

Chicago Theological Seminary.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 26th, 1903.

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45 Warren Avenue, Chicago.

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Wishing you a merry Xmas

W. R. Harper

Cordially yours

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Dec 23. 1903

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The terms suggested were as follows, I think:

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- III. Campus and Buildings- not less valuable and as convenient for training young men for Christian service as the Seminary now possesses.
- V. Incidental Advantages- light and heat at actual cost if the Seminary cares to connect with the central heating plant of the University.

Privileges -of students- the same as those enjoyed by the students of the Divinity Hall of the University.

- a. one -third regular lecture work free.
- b. Library.
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There is no reason why provisional arrangements should not be made in the meantime, if thought wise. I think, however, that substantially the terms above submitted must be obtained in order to carry the removal proposition at present.

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My dear President George:-

I wish to say that progress is being made. I hope that you will not think that I am moving too slowly. I believe that the matter is moving quite fairly.

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April 16th, 1904.

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Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago.

My dear President George:-

I received your letter of April 8th on the following day. You had no reason to feel badly over the effort of your representative. I am accustomed to this sort of thing and take it without much disturbance.

I have been working along the lines proposed, and hope that I may be able to report something to you in the near future.

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My dear President Harper;

What a delightful time the University gave us last night. Mrs George & I wish to express our personal appreciation - especially of the gracious reception by Mrs Harper & yourself.

My wife & I cannot overlook the unfortunate attempt of the representation of our Seminary to be smart by clumsy personal references to the President of the University. The members of our faculty present were mortified. You will excuse it, I know; still it was the one thing that marred the occasion & I wish to apologize.

Your note sometime ago mentioning progress in the Seminary's relation to the University was encouraging. I am keeping the movement steadily in mind & am ready for the next step.

Cordially Yours

J. A. George

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Cordially yours

J. M. George

Chicago Theological Seminary.

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✓ Sept. 11. 1904

My dear Mr Harper;

note me? I shall be glad to have an interview any time this week. Kindly fix hour & place & "Phone" over. You are quite right; I believe it would be unfortunate to have any public discussion or announcement until some plan that promises success is well understood by ourselves.

The relation of the Congregational Colleges to universities is in a crude condition but I will have "my say" when the time comes.

Cordially Yours

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My dear Dr. Harper:-

On behalf of the Faculty permit me to thank you
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I leave for New York to-morrow fore-noon and will
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Concerning the school I may say that I am in
hearty sympathy with the movement to establish such an institution
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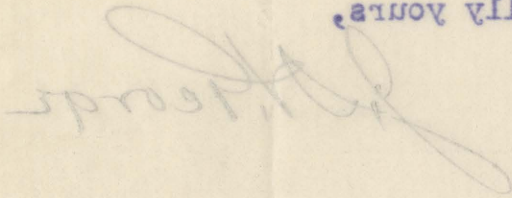
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October 28, 1904.

President J. H. George,

Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago.

My dear President George:-

Your letter of October 22nd was received, and I am much obliged to you for the statement which it contains. Everything you have said will be regarded in strict confidence.

I agree with you that the present seems an opportune time for action, and I agree with you very fully in the matter of the Religious Training School. We have already taken some steps in this matter. I hope something may occur to give me a basis for a conference with you before a long time has elapsed.

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My dear Dr. Harper:-

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As you know ample provision in the way of buildings on the south side seems to be the problem. If friends can be found whose interest in the success of Congregationalism is broad enough to see the value of proximity to the University and generous enough to provide funds, our difficulty is practically overcome. The rest requires simply wise, conciliatory and careful management.

A location near the University would no doubt place the Seminary at the head of the educational work of the Congregationalists west of ~~the~~ Ohio and enable it to offer the strongest possible inducements to the best students studying for the ministry. Furthermore, it would make the University the natural graduate school of the numerous colleges of our denomination *in* the interior and the far west and perhaps contribute not a little toward strengthening the position of Chicago as a great educational center.

The present seems an opportune time for action, if we act at all, in order to secure the best possible results both for the Seminary and the University.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
President M. B. Hurlbut, Ph.D.

October 25th 1907

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 5th. 1904.

President W. R. Harper, LL.D.,
University of Chicago,
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My dear Dr. Harper:-

Your letter of October 29th. received. It was quite satisfactory. I sincerely echo your hope that something may occur to give a basis for a conference for I have been shaping things with considerable care for definite action in the near future.

Since meeting you last Thursday I have been deeply concerned about your health. The President of the University of Chicago is the one man in Educational work in this country we cannot spare just now. Permit me to urge you to lay aside everything however pressing and follow absolutely the advice of your physician. No exigency can equal in importance your health. Everything can and must wait.

This note needs no answer. Hope you are better.

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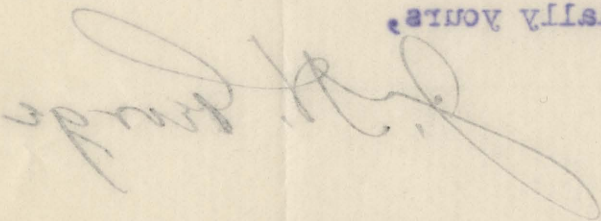
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January 13th, 1905.

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Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago.

My dear President George:-

I am in receipt of your letter. I
am leaving for Washington and Baltimore but will return Sunday. Let us
take up the matter at once. Please call me up on the telephone
Monday morning and we will arrange an interview.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

Personal

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

My dear President Harper;

The sudden death of my
wife's father called us to Canada & hindered
me from calling you up as I promised.

For personal reasons
I desire to meet you as soon as possible.
Any time & place convenient to you will
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Wishing you a happy New Year

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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My dear President George:-

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University of Chicago,

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It is generally admitted I believe that the place for the Theological Seminary is near the University. Historically this is true. In Europe the Theological Faculty has always held a central place in the University. Generally speaking this is true in America. The exceptions may be explained on the ground that the Theological Schools were founded in a number of instances before the Universities existed. Had there been a University in Chicago our Seminary would probably have been located near it that it might enjoy the University advantages such as educational atmosphere, large body of students in different lines of study, the Libraries and Museums, lectures by specialists, University of equipment of all sorts, expert graduate work in every department, full Faculties in Semitics, Greek, Comparative Religions, Psychology, Philosophy, Pedagogy, etc.

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By grouping Theological Schools of different denominations around a large University the institution itself can best realize its own ideals while the intercourse between the students of these different schools tends to impress upon them the unity of Christian work and the students generally in the University are led to acknowledge the uniformity of purpose of the Theological Halls. On general principles I believe there can be no real opposition to the grouping of Seminaries around the University. In Montreal four schools are grouped around McGill University. In Toronto five Seminaries are grouped around the Provincial University; indeed they have redeemed the University in the estimation of the people of the Province of Ontario. In England the Presbyterian School moved from London to Cambridge in order to have the advantage of proximity to that famous

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If suitable buildings in proximity to the University can be assured before the matter is publicly discussed the chief substantial difficulty will be removed. We have splendid buildings on the West Side for our work; these cannot be abandoned and I fear cannot be sold to advantage for anything but educational purposes.

In writing on this subject I feel the delicacy of the position. You are aware of the sentimental objections that will be urged by many conservative friends- denominational interests, loss of identity, traditional notions, apprehension of spiritual decline, absorption, failure in financial support etc.- these may all be raised by well-meaning people. These objections must be met in the kindest and most conciliatory spirit. The entire constituency should be carried in favor of the movement.

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If suitable buildings in proximity to the University can be assured before the matter is publicly discussed the chief substantial difficulty will be removed. We have splendid buildings on the West Side for our work; these cannot be abandoned and I fear cannot be sold to advantage for anything but educational purposes.

In writing on this subject I feel the delicacy of the position. You are aware of the sentimental objections that will be urged by many conservative friends - denominational interest, loss of identity, traditional notions, apprehension of spiritual decline, absorption, failure in financial support etc. - these may all be raised by well-meaning people. These objections must be met in the kindest and most conciliatory spirit. The entire constituency should be carried in favor of the movement. It seems to me quite clear that a suitable building

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If Mr. Rockefeller's representative comes and it is thought wise for me to meet him I shall be glad to make an engagement at his convenience as to time and place. However, I feel keenly the importance of relief for you from all care just now. I sincerely hope therefore that you will take no steps for the present requiring additional time and attention.

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45 Warren Ave., Chicago.

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In company with Dean Hulbert I looked over the different sites on the University Campus. Any one of the available locations would be acceptable to me from an academic point of view.

I judge however that next to a place on the "Midway" the vacant corner on Lexington and 57th. St. would be the first choice of our Congregational constituency. Such a site would give the Congregational Seminary a distinct and distinguished position apart from the University and yet close enough to enjoy all the advantages.

The corner of Ellis and 57th. St. is a fine location and will be attractive when the athletic field is moved to the south side of the "Midway" and the proposed Medical Schools are built. Indeed to me it is quite as satisfactory as the corner of Lexington and 57th. From a sentimental point of view it is not, I fear, as attractive to our Congregational friends.

If there is anything I can do further to advance the movement we have in mind, kindly let me know. In our Congregational work we have reached a point where definite decisions of a permanent character should be made. It is a somewhat delicate matter to move to the South Side. Yet it is not impossible if the transfer can be made without expense. Without this arrangement it is not wise to discuss the matter openly.

Of course I have no right to aspire to such favors but I sometimes think that our eastern friends would be willing to deal liberally with the Congregational Educational work of Chicago if they understood the real situation.

You carry with you on your trip east the good wishes of your Congregational friends in all our churches of the Interior. They pray that you may long continue your leadership in the greatest educational work of the country.

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I am hoping to have a chance to talk with you before long. I have your note of recent date and appreciate its contents. I do not think we ought to give the matter up. I am to return to New York in three weeks. By that time John D. Rockefeller, Jr. will have returned from abroad and we can consider the matter.

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My dear Mr Harper;

I thank you for your letter & Telegram altho' I am greatly disappointed. Indeed I am puzzled to know how to proceed. I had done much work & our plans would have carried enthusiastically so far as Chicago & the west are concerned. I am not willing to give the matter up.

To me it is impossible to explain the action of our ministers who protest. Every day of my life I am thankful for Mr Rockefeller & other men of wealth who support our educational & benevolent institutions. I am not surprised that the friends of Mr R. hesitate to have him exposed, through further gifts, to unworthy

& ungenerous criticism. It is pleasant under the circumstances to know that the protest has called forth a wonderful & enthusiastic appreciation of Mr R's great work along educational lines here in Chicago.

While I am pleased to have the matter postponed I am quite unwilling to give it up so long as the proposition has your support. There must be some way of meeting the situation.

We are all so pleased to learn of your improvement. You have the sympathy of this city & the earnest prayers of all good people for your speedy recovery.

Cordially Yours

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W. R. Harper
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

April 17th. 1905.

President W. R. Harper, LL.D.
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

Have just returned from Saint Louis and find your notes. Shall be glad to call at your convenience and talk matters over. Indeed I sincerely hope something can be done.

An unauthorized and bumptious telegram to Mr. Rockfeller by our Mr. Fox last week greatly annoyed our Faculty and Executive Committee. I enclose a copy of the only statement I made to the Press on the matter.

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CHICAGO June 9 1905

My dear President:-

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Fisk Hall, 824000 cu. ft. @ 10¢-----\$82400.

Keyes Hall, 206525 " " " 8¢----- 16522.

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Total----- \$125523.

Total land and buildings----- \$180123.

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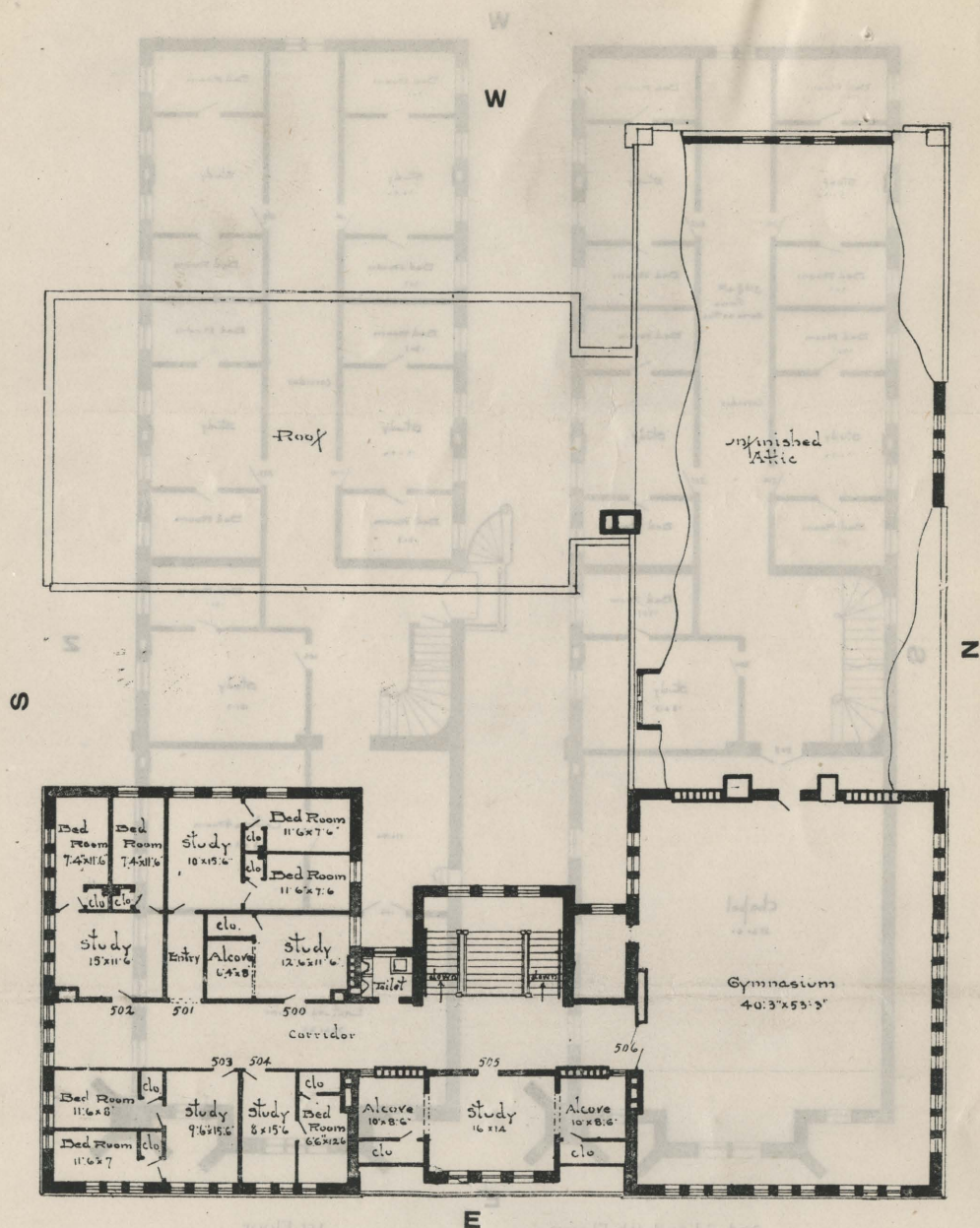
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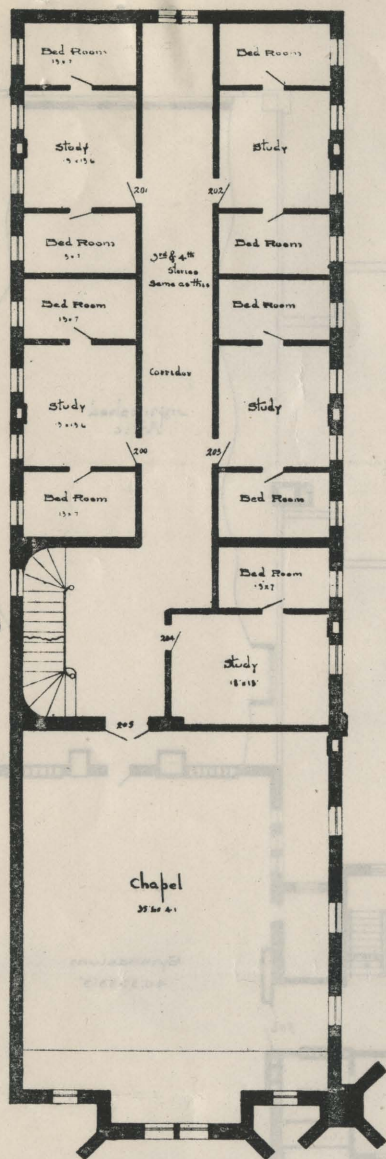


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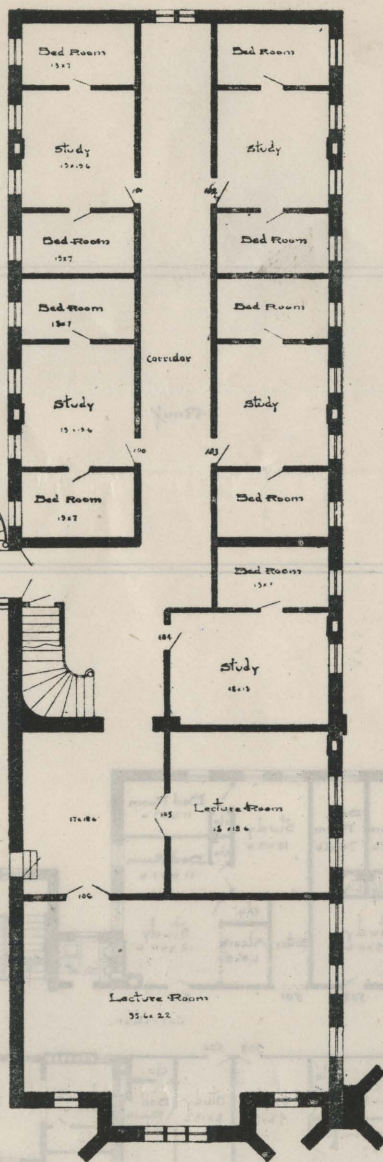
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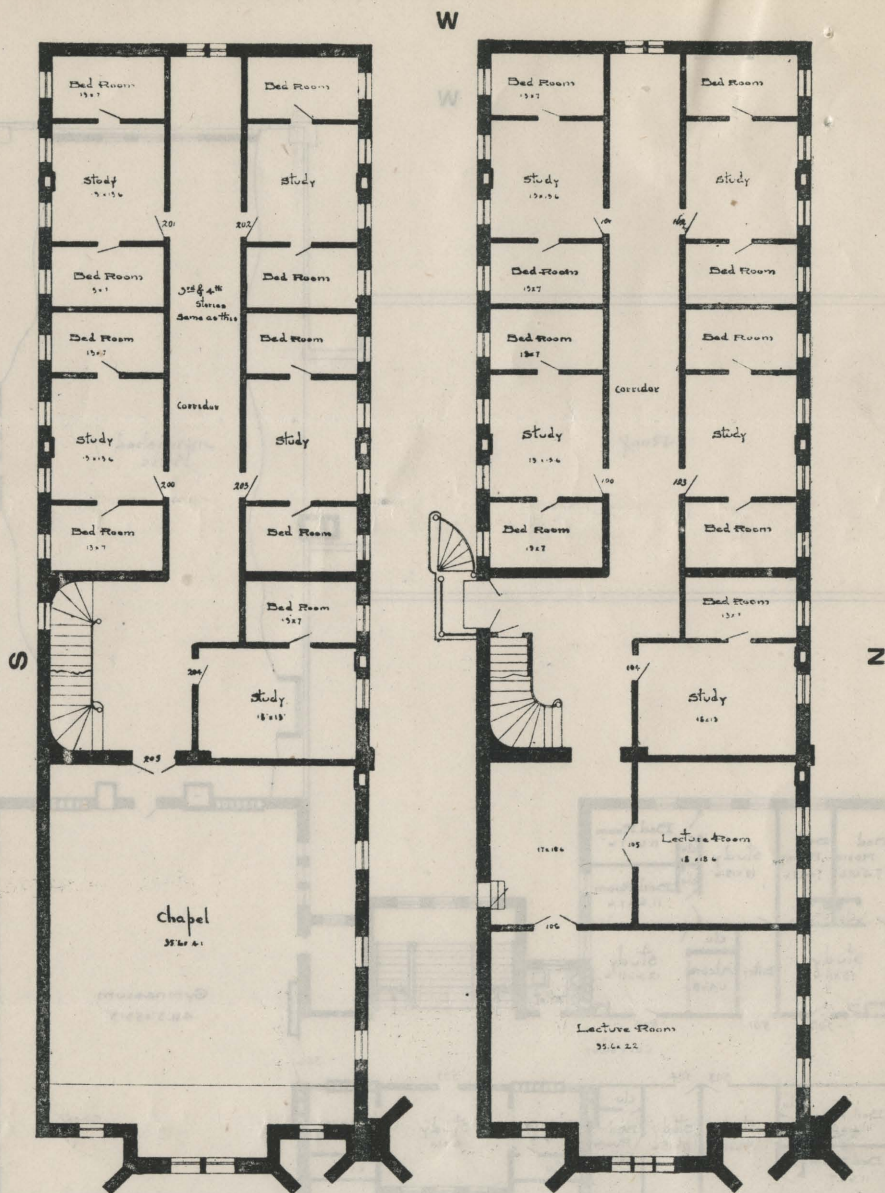
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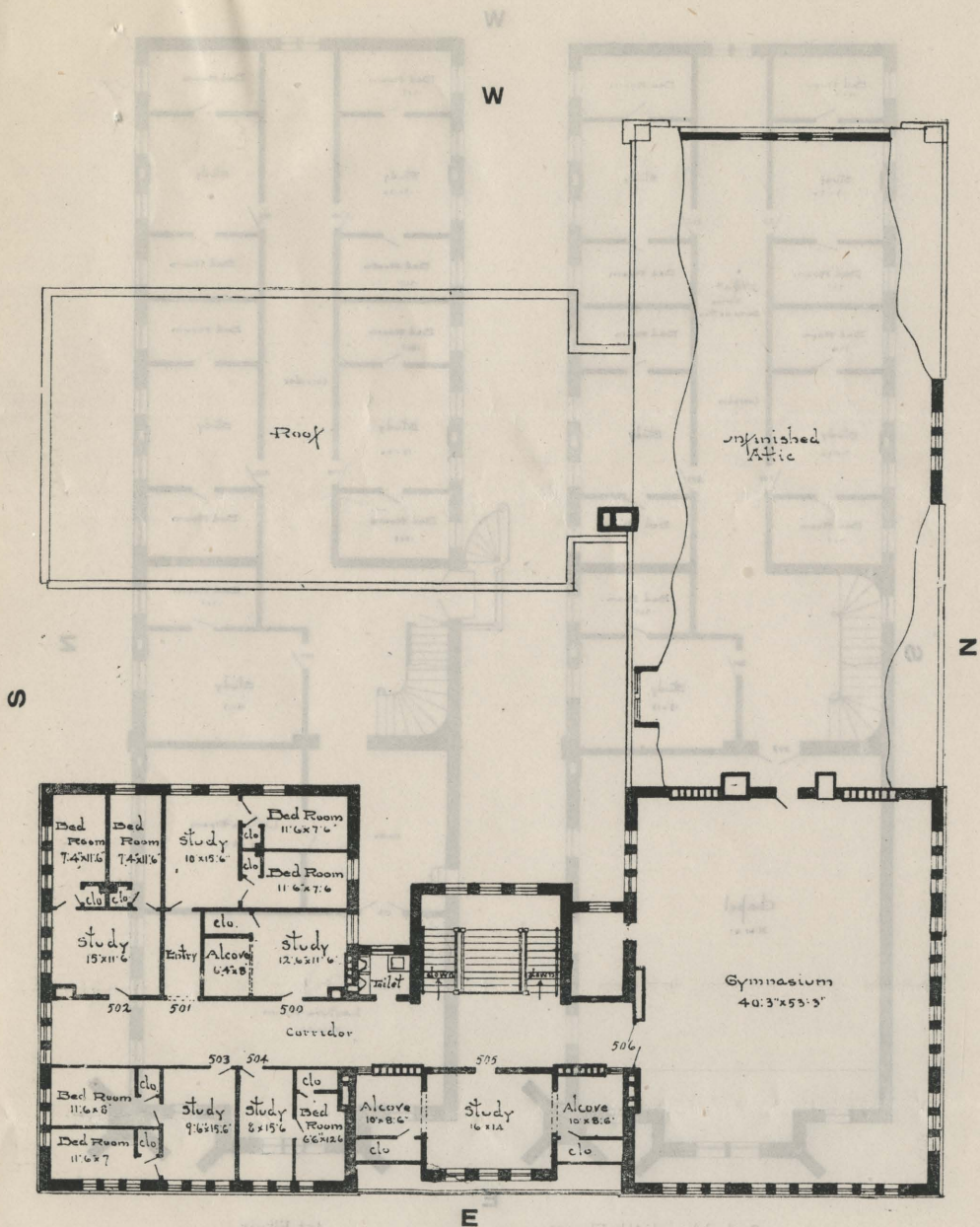
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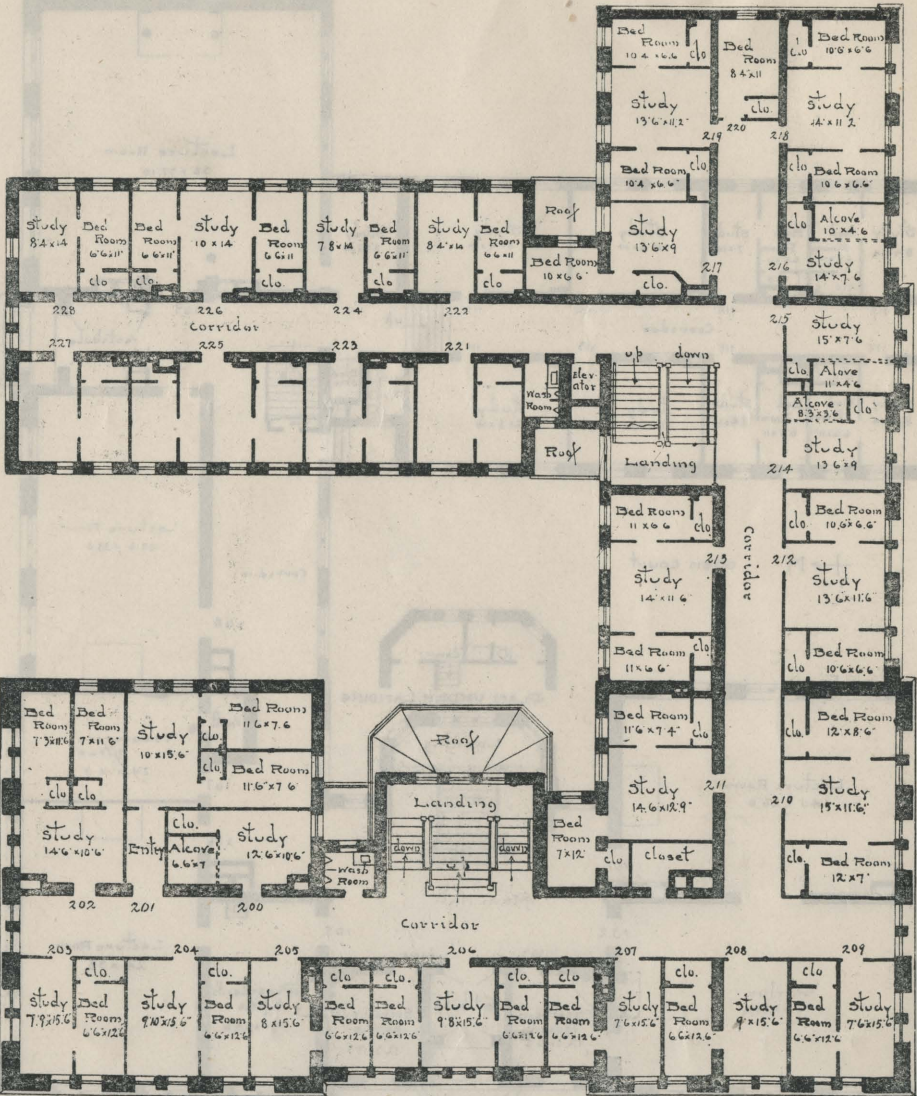
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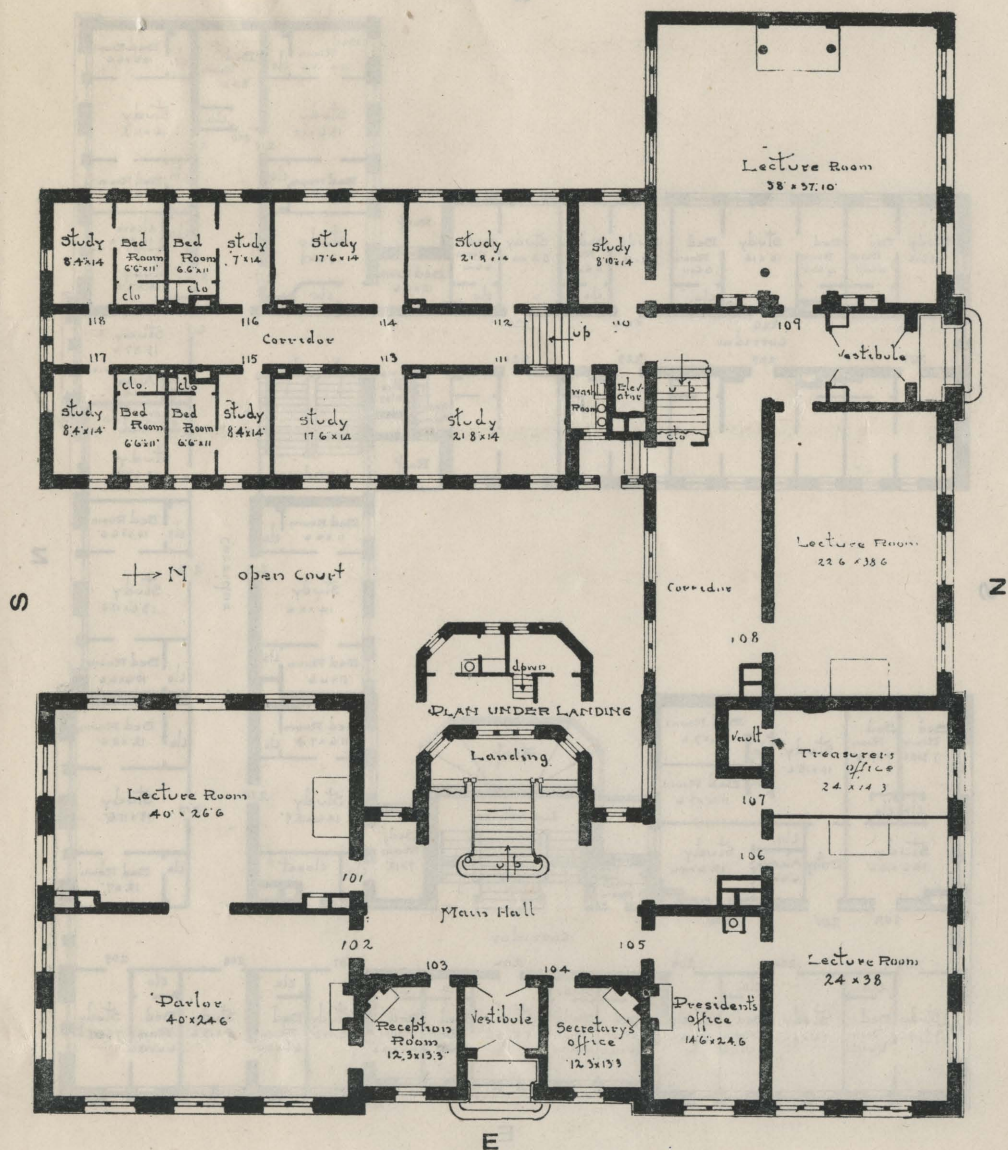
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Fisk Hall.

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