. 18-1895

Dear Dr. Harper:

I hoped in vain this afternoon, for opportunity to say to you what I am now writing - that I feel that I must ask you to release me from my promise to stay at my post here, the release to be in effect January first. The documents I enclose explain themselves. They were a great surprise to me. I seriously believed that my repeated refusal to consider the invitation had at last closed the matter and that it would never be reopened. But while it was a great relief to me in many ways to feel that the question was settled, I could not dismiss it, nor could I dismiss some grave doubts about the conclusion I had reached. When

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Drummond's telegram came. I was satisfied that if certain minor conditions could be met I ought, after all, to accept the work at Golby - I wrote him a long letter accordingly, intending, upon receiving his answer to go over the whole matter with you. But instead of replying to the letter he answered one of its points by telegram and issued a call for a meeting of his trustees. I have been informed that they will meet September 30th.

I have repeatedly tried to find a time for telling you of this change in my purpose. It is not a thing that one can speak of at every time and place, and no suitable situation has been found yet. I hoped that I might tell you alone, and that it might be kept from others. I am afraid however that at the other end of the line a different policy may be pursued.

Perhaps it is better that I explain this as I have done before we take up the details of the work of the Division Thursday evening. I am sure you will believe that my interest in the work and my devotion to it will not be abated in the least. I am prepared to present my resignation to the

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Board at whatever time seems best. My proposition that it take effect January first is made in order that I may keep the engagements made for my courses at the Center, and that I may keep the administrative work in my hands until suitable arrangements can be made for transferring it to another.

Since we can speak of this fully, I need not write further. I feel that it is not pertinent for me to add anything in this, of my own personal feeling in taking a course separating me from you and from the University.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.

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W. L. G. Allen

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO September 20th, 1895-

Dr. W. R. Harper,

President of The University of Chicago - *Gill*

Dear Dr. Harper:

I beg leave to present to you and to the Board of Trustees the request that I be released from my duties and position in the University of Chicago, the release to be in effect January first, 1896.

It is due to you that I state clearly my reason for this request. For the third time, and after I had twice declined to consider it, the Trustees of Colby University have tendered to me the presidency of that institution. My determination to remain in my present position in the University of Chicago, and therefore to decline this call, was reached six weeks ago, after much thought, and upon consultation with the President, and that decision was declared by me to the President, in good faith

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and with sincere intention. Upon the re-opening of the question by the Trustees of Colby University, I again communicated to them my decision to remain at my post here - Nevertheless, while I regarded the question as settled, and believed that it would never be reopened, considerations in favor of my acceptance of the work at Colby University presented themselves to me with ever increasing weight. When, therefore, contrary to my serious belief, the question was presented to me for the third time, I was clearly of the opinion that I ought to make the request I am now writing -

It would not be proper for me, in this communication, to recite at length, the considerations that make it very hard for me to choose this course and to make this request. I may perhaps be allowed ~~thereby~~ to refer to my strong attachment to the University of Chicago, almost every stone in whose buildings I have seen set in place; my feeling of personal identification with all that this University

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Assuming that this request will be granted, I beg to offer you, herewith, my resignation, with the further request that it be in effect January first 1896. Your acceptance of

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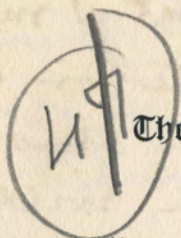
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Sincerely yours,

William Brewster



The University of Chicago.

Butler

Aug. 4 - 1894

Dear Mr. Harper:

Last evening I received from Miss Stover a note in which she announced to me her resignation of the position which she has held during the past year, in the University Extension office. Upon inquiry I learn that she concluded to resign, not primarily because she desired to change her work, but because she supposed that her hold upon the office for another year is somewhat doubtful. The resignation is, therefore, not conclusive in the sense that she could not reconsider it.

2/ I very much hope that I may not seem to you obstinate or unreasonably persistent in this matter, and that you will understand that I am quite willing cheerfully to conform to your wishes and judgement in the equipment of the University Extension office; but I cannot help the conviction that more will be lost by a change of this kind, now, than can be gained. Miss Stover has thoroughly in hand all of the lines of routine work connected with the business of the Division; she is prompt, faithful, clear-headed, and in all respects does her work well. I suspect that I am not very generously endowed with the genius of organization, and that may be the reason why

I have never been able quite^{ly} clearly to see what a head man-clerk would do in our office which is not already being done, unless, indeed such a clerk were to take the place of one of the Secretaries. With Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Shepardson, Mr. ^{Zepplin} ~~Shepardson~~, Mr. Raymond, and myself on the ground, the difficulty of providing enough work to justify the expense involved in this change, appears to me to be considerable.

I hope that I have made it clear that I am ^{not} moved in this matter by any desire to show personal kindness to anyone, or simply to hold in position one who has been faithful in her work. I am moved solely

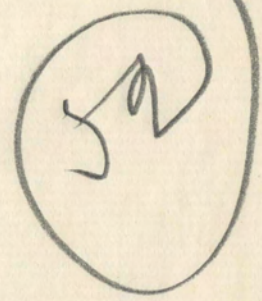
4/ by my inability to foresee
what we can do to justify the
change after it shall have
been made. If, however,
you still think it desirable and
will send me word to that
effect, I will say to Miss Storm
that her resignation is accepted,
and she can at once conclude
arrangements with the school
authorities who have offered her
a place.

Sincerely yours,
Wath^{ts} Butler.

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Colby University
WATERVILLE, MAINE

Butler



Feb. 18, 1896.

President Wm. R. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

The deacon who introduced me in Dr. Lothrop's pulpit in Music Hall last Sunday morning said: "We are to hear this morning from Chicago by way of Maine. Next Sunday we shall hear from a New England educator by way of Chicago." He then went on to say that President Harper was expected to occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning. At once I determined to write you and ask whether you cannot arrange to come to Waterville before you return to Chicago. Of course I need not say that this would be a very great pleasure to us and to others. But I want to point out that I believe such a visit from you would be of immense value in confirming relations between Colby and the University of Chicago. We have at least two men now who would be almost certainly pointed toward Chicago if they should meet you, and others

Letter

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Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

Richard Dutton

Colby University

WATERVILLE, MAINE

Butler

Feb'y. 27, 1896.

Pres't. Wm. R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

The impression left upon every one by your visit is altogether delightful. Your address to the students was most profitable and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The various members of the faculty have expressed to me their exceeding gratification at what you said. Dr. Pepper and Prof. Taylor were especially emphatic in this. Various students have spoken to me in the same way. As I said to you, the visit more than fulfilled my hope and expectation regarding it.

I have sent you a paper which I think will interest you somewhat, in view of one or two matters which we talked about. I am strongly encouraged to hope that we shall get practical assistance from the alumni in our efforts to strengthen certain departments of the work here. I would like to remind you that you said you would have me informed in regard to the new plans for the development of the university extension. I shall look for this information with great interest.

My household join me in sending to you and the members of your family our cordial regards.

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Colby University

WATERVILLE, MAINE

Butler



June 19, 1896.

Pres't. Wm. R. Harper,

The University,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

The circular announcement of the spring finals and the quinquennial convocation was awaiting me on my return yesterday from Providence, where I have been attending a part of the Brown commencement. The reading of these announcements has filled me with a strong desire to be upon the old ground and to see these great celebrations. I am bound to confess that these announcements would make me a little homesick, if I were not so busy just now that I cannot stop to indulge that sentiment. I am sure that this great anniversary will be one of great rejoicing to all the friends of the University of Chicago, which I am sure means not only the entire city and the north west, but every one who is interested in the solution of the questions of higher education in this country. The farther I get away in time and distance from the University, the more clearly I can measure its magnitude, not only as compared with other institutions heretofore existing in this country, but as compared with any that have at any time come into existence.

With best wishes for the success of the anniversary, and with cordial regards from my household, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler
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Colby University

WATERVILLE, MAINE

June 12, 1893.

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Sincerely yours,

N. Butler

December 2, 1897.

My dear President Harper:-

I remember that you received in a not unfriendly spirit my suggestion that you deliver for us at the next Commencement the Phi Beta Kappa oration. I need hardly assure you that I was quite in earnest about it, and I am now writing to get your definite promise to do this for us. This feature of our anniversary season is on the whole the most prominent of them all. It occurs on Tuesday evening of Commencement week, when all the visitors have arrived and none are yet preparing to go. The oration has always been given by persons of distinction. Names of no less note than those of Ralph Waldo Emerson and George William Curtis are upon our records. Dr. Lorimer pronounced the oration last year.

Commencement at Waterville is an occasion of especial interest, not only to the Baptists of New England, but to a large circle of alumni and friends outside the denomination. Boston and other parts of Massachusetts are always well represented. I think that no announcement would arouse such enthusiastic interest in all who care for this anniversary as the announcement that you are to give the Phi Beta Kappa oration. This Chapter will be glad to have your consent that they elect you to honorary membership in the society.

Commencement occurs on the Wednesday preceding the fourth of July. All the anniversaries fill the days between Sunday and Wednesday. The oration, as I have said, occurs on Tuesday. I hope you will let me put this down as fixed for our next Commencement. Of course we shall expect the double pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Harper and yourself. I am sure that you would both enjoy seeing Maine at that season.

Cordially yours,

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William Brewster

Colby University
WATERVILLE, MAINE*Butler*

December 10, 1897.

President W. R. Harper,
The University,
Chicago, Illinois.

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My dear Dr. Harper:-

I have your kind letter by this morning's mail. I believe that I can, without resorting to higher mathematics, figure out the situation to our complete satisfaction. The evening upon which the Commencement oration should occur will be Tuesday, June 28. This of course would bring you uncomfortably near to the time when it is important for you to be in Chicago. However, even then you could take a Boston train at 10 o'clock that evening, and then leave Boston for Chicago at 10:30 on Wednesday, the 29th, reaching Chicago at 2:40 on Thursday, June 30. Thus you would be in season for the first day of the summer quarter at the University. If such swift work as this is objectionable, we could so change the order as to have the oration on Monday evening. Tuesday, however, is altogether the best time, for, as I have already explained, by that day all the friends who are to attend the anniversaries have arrived and none have yet gone. We should hope that you and Mrs. Harper would reach Waterville at all events as early as Saturday afternoon, June 25, so as to spend Commencement Sunday with us. Now, does not this solve the problem?

Assuming that it does, I shall be very much obliged if you will write me once more in regard to the business side of the transaction. The college of course pays your travelling expenses. I shall be glad to know what you would regard as satisfactory in addition to that. You

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Colby University
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June 12 - 1878

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Dear Dr. Harper:

I- On last Tuesday I went to Newton Centre, and from there hurried up to extreme northern Maine, reaching home only last night (Saturday). I found your letter and telegram. "Alas! what hourly dangers rise!" I cannot disguise the truth that these tidings are most disturbing to us. The fact is that the oration of Tuesday evening is the nucleus, the core, the heart, the climax of the whole Commencement week. And it is well known throughout New England that you are expected here this year. The Associated Press has spread it ~~in~~ the Boston and other papers, and announcements like the one enclosed have been sent to all the colleges. It is a "situation", and no mistake. As to Professor Burton, of course I know that whatever he would do would be excellent. There is no doubt upon that point. But you can see without difficulty that his coming would in no way meet expectations. To the most of our constituency and even to many of our own

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trustees, Burton is unknown - You can see
 how it is - One general principle I should
 rejoice to have him come ~~and~~ this - But the
 case is not one of general principles only, but
 in addition to these, it is one of very specific
 principles and anticipations. Now these are the
 facts, and they might be truthfully stated in much
 stronger terms. Thus endeth the first lesson.

II - Whether the situation at Chicago is too
 grave to admit of your being here, I am
 sure you alone can judge. I can see that if
 it must come to the question of sacrificing
 the interests to be affected by your presence
 at the meeting of the 29th or sacrificing
 what is represented by your being here, it is
 clear that we ought to release you. I will
 ask two questions, and then cheerfully leave
 the decision to you, and we will smilingly and
 amiably accept the resulting situation: (1) in
 view of your long standing engagement here,
 could the meeting of the 29th be held one day

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I trust, Boston is unknown - You can see
how it is - Our general principle is to
leave to those who come and see - But the
case is not one of general principle, but of
a specific situation - It is one of a specific
situation and a specific person. I would like to see
the facts, and the right or wrong of the case.
I have studied the first case.
II - I believe the situation of Chicago is the
same to about 400,000 people. I can see that of
our own side we are making
it want to be the question of securing
the interest to be affected by your presence
of the meeting of the 20th is a specific
which is represented by your being here, it is
clear that we ought to release you. I will
ask two questions and then I will finish and
the decision is in your hands. We will finish and
I will accept the resulting situation - It is
very of your own choosing, and I will accept
the result of the 20th as well as the day

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Later, or even before you would leave for
Maine? (2) Could you not (supposing that
the 29th must stand as the date of the meeting)
be here for your address to us, Monday,
June 27th? You could leave Waterville on
a first class Pullman train at 10 P.M. that
day (immediately after your address); you
would reach Boston Tuesday morning (28th),
have ample time to make the 10³⁰ forenoon
train by the Albany road, and reach
Chicago at 2⁴⁰ in the afternoon of Wednesday
the 29th. There you are. And there you
would be for the meeting. Again my
mathematics triumph.

I beg you to believe that I gratefully
appreciate the very kind way in which
you put this whole matter, and, as well,
I appreciate the difficult situation in which
it places you. I would not, by insist and

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add a feather's ⁴weight to the embarrassment -
If, however, you can be here Monday,
that will completely solve the problem,
for we can perfectly well transpose the
appointments of Monday and Tuesday.

Will you, then, please give ~~that~~ pro-
position careful consideration, and
then telegraph me what you judge to
be best?

As to what we should do if you can
not be with us, I should want to con-
fer with my committee, and this, perhaps
would be the best thing to say to Professor
Burton, with my sincere thanks to him -
No doubt the committee, in that case, would
say Aut Burton aut nullus -

Sincerely yours,
Nathaniel Butler -

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WATERLOO, VERMONT

add a feather weight to the embarrassment
of course, you can be very liberal
that will completely solve the problem,
for we can perfect it well, transfer the
appointment of officers and judges.
With you then, please give the pro-
position careful consideration and
then telegraph me what you judge to

be best?
As to what we should do if you can
not be with us, I should want to con-
fer with you committee, and the friends
would be the best thing to do. Professor
Linton with me would be a great help
No doubt the committee is that case would
say that Linton and others.

Sincerely yours,
Orestes A. Linton

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May 29 1899

President William R. Harper,

The University,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I have just returned from an absence over Sunday spent with one of our affiliated academies. To-morrow I start for the extreme north of the State, and on my return have to go over to the Eastern State Normal School to participate in their graduation. I explain this that you may know why I am writing so hasty a letter at this time.

I assure you that I have not abated at all my anxiety to send students from our region to you. It is not impossible that some theological students will go from us to Chicago next autumn. One or two have discussed the matter with me quite seriously. Of course you can see that to overcome whatever attractions Newton and Rochester and Colgate may possess requires some skill and energy. I will give your letter careful attention.

Our year has been a delightful one. There has not been a ripple in the calm of good order and earnest co-operation. We are going to open our new chemical building for the commencement reception. I see that you are to be at Newton. I heartily wish you could and would - or to put it more forcibly - that you can and will run up from Newton and be with us during a part of our commencement week. Commencement Sunday will be June 25th and the week's exercises will terminate on Wednesday, June 28th. I am sure that you do not need to be told that we will give you the freedom of the city and the best welcome that our surroundings make possible.

Mrs. Butler and her mother lately took a trip to Washington and to Mrs. Sheppard's New Jersey home, and on returning they were the guests of Robertson and his wife at Park Hill. I met them in New York, where I went to attend the spring meeting of the Colby Alumni Association, and we had a nice little time there and a pleasant return home. They all join in sending to you and yours most cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.

P.S. I add a word that I hardly cared to dictate. I have

Butler
Good speed
Prof. Samuel
Please read
and return.
This is confid.
MLH

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WATERVILLE, MAINE

August 17, 1899.

My dear President Harper:-

I hope the favor I am about to ask of you will not involve the consumption of too much of your time, necessarily so much in demand for other things.

The case is this: I am before long to read at Worcester, Massachusetts, a short paper upon a subject whose form I have not yet determined, but the matter is this: Does the modern college do its part well in encouraging and equipping men for the Gospel ministry? The subject has been assigned me, and I think that the notion in the minds of those selecting it involves the question whether the colleges of to-day are not less efficient than those of former times in encouraging men to go into the ministry and in equipping them for their studies and work. I shall be very grateful if you can put me in the way of getting any statistics bearing upon the question. Does the number of students in the theological schools and their character as students warrant at all the conclusion that the modern college is not as efficient and encouraging an agency for the ministry as the college of former days?

My own impression is that the college of today affords more and better encouragements to men who, before entering college, have decided upon the ministry, and that it equips them better for their work than at any former period; and that perhaps the fact that for every vocation in life men now seek the colleges, whereas formerly they sought the college chiefly as a preliminary to one of the three learned professions, may have created the impression that actually fewer men go into the ministry than used to. Further, it has seemed to me that the fact that so many avenues of directly religious activity are open to laymen in every walk of life may have resulted in the choosing of other vocations by Christian young men in circumstances in which, in another generation, they would have felt bound by their Christian convictions of duty to have entered the ministry. The choosing of secular vocations by such men would not, therefore, warrant the conclusion that the college was doing its work less well, nor offering fewer encouragements to young men to enter the ministry. Probably in former times the ministerial college student had set his face and his feet towards the ministry before entering college, and did not derive his intention to enter the ministry from any encouragements which the college afforded.

*Mr. Dr.
Henderson
sent Mullin
your suggestion
from his
reference
and letter
to Mr. Dr.*

Butler
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C.D.H.
Aug 22, 99*

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