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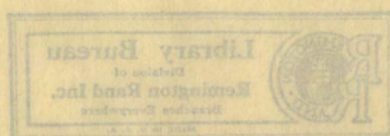
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

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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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNANCE

Chicago Sept 21 1907

Dear Dr. Barker,

I spent yesterday at the lake, and to day at Fort Wayne. At about 10:30 this afternoon I was preparing to take a 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 (10:30 P.M.). I shall take an early train for Wisconsin tomorrow morning.

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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

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CHICAGO, ILL.

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IRA W. HOWERTH
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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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that it will offer. I am sure you will be
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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 reopening 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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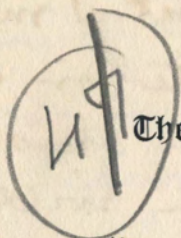
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The University of Chicago.

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

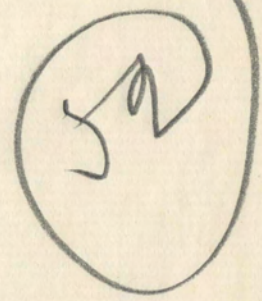
4/ by my inability to foresee
what we can do to justify the
change after it shall have
been made. If, however,
you still think it desirable and
will send me word to that
effect, I will say to Miss Storm
that her resignation is accepted,
and she can at once conclude
arrangements with the school
authorities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

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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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WATERVILLE, MAINE

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June 19, 1896.

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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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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.

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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
WATERVILLE, MAINE

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 danger 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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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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Dear Sir,
I have your letter of the 10th inst. (supposing that
the 20th inst. should be the date of the meeting)
and am glad to hear that you will be here for your address on
June 27th. You could leave Waterville on
a first class Pullman train at 10 P.M. that
day (arrived after your address); you
would reach Boston Tuesday morning (28th),
have ample time to make the 10:30 connection
train by the Albany road and reach
Chicago at 2:40 in the afternoon of Wednesday
the 29th. Have you car? And then you
would be for the meeting. I am
glad to hear that I am
expected to give the address on the 27th.
I have no doubt that you will find it
a very kind and pleasant
experience. I am sure that the
meeting will be a most
interesting one. I am
very truly,
Yours,
J. H. P.

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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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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
appointments 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. I presume
I must write you several thanks to him.
No doubt the committee - that case would
say that I must not refuse.

Sincerely yours,
Orestes A. Plater.

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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. Butler
Please read and return.
This is confid.
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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.

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sent Mullin
your suggestion
from his
reference
and then to Mr. B.*

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C.D.H.
Aug 22, 99*

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(2 - President Harper)

However, I find myself working out the subject, which it is not pertinent to do here. But I repeat, if you can put me in the way of getting any information as to facts or any suggestions bearing upon the question, I shall be exceedingly grateful.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely, yours,

Nathaniel Austin

P. S.

I am much interested in the University Record of the 11th containing an account of the conference on correspondence study. As I read the account, I seem to feel myself present. I am glad that the work goes on so well.

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(2 - President Hays)

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Sincerely, true,

W. H. Hays

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Sept. 7, 1899

Butler

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Dear President Harper =

Your kind letter of the 4th, just received, offers me a great pleasure and certainly an important service. You will, of course, realize that I could not think of undertaking to give so important an address, with so short a time for preparation, unless I can adapt something already prepared, to the occasion. Scarcely a month will intervene between now and the date of the annual meeting of the Union. Meanwhile I am preparing my paper for Worcester, and one or two short addresses, in connection with the opening of the college. A good many months would be none too long for the reading and thought that this address demands. I should like, if it were possible, to discuss "Theological Thought and the Scientific Spirit". But this is quite out of the question, for me.

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Dear President:

I have been thinking a great deal lately about the future of the college and the work of the faculty. I feel that we are in a position to do much more than we are at present doing. I think that we should be more active in our relations with the community and that we should be more interested in the welfare of the state. I think that we should be more concerned with the moral and intellectual development of our students and that we should be more interested in the progress of the human race. I think that we should be more active in our efforts to improve the conditions of the poor and that we should be more interested in the work of the churches. I think that we should be more concerned with the education of the people and that we should be more interested in the progress of the world. I think that we should be more active in our efforts to promote the cause of truth and that we should be more interested in the work of the great thinkers of the past. I think that we should be more concerned with the future of our country and that we should be more interested in the progress of the human race. I think that we should be more active in our efforts to improve the conditions of the poor and that we should be more interested in the work of the churches. I think that we should be more concerned with the education of the people and that we should be more interested in the progress of the world. I think that we should be more active in our efforts to promote the cause of truth and that we should be more interested in the work of the great thinkers of the past. I think that we should be more concerned with the future of our country and that we should be more interested in the progress of the human race.

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Now the best I could do would be, to give an address upon "Some Assured Verities of the Christian Faith"; the aim being to emphasize the point that whatever mysteries and themes for speculation we may encounter in the realm of our religious thinking, the fundamentals of the Christian faith are no more matters of conjecture than are the phenomena of which material science deals, that the former are just as truly verifiable by experimental proofs as are the latter, and that the legitimate outcome of theological thought is to lead to a clearer apprehension and firmer grasp of these fundamental verities — God, duty, salvation, immortality.

It is too bad, for an answer to your invitation, to fret you with this long letter. But I do so simply because I do not at all know what sort of an "address" is usual or expected. Obviously what I have outlined above is

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sermonic. And therefore, if the address is not expected to be sermonic, ^{but rather philosophical or historical,} what I have outlined, will not do, at all.

Ergo, since you see what I can do & what not, in the time available, you will have no sort of hesitancy in letting me know if the only thing I could offer, is not of the nature of what the occasion asks for. I beg of you to do this for your own sake, for the sake of the occasion, and for mine.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.

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Respectfully, I am therefore to the address
 a not repeated to be answered. I
 have enclosed with this of all.

Give, since you are what I can do
 without not in the time available, you will
 have no part of business in letting me
 know of the way that I would offer to not
 of the nature of what the occasion is
 for. I am to be the first to be
 for the sake of the occasion, and for

Yours truly,
 W. H. H. H. H.

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Butler

September 15, 1899.

President William R. Harper,
The University,
Chicago, Ill.

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My dear President Harper:-

I thank you for your kind letter of the 12th, which I received yesterday. In accordance with my former letter, I shall gladly accept your invitation to be present and deliver the annual address before the Theological Union October 5th. I suppose the address is to be given in the evening.

You will easily judge, I am sure, that I shall undertake this not without a good deal of diffidence. I know this to be a notable occasion, and I shall certainly have an audience before whom - whether numerous or otherwise - one may hesitate rashly to appear. Since, however, in the light of my explanation of the best I can do, you have renewed your invitation, I shall dismiss all doubts and apply myself to what you have asked me to do to the best of my ability. May I ask that the subject be announced as: Some Assured Verities of the Christian Faith.

I am very grateful for your hospitable invitation, and shall gladly accept it. Mrs. Butler will not be able to accompany me on this journey. I rather think now that I shall plan to leave here Sunday night, October 1st. That would bring me to Chicago on the 3rd. I should then be able to leave Chicago the morning of the 6th and get home early Sunday morning. Please do not suppose that I am planning to tax your hospitality during the whole of the intervening time. I know that relatives of Mrs. Butler in Ravenswood and in Aurora will expect me to at least look in upon them, and my friend John Lenox at Oak Park will doubtless make me some urgent and hospitable overtures. Most of all, however, I shall enjoy being at your house and about the University. To this especially I shall be looking forward with the most pleasant anticipations.

My family join me in sending cordial regards to all your household.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler, F.

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September 18, 1888

President William B. Barber,

The University,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Barber:-

I thank you for your kind letter of the 12th, which I received yesterday. In accordance with my former letter, I shall gladly accept your invitation to be present and deliver the annual address before the Theological Union October 5th. I suppose the address is to be given in the evening. You will easily judge, I am sure, that I shall undertake this not without a good deal of diffidence. I know this to be a notable occasion, and I shall certainly have an audience before whom - whether numerous or otherwise - one may hesitate rashly to appear. Since, however, in the light of my explanation of the past I can do, you have renewed your invitation, I shall dismiss all doubts and apply myself to what you have asked me to do to the best of my ability. May I say that the subject to be discussed at this feature of the Christian Faith.

I am very grateful for your hospitable invitation, and shall gladly accept it. Mrs. Barber will not be able to accompany me on this journey. I rather think now that I shall plan to leave here Sunday night, October 1st. That would bring me to Chicago on the 3rd. I should then be able to leave Chicago the morning of the 5th and get home early Sunday morning. Please do not suppose that I am planning to tax your hospitality during the whole of the intervening time. I know that relatives of Mrs. Barber in Providence and in Amherst will expect me to at least look in upon them, and my friends here at home will certainly make me some urgent and hospitable overtures. Kind of all, however, I shall enjoy being at your house and about the University. To this especially I shall be looking forward with the most pleasant anticipation.

Very truly, I am, in waiting, devotedly yours,
Household.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Barber

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August 10, 1900



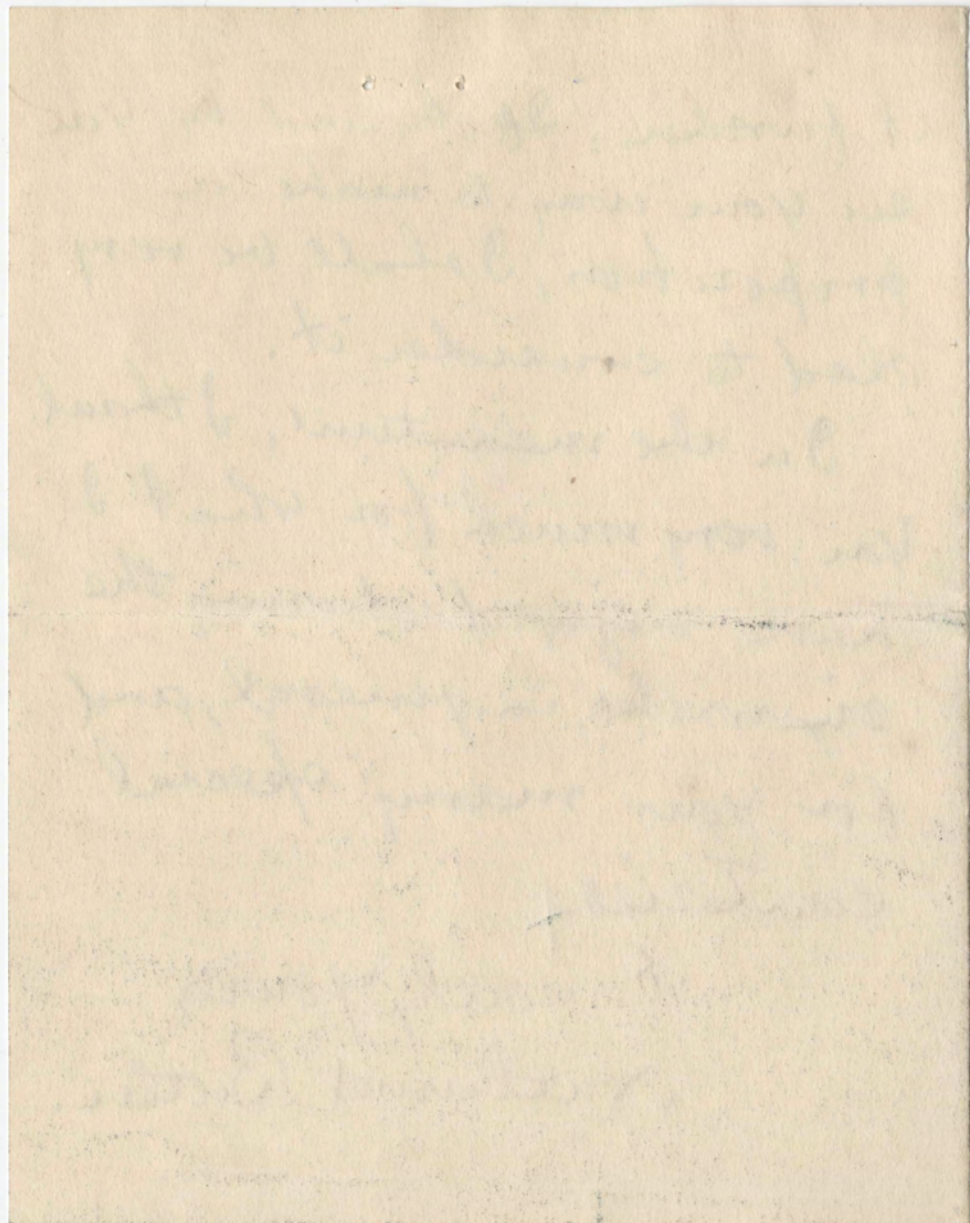
Dear Dr. Harper =

I was unsuccessful in my three attempts to find you to-day. That did not surprise me, as I knew that this would be an unusually busy day, even for you. Of course I was and am much interested in what we talked of this morning. You will, no doubt, want to think about

it further. If, by and by, you
see your way to make a
proposition, I shall be very
glad to consider it.

In the meantime, I thank
you very much for what I
have enjoyed during the
six weeks, in general, and
for your many special
courtesies.

Sincerely yours,
Nathaniel Butler.



August 13th, 1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,

Colby University, Waterville, Maine.

My dear Dr. Butler:

I was very sorry indeed not to be in when you called. I was in the city on important business. You will be pleased to know, perhaps, that on that day I succeeded in closing up an important transaction by which the University becomes the possessor of still another new building, which will cost not less than a hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand dollars. This is confidential.

I was talking seriously that morning when we were riding, and I should like to have you consider the suggestion then made. I should think it important for the work to begin January first. Will you not let me know what you think of the plan? As soon as I hear from you I will write more definitely.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

August 12th, 1900.

President, University of

Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

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when you called. I was in the city on important
business. You will be pleased to know, perhaps,
that on that day I succeeded in closing up an im-
portant transaction by which the University became
the possessor of still another new building, which
will cost not more than a hundred and fifty or two
hundred thousand dollars. This is confidential.
I was talking seriously about retiring
when we were riding, and I should like to have you
consider the suggestion then made. I should think
it important for the work he began twenty years
ago. Will you not let me know what you think of the plan?
As soon as I hear from you I will write more fully.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

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Dear Dr. Harper:

1)

Your letter of the 13th came to-day. As I have already said, I shall be glad to consider seriously a definite proposition looking to my return to the University. I am happy here, and am glad to have been here as I have. It may be that I can do no more here; but in any case I should be very strongly drawn to the University of Chicago, now, by ^{some} ~~a~~ plan that seems practicable from every point of view. The experience of the six weeks just closed has been delightful, and leaves me with a distinct desire to keep in, or soon return to, the same atmosphere.

I am very much interested in the suggestion of organizing and extending the affiliations of the University. It would be a very agreeable work, and almost without limit in influence for the University and for all concerned. In any proposition, I should be glad to have my teaching relations to the University made a pretty distinct and

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important element.

I am clear in my judgment, however, that it would not do for me to undertake to drop this work during the course of the year. It would be impracticable, I think, to make those who are interested in the college feel in any other way than that injustice and injury had been done to its interests, if the change were to be made before the next Commencement. I think that Small would judge in the same way, from his acquaintance with the situation and the people here. Of course it would be in the highest degree desirable that my leaving here, if it comes to pass, should be such as to occasion only the best of feeling all around. Equally of course I ought, as soon as it becomes clear that the change is really to be made, to notify those most concerned. I could ask to be released at the close of the fall term, but I could not feel the change to be practicable without the cordial assent of those most

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important element.

I am clear in my judgment, however, that it would not do for me to undertake to stop this work during the course of the year. It would be impracticable, I think, to make those who are interested in the college feel in any other way than that vigorous and improving has been done to its interest if the change were to be made before the next commencement. I think that Small would judge the year was for his acquaintance with the situation and the help he. Of course it would be in the highest degree desirable that in leaving the if it comes to pass should be such as to occasion only the sort of feeling all around Small the more I get - as some of them claim that the change is likely to make to satisfy those most concerned. I think it is to be remembered that the case of the fall term but having not seen the change in practice with the college, I cannot say that

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concerned. And that assent seems to me improbable.

What you report respecting another building is certainly most cheering. It is very interesting that after eight years of actual work, the material growth of the University is as visible, as rapid, and as vigorous as at any time in its history.

Mrs. Butler joins me in sending cordial regards to Mrs. Starke and to you and your household.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler -

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Government. And that present...

important.

There is a great need for...

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refined, and as various as at any time in its history.

The Faculty has been in a constant effort to...

reports to the higher and lower authorities...

August 21st, 1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,
Colby University, Waterville, Maine.

My dear President Butler:

I am authorized by the Board of Trustees to negotiate with you for your return to the University, and I write to make the preliminary form of a proposition.

1. The University will invite you to accept
(a) a professorship in the department of pedagogy, it being understood that at least one-half of your time will be given to the actual work of teaching in the classrooms in connection with that department;

(b) The directorship of the co-operative work of the University, with the understanding that you will be expected to travel during a maximum of one quarter;

(c) An editorial position on "The School Review", this to be shared with other members of the department.

2. It is understood further that the salary will be the regular salary of a professor, three

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thousand dollars (\$3000.), and that in addition the University will pay such expenses as you would incur in traveling on behalf of the University.

Hoping that you will consider this proposition and that I may receive any suggestions from you with reference to it, I remain

Very truly yours,

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University will pay such expenses as you would incur
in traveling on behalf of the University.

Hoping that you will consider this proposition
favourably and that I may receive any suggestions from
you with reference to it, I remain

Very truly yours,

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August 25, 1900

August 25th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Harper:

President Nathaniel Butler,
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Colby College, Waterville, Maine.
and move and have (your) being". Comparatively few

My dear President Butler:
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Your letter of August twenty-fifth
and in time this might be increased. I am hoping
has been received. I think I appreciate the points
that you will give the matter your most careful
you make in the letter. I think, however, that
consideration.

your experience at Waterville ought not to have too
much influence in this matter. As President there
undoubtedly have come upon you many expenses which
you would not need to incur in Chicago.

As the matter now looks, I do not see
how the Trustees could arrange for the salary which
you suggest. By great effort it is possible that
the sum of five hundred dollars in addition to that
mentioned in my former letter might be secured.

This, however, would be the maximum which the Uni-
versity could at present reach. I am hoping that
the time will come when the salary of the profes-
sors will be somewhat increased, but at present we
are not able to do more. I am inclined to think
that you ought to be able on that salary, and with-

August 28th, 1900.

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President Nathaniel Butler,

Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

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August 25, 1900

Dr. Harper.

Your letter of the 21st has just reached me. Before replying to it as an official letter, I want to write to you personally and more freely. You have very kindly kept before my mind the responsibilities of the Presidency, "to live and move and have (your) being". Comparatively few professors in the University have a larger salary, and in time this might be increased. I am hoping that you will give the matter your most careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

I have said to myself that when these conditions exist, I should feel perfectly clear and free from hesitation. These conditions are, 1) That the prospect of doing what is to be done here, does not justify my keeping at it longer; 2) That the work proposed for me at the University should be such that I should feel assured that I could do it well; and 3) that in the position to which I might be called I could, without too much thinking "about to-morrow", provide for my family and especially educate my boys, giving them such surroundings and advantages as they ought to have. My experience in Chicago, as well

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August 25, 1900

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You have very kindly kept before my mind the possibility of ^{my} returning to the University. I have therefore thought about it a good deal and always with pleasure, and with the hope that it might come to pass. I have said to myself that when ~~three~~ conditions exist, I should feel perfectly clear and free from hesitation. These conditions are, 1) That the prospect of doing what is to be done here, does not justify my keeping at it longer; 2) That the work proposed for me at the University should be such that I should feel assured that I could do it well; and 3) that in the position to which I might be called I could, without too much thinking "about to-morrow", provide for my family and especially educate my boys, giving them such surroundings and advantages as they ought to have. My experience in Chicago, as well

income for the year 1957, over \$4000.00, and come out even with the

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makes it perfectly clear to me that I not do this on a salary of \$3000.00. My income for this year will be something over \$4000.00, and I shall no more than come out even with the world, at that. The first two conditions referred to, seem to me to be fulfilled. But I do not think I should be justified in turning away from this work and taking my family back to Chicago, unless I could be sure of earning \$4500.00 a year. With that income, I could "live and move and have [my] being", and do my work and feel that I was giving to those dependent upon me no more than what they really ought to have for present comfort and for future usefulness.

This is just what is in my mind. I will add explicitly, what is implied, that I should be very glad if it might appear that I could really earn \$4500.00 in the service of the University. One cannot, of course, fail to be impressed with its

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One cannot, however, fail to be impressed with the
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ely immense and rapidly growing influence, in this country and beyond. Through the co-operative work that influence would be extended most widely and intimately, I think. It is a great prospect, and I should gladly have a part in realizing it, if the way might be open.

I am quite sure that you will fully understand what I have tried to say, and that you will not regard the position I have taken as strange or unreasonable.

With kindest regards to you and your household, in which Mrs. Butler joins, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.

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that you will not regard the matter I have
taken as obscure or unimportant.

With kindest regards to you and your
family, I am, what else, dear friend, I
remain,

Sincerely yours,

William Brewster

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September 2nd 1900

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Dear Dr. Harper:

On my part, I appreciate the force of the points you make and the kindness of your letter. It is difficult for me to avoid the appearance of trying to "drive a bargain", in writing about this — or rather, it would be difficult if you did not know, as I am sure you do, that I am not wishing to do anything of the kind. For reasons I have already named, I am ready and shall be heartily glad, to take up the work you have outlined, at the University, if it proves practicable. I have gone over the whole question anew, since your last letter came, with the purpose of seeing what is practicable. My experience of living in Chicago and here, together, constitutes a pretty good basis for my conclusion. And that conclusion is that I should not dare to move my family from Lowell to Chicago, to live there

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October 2, 1900

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Dear Dr. Parker

As you have expressed the fear of the point
for me and the kindness of your letter, it is
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not seem to you. I have gone over the whole question
over and over, and you have better come, with the
suppose of seeing that I have made the decision
I have made in regard to this, and that I have
a faith that will for me, and that I have
some reason to think I should not have to
have found from about to think that

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with my growing boys to educate, and to meet the demands that I can not avoid, on a salary of \$3500.00. As a matter of fact my gross income this year has been more than \$4500.00. This, of course includes what I earned this summer, at the University. But much of it has come from my constant opportunities to preach and to lecture — work for which, even if I should have as many calls, I could not give the time and strength in my new work. My expenses in Chicago would be different, but not so much less, when the higher rates of rent and of domestic service are counted.

I would not weary you with these details save to show you the only reason why I "stand out". I do however, think, upon careful consideration that I should feel safe and confident to undertake the new work for four thousand dollars a year. And I even

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With my growing love to literature and to
 meet the demands that I am now making, on
 a salary of \$3500. As a matter of fact my
 gross income this year has been more than
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 for services at the University. But much of it
 has come from my constant appointment to preach
 and to lecture - work for which even I
 should have no money paid. I cannot not
 see the time and strength to do any work.
 My expenses - I suppose - were in effect
 but not so much less when the higher rates of
 rent and of domestic service are considered.
 I would not wonder you with your delicate
 frame to show you the only reason why I should
 not do more than I am now doing is
 consideration that I should feel more and
 confident to undertake the new work for
 your Government. I have a year. I have

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hope that, when the greatness of the proposed work is considered, you and your trustees will see your way clear to name that amount in the salary paragraph of the outlined proposition you first sent.

I am sure that you will entirely understand all that is behind this letter, and that so you will acquit me of any wish to annoy you by "haggling".

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler-

Cotton College

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Hope that, when the question of the proposed
work is considered, you and your trustees will
see you may choose to name that amount to
the salary of the president of the college.

I am sure that you will entirely understand
all that is behind this letter, and that so you
will accept me of any visit to answer your
in "happily".

Sincerely yours,
Orestes A. Smith

,Sept.29,1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,

Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

My Dear President Butler:-

Your letter of September 2nd was received in Chicago, forwarded to me in Boston. It was in Boston not very far from you that I had the pleasure of reading it. I think I understand your situation and entirely sympathize with you. The difficulty with the case lies in our situation not in yours. I wish it were possible to talk about a larger sum than was named in my last letter. My greatest difficulty will be to get the trustees to consent to that sum. This would not mean that they were not anxious to have you come,- but that situation as we are and with the rate of interest constantly decreasing we are not able to increase expenses.

I shall hope that we may be able to talk the matter over sometime soon.

Yours most sincerely,

Sept. 29, 1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,

Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

My Dear President Butler:-

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Yours most sincerely,

Colby College

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, October 11, 1900, 1900.

Dear President Harper:-

President Nathaniel Butler, your kind letter of September 29th. I am very glad to get it because it assures me that my last letter to you was perfectly understood. I was a little afraid that I might not have expressed myself just as clearly. I am very glad to be assured upon this point. I appreciate the assurance of this of yours and no doubt in the world that we can arrange that on this basis, - namely that you consent to give four courses realized out of what University Extension lectures. You ought to do this

any way and this will enable me to get the sum you have been in Boston indicated, - namely \$4,000, - this on the supposition that I can persuade the Trustees to put in that other \$500.

What do you say?

Yours most truly,

Nathaniel Butler, Jr.



October 11, 1900.

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President Nathaniel Butler,

Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

My Dear Professor Butler:-

The question is about that other \$500. There is no doubt in the world that we can arrange that on this basis, - namely that you consent to give four courses of University Extension lectures. You ought to do this any way and this will enable you to get the sum you have indicated, - namely \$4,000, - this on the supposition that I can persuade the Trustees to put in that other \$500.

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Yours most truly,

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Oct. 4, 1900.

Dear President Harper:-

I have your kind letter of September 29th.

I am very glad to get it because it assures me that my last letter to you was perfectly understood. I was a little afraid that I might not have expressed myself just clearly. I am very glad to be assured upon that point. I appreciate the kindness of this letter of yours and I confess that I still hope that something may be realized out of what we have been talking about.

I am wondering whrther you may have been in Boston when I was myself there. I spent both last Sunday and the Sunday before with the First Church.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler, Jr.



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Oct. 22, 1900.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I like very much, your suggestion
resident Nathaniel Butler,
about University Extension lectures, assuming
Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

My Dear Mr. Butler:—can be arranged. Of course

Yours of October 18th is received. I am glad that
I should want to avoid having too many
we are so near an agreement. I have asked Professor Dewey, ac-

to write you in response to the point raised in your letter
as to the character of the Pedagogical courses. You will

hear from him very soon. department of pedagogy

Yours very truly,

rather than in that of English literature, I
ought, it seems to me, to be free to give that
work my whole attention during the time
when it is in progress. Indeed a question
still to be discussed is that of the precise
nature of the courses I should be expected
to offer. It is hardly necessary to say that
I could not, indifferently, and at once, offer
any and every kind of instruction in-
cluded under the name "pedagogy". For some
of these courses there is required a certain
kind of special technical background, historical and

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President Nathaniel Butler,

Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

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