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Wm. R. Harper

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 23, 1889.

Prof. C. A. Briggs, D.D.,
New York City.

My dear Sir,

You will find inclosed (1) a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Institute of Sacred Literature containing the names of the Directors of the Institute; also, (2) a list of the names of the gentlemen who have been elected Associate Members of the Institute; your name is in this list.

I write in behalf of the Directors to ask your consent to this election. The organization has been shaped in this manner in order better to expedite the business of the Institute. We are confident that you will sympathize with the proposed work. Surely, in these times the need of Bible study of the highest order is recognized.

The purpose of the undertaking is to aid and supplement every kind of work now in operation, and to interfere with nothing that is being done. The names of the Directors will be a guarantee to you of the general character of the work which is to be undertaken both from an intellectual and a religious point of view.

In asking your consent to this election we do not impose upon you any burdens except those which you of your own accord may assume; but we do ask for your sympathy, your moral support and your prayers. Will you not give us these?

It is desired to publish the names of the Associate Members with the Prospectus of the Institute which will be issued within a short time. Will you do me the kindness to reply at your earliest convenience.

In behalf of the Directors of the Institute,

Yours truly,

You may depend on me
W. R. Harper
C. A. Briggs

My dear Dr. Harper:

Chamberlain

note *and* *just*
I want to bring up again the question of a communication from you to the 20000 people toward whom you stand in the teacher's relation. I must send an official communication to them with announcements Sept. 1. I am sure that a personal word from you would be warmly welcomed and heeded.

Here is (to me) the situation. - (1) a general spirit of unrest everywhere and a conviction that more knowledge of the Bible is needed to solve the most common ^{Biblical} questions coming up even in the daily press, (2) the natural desire of people to have an opinion of their own and to settle things at first hand, (3) their utter inability to go about getting the requisite knowledge in an intelligent manner, (3) the lack of sensible helps.

On the other hand here are 20000 people who have learned to enjoy the study of the Bible under your tutelage, who have lost their fear of it, and whose faith has been increased in proportion to their knowledge. They need (1) to be stimulated to continue, (2) to have pointed out to them the situation and their responsibilities toward the restlessness multitude who need just what they have found. *What is the situation and their responsibilities toward the restlessness multitude who need just what they have found.*
Let us *ask* *you* *not* *shut* *your* *eyes* *and* *see* *the* *crowd*, *waiting* *for* *your* *word*, *and* *then* *say* *just* *what* *you* *would* *say* *about* *you* *were* *standing* *before* *them*, *knowing* *that* *they* *had* *gained* *their* *inspiration* *from* *you*, *and* *that* *through* *them* *you* *could* *reach* *as* *many* *more*.

As a teacher have you not a message for an opportunity like that? - a five minute, ten minute address at the most, but with yourself and your own spirit as a teacher in it. Please think hard about it.

G. D.

Teacher Reading Course

Quero Ver

is decided upon I shall promptly
resign and give an opportunity
for readjustment according to
the best plan.

I write (it is not a custom which
I intend to adopt) because an interview
without interruption is so difficult to find,
and unless I say these things while the
spirit is upon me they are never said.
I have not been anxious to press an interview
either, for to tell the truth it is only within the
last day or two that I have been able to throw
off the mental and physical depression which
has pursued me for the past few weeks. I
am quite myself again now and ready to
face the future.

If I have seemed to ignore any future relation
of my work to yours personally, I have not
intended to do so. When any such relation is
best I am sure that the work will want me
and I it, and we need feel no anxiety about
it now.

Pray do me and yourself the favor to
give no more thought to my work further than
to stand by the Institute until such time as some
plain indication of usefulness for me may appear.
I am confident that it will come to the full
limit of any power which I may possess. Mention
I am in all my work,
as ever, yours to command
George L. Chamberlin

Beecher Hall. Sunday afternoon.
My dear Mr. Harper: -
The word "problem" which
you used last Sunday has been
making me uncomfortable ever
since.

Perhaps if I tell you just how things
lie in my own mind the "problem" will
solve or postpone itself. The situation has
changed since our last talk and I have
been brought face to face with the
serious fact that in all probability I
shall have my own future to provide for.

I have never until now felt that it
was necessary for me to earn money
except as I had chosen an independent
life. Now, those who are left me are
already ~~so~~ full of obligations which
will I hope extend far into the future.

I have come to see also that in the
order of Nature, my home cannot be
mine many years longer.

All the kind words and deeds of
the past few weeks show me that
I have many friends here, and true
ones, and that at some future time
this place may be more of a home

to me than any other. Thinking
the matter over carefully therefore
I have decided that there may be
a better opportunity for me to work out
a future here, which will in some
measure redeem the seeming futility
of the past, than in any other place.

I am sure that there is work in the
world, and perhaps here, for me and
me alone to do. The question of just
what it is to be is not one which excites
you or I will be left to decide. If
it is my work it will be shown to
us both.

Looking at the matter in this way,
if my usefulness in any direction seems
barred now, it is only an indication that
for the present that is not my field.
At all events I can be happy in my
work only when those with whom I come
into contact fully trust and believe in
me, and enjoy working with me. I am
confident that the number who do not
have this attitude is small or at least
can be reduced to a minimum.

If I did not feel this I should be
utterly discouraged.

I am not ambitious about the future
except that the thought for it shall not
add to your burdens. It seems to me
that your responsibility - it is limited
to the obligation of my Institute salary and
that is an obligation to the work and not
to me personally. I am not wasting
a moment of my time and whether
I ever make practical use of the
Hebrew or not, the training will increase
my general efficiency in whatever
direction it may be applied at some
time or other.

In relation to the Institute too, I want
you to feel that I could not wish you
to consider me and my relation to it
above the good of the work. Should
you decide that the new Bible School
scheme makes some combination
advisable which would do away with
my office I am perfectly willing to
take any share in its work which
seems wise. As soon as any step

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My dear Dr Harper:-

(27) The Quarterly Calendar

is immense. I refer of course to the contents, which I have just perused with much interest and pleasure. The Semitic department is fine, but so are all the others. More in detail about it later.

I am surprised to hear that the summer term will not be given; I thought that feature an essential idea in the whole scheme or rather an important idea.

I am greatly disappointed that you cannot lecture. It puts a black eye on several of my plans.

Early in October, when we get our salary I think I can advance \$50. from my own pocket for the Institute so that we can do some aggressive work. That will give us at least \$125

as a working basis for October. and
I hope that it can be made \$200. . .
nearly \$50 are due in that month.

We pay up next week. Dr
Dwight has made no move in Semitics
and so I do not think we will
attempt much this year. I cannot
give a large amount of time to ^{pure} Semitic
work, my own chair calls for so much
attention.

Hastily and Heartily yours,

Frank. K. Landey.

P.S. You say that \$500 is too small a
matter to trouble J.D.R. with. Perhaps it seems
little to him, but it's as big as a mountain
from our standpoint.

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New Haven, Conn., Sept. 27th, 1892.

Dr. William R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Doctor:-

I send to-day by express to your address at the University quite a bundle of material which has accumulated here, consisting of reviews, publications, etc. I have included in it a small amount of Institute matter which was on hand here and which I did not need any more. This material should go to Mr. Wood. All of it that belongs to him I will have in a separate package inside the large package, so if you will kindly have it opened when it comes, he can take at once the package which should go to him. *Some also for R. F. H.*

I have discovered to my surprise that I am some sixty dollars out of the way in my bank account, and it is possible that I may not be able at once to do what I suggested doing in regard to Miss Chamberlin's work. I shall hope to do it within two or three weeks however. This has also delayed me in sending on the check which I had promised, but it shall surely go as soon as I get my own matters straightened out,--probably within two or three days.

I have been looking over and pondering the Arabic problem. I see that the Arabic course has not amounted to much of anything,

financially, to the Institute ever since it was started. There is
no money in it really, nor will there be until it is thoroughly
pushed. Now I believe that it can be pushed with success. I

have delayed perfecting the course under your own instructions un-

til the new book should come out, which you yourself wished to

prepare. I would like to ask whether you honestly think there is
any likelihood of your getting the book out within the next eighteen
months or even twelve months? If not, it seems to me that it would
pay to remove the gaps in the old course, some of the lessons of
which are entirely out of print, reconstruct it considerably and
then push it. Now in order to make it a success, it must be made

a specialty. I will make a proposition that I will assume the ex-

pense of refurbishing the course, completing it, and pushing it,

provided the receipts for the year shall be credited to me. I

will go then to work at once on completing the course, and then

get out a special circular and send it to five hundred or so pos-

sible candidates and see if I cannot get twenty or twenty-five stu-

dents. I believe that they can be gotten, - at least I am willing

to try it. What do you think of the scheme in general? Of course

I do not want to give a large amount of time to this unless there

is some reasonable prospect of its being continued for a year or

more. When your book comes out, the course ought to be adjusted

to that, but with all the schemes that you have on hand it seems

to me that it is as likely to wait a year or two more as to come

out immediately. This has also delayed me in sending

I had promised, but it shall surely go as soon as I get my own mat-

ters straightened out in two or three days.

I have been looking over and pondering the Arabic problem.

I see that the Arabic course has not amounted to much of anything.

I have a translation scheme or two to propose

in a day or two. Am very much crowded just now.

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New Haven, Conn., Oct. 3rd, 1892.

Pres. William R. Harper, Ph.D.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Pres. Harper:-

I received from

Miss Chamberlin a request to check from the associate member list the names of those associate members who had been appealed to for financial aid. She added that you were going to send out from the office at Chicago a request to these to become sustaining members. Would not such a course be rather unwise? It seems to me all requests which have to do with the increase of our endowment should go only from one source, and I understood that all that matter was to be left in my hands to work up this year, inasmuch as I had such a start in it. If you wish to do it at head-quarters, it is all right, only in that case it seems to me that I should transfer all interest in the matter, and if I am to have charge of it, then it would seem to me better that such appeals should go out from me. I have carefully planned a scheme which is working now and which is going to work right along and which included doing this very thing. I told Miss Chamberlin, in reply, that I would write you about the matter, and that if you decided that the appeals for finances should go out from Chicago, then I would send the list and the material in my possession to her; but you remember that last

... that in all that it was wisest to leave all that in summer we mutually agreed that it

my hands.

I trust that I shall hear from you at once upon the matter.

If you think it would be better to handle it from Chicago, it will

be all right. I have no feeling in the matter, but my own judg-

ment would be against it, in view of what we already have in hand.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. Sanders
m.

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of course becomes a feature
of the Chicago & Chattanooga
Universities. My heart also
is always in helping you
in anyway that I can.
But you need me no
longer. It is
only my regard for you
that leads me not most
positively & decisively to
sever my connection from
the Institute. You see how
I stand in regard to the
matter. If you will accept
my resignation I shall be very glad.

Personal

61 Trumbull St. ^{Leavitt}
New Haven Conn.
Oct. 9. 92.

My dear Harper:
I must con-
gratulate you at your
wonderful success & a-
chievement in respect to
the Chicago University.

But I write especially
in reply to the letter
respecting the Institute of
Sacred Literature. I do
not care to continue on
the Board of Directors.

After the meeting held
in N.Y. last fall I real-
ized that the Institute
was you or you were
the Institute. Save as you
galvanize it, it has no
life. It becomes now
practically an adjunct,
as it ought to, of the
University of Chicago. I
see no way for it to es-
cape its indebtedness save
through appeals to your
personal friends. I, of course,

save in the work done in
connection with our win-
ter Institute in Chicago,
have been a mere figure
head on the Board of Direc-
tors. I have no strength
nor heart to ^{do} anything
for it now & would
much prefer to have my
connection entirely severed
from it. When I say
heart I mean that there
seems little place for its
work save that of correspond-
ence instruction, which

Century.

Mrs. Curtis & I heard with real grief & pain that you lost a little babe last summer. We often speak of our happy time together at Morgan Park.

Well, my dear fellow, may the Lord ever continue to bless you.

Affly,

Your friend

Edward L. Curtis.

Mrs. Curtis joins me in congratulations & best wishes sending her love to Mrs. Harper. Can you not arrange to visit us when you come east.

If I remain on the Board it will only be as a figure-head. Money & strength for its work I have not. This must be clearly understood.

It is a long time since I have seen you. When you come to New Haven you will find us in our new home 61 Trumbull St, which I purchased last spring.

It is almost opposite Stevens. The locality is most choice. The house

was an old one which
had to be to a certain
degree rebuilt. This
has occupied me all
summer & I have stayed
in New Haven. The re-
sult is that I have
a most comfortable home
of eleven good rooms not
counting bath, laundry
&c, & all obtained at
a price which makes it
a desirable & safe invest-
ment. Of course, it is
not all paid for but

my indebtedness is that
of the Institute. Fixing
up the house has cost
considerable in furnishing
& if the O. & N. S. Stu-
dent would pay me
the \$17.50 due for article
& editorials it would be
acceptable.

If you can put me
in the way of earning
anything more by my
pen I shall be grateful.
An article of mine will
soon appear in the



W. J. GRANT.

LL. BREESE.

Sanders
WM LL. BREESE.



47 TO 59 FOURTH ST.

Milwaukee, Wis.

July 22, 1893

Dear Dr Harper:—

After taking leave of you on the 19th, Mr Crandall and I arranged the best scheme for getting a gilt-edged list of names that I have ever had to do with.

To insure its complete success it required clear headed supervision, such as Crandall could give. It also requires considerable preliminary letter writing and subsequent clerical work.

He feels and I think reasonably— than he cannot do this alone by himself. He ought to have ^{(1) the necessary} ~~some~~ use of a stenographer, ^{the right to spend} (2) a small amount of money and (3) the use of a cheap letter directing clerk.

He desired to have these guaranteed before assuming any responsibility. I see no

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reason for not granting them. His time is well taken up, nearly to his limit of working strength. I have nearly \$100 due on endowment which is bound to be coming in at once, and will be available for such work.

One more point. The weakness of our present system is that it is not possible for one who is not nor has been a student of Latin Greek or Hebrew to put himself at once into the position of a student. Hence, e.g. Miss Chamberlain is unlikely to be as successful in wheeling in reluctant students, as in doing other branches of our work.

How would it do to give Crandall responsible charge of the Hebrew and Greek correspondence ^{after Sept¹st} with Soares as his assistant? Crandall is a good trainer. He

put me into shape very quickly when I began.

Crandall will then make the most of the start we shall get by this advertising and will be in more of a mood to undertake it.

I knew Soares several years ago slightly. Should judge him to be a good man. A sufficient amount of his time could probably be secured for a small sum. What do you think?

Please reply at once to me at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Truly yours,

Frank. K. Sanders.

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American Institute of Sacred Literature.

Dean EDWARD T. BARTLETT, D. D., President.

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Minneapolis, Minn. Aug 12 1893

Dear Dr. Harper:

I don't expect to starve. But I don't know that one should wait till then before trying to get a little money. I have twelve dollars & no more. My rent is due and unpaid. Nobody will sell anything except for cash, not even groceries. I hadn't dreamed that it was going to be such an awfully serious matter for you to raise \$135 or I would have made arrangements somehow to get some money somewhere else.

I am very sorry that University matters continue to give you great anxiety. I never knew anything at all approaching the state of affairs here. I haven't the faintest idea when I can even hope for another dollar or salary. So utterly has money quit circulating,
 Yours
 McKee

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American Institute of Sacred Literature

Dean EDWARD T. BARTLETT, D. D., President
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Minneapolis, Minn. Aug 13 1893

Dear Sir,
 I have been thinking of you very much lately, and
 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are
 well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but
 I have managed to find some time to write to you.
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 I have managed to find some time to write to you.

had to be taken
in.

Would not have
troubled you if I
had known where
else to send for the
lectures.

Yours in X.
G. L. Wittet
Bapt. Pastor
Nasica
Min.

Am. Inst. Sci.
Sacred 5

Wittet

Nasica Min.

Nov. 15/94

Dr Harper,
Hearsey & bro.

If you
can send me copies
of your lectures on
Genesis, lately deliv-
ed in Chicago, at a
small price please
do so. I am anxious
to read them. In '91
I heard your lectures
on "Bk. of Jonah", "Isaiah's
Earlier Prophecies", "Bk.
of Joel" &c. with much
interest & profit but
felt grieved that in
the name of Christ
Dr Briggs should have
been brought there

to insult Christian
men by putting Chas.
H. Spurgeon, Martineau,
& Newman in the same
category with Spurgeon
rather below the Unitarian
& the Romanist. Whether
right or wrong I have
never been able to feel
reconciled to the act
of the Com. of the Am.
Dust. of Sac. Lit. in
bringing Dr. B. to Chicago
to instruct us in the
Word of God. It always
has been impossible
to free oneself from the
suspicion that there
was sympathy with his
position somewhere
in the Com. Surely
scholarship was not
so short that Dr B.

Goodspeed

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Wm
Chicago, Sept 8, 12, 1894

My Dear Dr Harper:

If you still desire to close up the affairs of the Society of the American Institute of Sacred Literature the course to be followed is this.

You should at once take steps to buy in the stock as far as possible, thus reducing the number of possible objectors.

You should resign from the presidency and directorate and have these places filled by friends of yours. This is necessary because a sale of corporate property to an officer or director is presumed to be fraudulent, if attacked by any stockholder.

A meeting of stockholders should be called to consider winding up the affairs of the corporation. At this meeting the directors should be authorized to sell the property of the corporation at public auction, and to pay the debts and divide the proceeds

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among the stockholders, pro rata.

At this auction, which must be advertised in the city papers, you could bid, and could set off what the Corporation owes you against the amount bid.

At the above meeting a resolution should also be passed, declaring that it is the wish of the stockholders that the corporation be wound up, and instructing the directors to pass resolutions declaring the corporation dissolved, and the charter surrendered.

A Directors meeting should then be held, the proper resolutions passed, and a certificate of the facts prepared and placed with the Recorder and Secretary of State.

Every effort should be made to have all the stock voted in favor of these resolutions, and great care and formality in notices etc will be necessary in view of the probability of this being impossible.

Yours respectfully
C. T. B. Goodspeed

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Attorney at Law
802 Chamber of Commerce
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Goodspeed.

Chicago, Sept 2 1898

W. R. Harper

University of Chicago.

Dear Dr Harper: I have
at last completed the steps
necessary to the dissolution
of the Society of the
American Institute of Hebrew.

As you know the absence
of the officers, and the large
number of directors and stock
holders have made it neces-
sary to hold several meet-
ings and send out many
notices. As I have perform

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W. R. Harper
President of Chicago
Dear Mr. Harper: I have
at last completed the study
necessary to the dissemi-
nation of the Society of the
American Institute of History.
As you know the absence
of the officers, and the large
number of directors have made
it necessary to make a meet-
ing and have out many
others. As I have before

Chicago Sept 2 1892

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ed The duties of Secretary
the matter has taken con-
siderable time.

I have made my charge
as reasonable as the amount
of labor expended would allow.

Your favor enclosing \$10⁰⁰
reached me on my vaca-
tion. I had asked for only
\$5⁰⁰, receipts for which I inclos-
ed. I have used \$1⁰⁰ of the
remainder to pay the last item
of costs and credited the re-
mainder on fees.

Hoping that this will be satisfac-
tory I remain Yours Truly,
C. T. B. Goodspeed

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Chicago

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the matter has taken on
irreversible form.

I have made my charge
as reasonable as the amount
of labor expended would allow.
Your favor enclosing \$10.00
received. One or my notes
there. I had asked for only
\$2.00 receipts for which I receive
ed. I have been 1/2 of the
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of costs now covering the re-
mainder on fee.
I hope that this will be satisfactory
and I believe from this
C. T. B. Goodspeed

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Chicago, Sept 2nd 1898

H. R. Harper

C. T. B. Goodspeed, Dr

To legal services rendered during 1897 & 1898 in dissolving The Society of The American Institute of Hebrew. also to performing duties of Secretary of same, attending meetings of stock holders and directors etc.

\$40⁰⁰

Credit by cash.

\$4¹⁰

Due

\$35⁹⁰

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\$40.00

\$7.50

Amount by Cash

\$32.50

Due

Do Harper
Adams
gm
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
BALTIMORE.

December 2, 1896.

Samuel
Wright
My dear Miss Chamberlin:

My boys have received the printed instructions and are eagerly at work. There is more Bible reading going on nowadays in the Historical Department than ever before. In past years my college students have done good work in Hebrew Sociology or Institutional History. They have prepared codes, arranged by topics, and have really learned a lot about ancient manners and customs.

Yesterday we had two lectures from Joseph Jacobs, one at the University on "English Style", the other in a synagogue on "Judaism". Jacobs attracted my attention some time ago by his book called "Studies in Biblical Archaeology" where he says, xii,

(Over

December 2, 1895.

"Literary criticism seems now to have come to an end of its tether with regard to the 'slicing' of the Hexateuch; the reconstructions of Genesis by Fripp and Bacon and of the whole Hexateuch, by Addis, and the exhaustive work of Holzinger, all serve to show this. They all confirm my contention that on this line of research we cannot further go. Literary research per se cannot solve the problem of the Hexateuch, so far as that problem is concerned with the development institutions of the ancient Hebrews."

Thank you for your bibliographical suggestions. Genung and Davidson I have. Kent and Griffis I shall send for.

Very cordially yours,

H. B. Adams

McKee

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,

Mar 2

1897.

Dear Dr Haifer =

We have a notion to
quit. We lost \$50 on Scott, and
^{over \$80}
~~about the same~~ on Price.

We not only lost money - we
reached few people. And our treasury
cant stand losses always.

If your University Extension fellows
refuse us Monlton next year. We will be in
a pickle.

The truth is you & Monlton
have got peoples heads so high they cant touch
common fodder.

I'm all out of sorts.
And Rogers! Dont know what to do about him,
Can get 4 lectures for \$150!!

Disgusted McKee

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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Dear Mr. Harper =

We have a notice to

pay. We lost \$50 on stock, and
over \$80
about the same on other.

We not only lost money - but

needed few people. And our treasury

can stand lower cleanup.

Of your University Extension fellow

before us. I thought next year. We will be in
a better. The truth is you & I thought

how got people's hands so tight they can't touch
common fodder. Give all out of goods.

And again! Look how rapid to go about them.
Can get it better for \$150!!
Respectfully
W. P. Morse

McKee

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 19th, 1897.

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

My dear Dr. Harper,

I am writing to the University Extension authorities today, asking that we be allowed to control Mr. Moulton's time for literary as well as Biblical work in his visit here, February and March, 1898. The facts are simply these: The Institute brought Moulton here in the first place at great expense of time and energy and introduced him to the people. The position is such at present that it is possible to make money out of his visits. We are anxious that The Institute shall be allowed to profit by this situation. We can enter into an arrangement by which a share of the profits can come into our treasury.

If the matter comes to your attention, kindly give us what help you can. From some points of view, it would be vastly better to have all the work done here under one management. I have not explained the situation at all to Mr. James but have simply written requesting that we might control all Professor Moulton's time.

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How does it happen that the names of the editors are not given? It is one thing to have no editorials. It is quite a different thing to try to make us believe that there are no editors.

Very cordially yours,

Wm P McKee
Secretary.

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Secretary.

you would have felt that you
could raise heaven and earth
to save it. He has spent the
morning in the Bible School and his
impression of the teaching there was
such that his chief feeling seemed
to be a tremendous desire to be
a Biblical specialist "if only he could
go back forty years." He made a
strong appeal to every one present
to embrace every opportunity for Biblical
study - to join the American Institute
and to continue under its instruction
until they had mastered some portion
of the Bible.

Why don't we have
the Bishop give a course in the
Bible School next year on some pedagogical
side of the subject?

I will send you a definite weekly report
from the school. If you prefer I direct
ask Miss Colt to keep me informed of your
Saturday addresses. Otherwise I will send
it to Chicago. I shall not apologize for
the length of this letter but I will cut
down the next one proportionately. Get well! Get well!
Get well! Sincerely yours, George L. Chubbuck

And just

Chautauque, N.Y.
July 14, 1897.
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My dear Dr. Harper:-

I thought possibly
you might like some
definite reports from Chautauque
before you leave on Thursday.

I enclose an official statement
from which you will see that
things are looking up.

The College and the School
of Pedagogy are still growing
quite rapidly too, aside from
the State teachers who have poured
in today and yesterday. About
three hundred of these have come
and one hundred and forty-five

of them have registered in the
College and School of Pedagogics today.

We are all feeling much more
cheerful over the prospect. George
has so far recovered his spirits
that he suggested that we begin
the department receptions, so I
am going to work out a scheme
of literary evenings for the English
department and a Roman
banquet for the classical dept.
and sundry other diversions.

We have decided to omit

College Sunday with its brass
band and Baccalaureate
address. It had not become
sufficiently established to be missed,
and a procession without you
to marshall the host would

have been too much of a responsibility. Next Sunday
was the day assigned to it.

I have just been listening to Stanley Hall on
Muscular education. He said "The condition of
every merit, and virtue, and excellence is to be
well. Health is life. Out of the joy of healthful
physical life all good must come. and no clear
inspiration can come without it." Moral, — Get well!

You should have heard the Bishop this afternoon. His subject
was "Personal and professional preparation for a Bible Lesson".
His points were fine. He is better at Sunday School
Pedagogics than any one I have heard yet. If you
could have heard him talk about the American Institute

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Ingals

CHICAGO, Nov. 2, 1897

PERSONAL

Dr. E. F. Ingals,

34 Washington St., Chicago.

My dear Dr. Ingals:-

~~You will remember having made a contribution to the~~
work of the American Institute of Sacred Literature in times passed.
~~Good actions are sometimes repeated. I come again. I have set~~
out to raise \$5000 for the Institute, \$3000 to be used for paying
the deficiency of the past two years, and \$2000 for carrying on
the work during the present year. I have made no effort during
the past year to do anything on account of the financial situation.
I am having reasonable success in my effort. Yesterday, in the city,
I secured subscriptions amounting to nearly \$1000 in sums of \$50 to
\$300.

Before going abroad last summer I borrowed from Mr. Hutchinson
for the Society the sum of \$2000 in order that its affairs might
run smoothly until autumn. This note falls due next Thursday, and
I am anxious to liquidate it. There is a balance
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ence, and if you feel that liberalizing all our good people in and
out of the churches is a worthy cause, I should be glad to have your
help.

Yours very truly,

William D. Harper

*Enclosed find \$50. This meets my
views exactly E.F.I.*

The balance is not what it would be in good times

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

My dear President Harper:-

As you already know, your statements regarding the value of both the Institute of Sacred Literature and of the Correspondence Courses carried on by the University find a ready echo in my mind. What little I have been able to do (and it has been very little) has been done con amore for that very reason. The work is seldom out of my mind, for the reason that I see around me here so wide room for its employment.

I shall try to raise the two subscriptions of ten dollars each, and enclose one of them herewith, accompanied with a Merry Christmas for the Institute. I hope to hear from another subscription within a few days.

Now may I make another suggestion with a view to the work of next year? In talking over the work of the Institute with a recent graduate of this institution, the following remark was made by my friend: "There is one course and only one ^{in this year's prospectus} that has not been very satisfactorily ^{treated} in our study in the Seminary. That one is the Social Teachings of Jesus. Now I should like to see offered a course say on the History of Philosophy with a squint at its bearing on Christian Theology". I reminded him that such a course is offered in the Correspondence school of the University. His reply was: "Yes, but those courses cost more, and with my very meagre salary I cannot afford it and the necessary books." His suggestion seems to me a good one. Such a course would be a very taking one, and hardly outside the limits of the aims of the Institute, as it seems to me. Another topic that would, as I look at it, be a most profitable one is the History of Nations contemporary with Israel. No treatment of the History of Israel is possible without this, and it is a necessary pedagogic to such a history. Again, I am by no means sure that a course on Logic would not be a most profitable offer. The detection of fallacies is hardly possible to a large proportion of the ministry.

I am sure you will pardon my venturing these suggestions. But they are the result of discussion of the work of the Institute with men who are canvassing its possibilities for their own advancement in knowledge.

With my heartiest wishes for the success of all your work, I am

Most cordially yours,

Geo. W. Gilmore.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 22d, 1898.

Gilmore

Miss Ch.

Please with me about it. W.H.

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Dec. 22d, 1898.

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

My dear President Harper:-

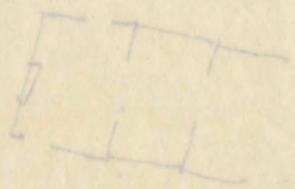
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SACRED LITERATURE

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Hyde Park, Chicago,

January 19, 1900.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I want to give you the several reasons why I feel so strongly that any money secured for the Institute would better be placed in the care of the University. Please note that I think the Institute should not lose its name or its body of Councilors. I simply mean that the endowment should be in the name of the University, and the appropriations should be made by the University.

1. Because it will be easier to secure the money on these conditions.
2. If the Institute should in time outlive its usefulness, the money will be where it can be used perpetually for the advancement of Biblical work.
3. Because as I understand from Dr. Barrows, Mrs. Haskell's ten thousand dollars was given for this purpose, and that would be an excellent start toward a hundred thousand, which would be sufficient for all the needs of the Institute as it is now conducted, and would also allow for some enlargement upon the present work.
4. Because just now any money secured in this way would help in the two million fund.
5. There are reasons which I have had no opportunity to explain to you why I am liable at any moment to be called upon to give up my connection with the work. Please do not misunderstand me. They are only natural reasons, and the occasion may not arise, and yet we have to face its possibility.

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The Purpose of the Council is (1) to associate more closely those who desire to promote the study of the Bible from the historical standpoint, and of other sacred literatures as related to it; (2) to induce properly qualified persons to undertake this work either independently or in connection with another calling; (3) to extend through the American Institute of Sacred Literature a wider acquaintance with the right methods of Bible Study and their results; (4) to direct the affairs of said Institute.

The Platform of the Council. The Council does not stand for any theory of interpretation or school of criticism or denomination; but for a definite endeavor to promote the knowledge of the Word of God as interpreted in the best light of today. From this point of view also the contributions of other religious literatures are sought by the Council, that through the study of these literatures the teachings of the Scriptures may be more clearly understood. The Council is organized on the belief that the Bible is a unique revelation from God, and strives in a constructive spirit to investigate its teachings and to extend its influence among the people. While, therefore, a large liberty is allowed to the individual teacher, the position occupied by the Council is altogether evangelical.

The Work of the Council includes all the work conducted by the American Institute of Sacred Literature, viz.:

1. **Correspondence Courses** in Hebrew, New Testament Greek, and the English Bible.
2. **Reading Courses** including (1) The Outline Bible Club Course for Christian Organizations, (2) The Bible Students' Reading Guild.
3. **Summer Schools** held in connection with Institutions, Assemblies, and independently.
4. **Lectures** in Extension courses, at Colleges and Local "Institutes," at conventions, and under independent auspices.
5. **Examinations** (1) in Hebrew, New Testament Greek, and the English Bible, open to College Students, (2) upon the International Sunday School Lessons, open to everyone.

*A body of representative biblical teachers which controls and directs the work of the American Institute of Sacred Literature. The direct management of the Institute is entrusted to a Senate composed of the general and special officers of the Council. The list is incomplete, as the enrollment of Councilors is still in progress.

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My successor would necessarily be a man willing to work for a small salary. He would be a man with at least two interests, the good of the work, and his own advancement. As things now stand there is no University rank or element of personal advantage except this same small salary. While you might easily find a man of sufficient ability to carry on the work if he were guided by appropriations and regulations from the University, I do not think you could find one who would be able to assume all the responsibility, financial management included, for a small salary. Moreover if the man be a live one, he will stay in such a position only until he can do better, and it takes years of experience to learn where and when it is wise to expend money in such work.

Again if the secretaryship were to change frequently, as it has in the correspondence department of the University, for instance, it might be good for the work, but it would be death to any successful administration of funds, provided such administration depended, as now, upon the secretary.

I think I appreciate very fully the fact that there is no such word as "indispensable" as applied to human beings of such mediocre calibre as myself, but at the same time I should feel much better satisfied of the permanent power for good which any endowment might give the Institute if it were held in trust by the University.

7. In case I should continue even for some time longer

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with the Institute, I feel that it would be much better for the University to appropriate the funds. The responsibility of the practically unlimited freedom which I have is one which wears upon me continually, and I feel that I cannot much longer carry it.

8. While we need very much the sum I mentioned last evening, for present use, it would be far better policy to try for the larger sums and get along as best we can for a few months longer.

9. I believe that I understand the difficulty of this task. It would be an utterly hopeless one to me, and yet I do not think you need to undertake it wholly alone. There are at least four other men who could and would I think help you a little if you were to outline a plan for them. These are Messrs. Burton, Mathews, Willett and Votaw. Each of them might be able to get at men whom you could not reach. But as representing the University as well as the Institute, and working for the future welfare of the work rather than the "dead horse" past, both they and you would have far more courage.

I write this now because I do not know how long it may be before we can talk the matter over fully, and I wanted to give you my point of view. You with your inside knowledge of University conditions will doubtless see at once the fallacy of some of these points, but I shall trust you to weigh each one separately, and to give it such serious consideration as it is worth.

I need not assure you that not the least of my difficulties is the compulsion which is upon me to press these matters upon you

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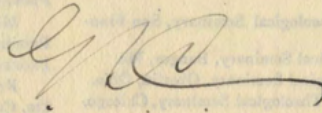
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Always truly yours,



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My dear Dr. Harper:-

You asked me how far behind our work for this year was compared with last year. I inclose a little statement which will give you some figures. It seems to me the inference from these figures is just about what I have year after year maintained namely, that two thousand dollars a year of extra income would clear us on each year, and keep our liabilities and assets about even, and enable us to do the work on its present basis ^{without} ~~with~~ enlargement. Five thousand dollars a year would enable us to do much more.

If it were possible to make any alliance with publishing interests, would not ^{the} value of our constituency and the advertising which it would bring, together with the endorsement and backing of our Council, be worth to any publishing house an appropriation of five thousand dollars. I do not know whether you appreciate the influence of the Institute in the recommendation of books as much as I, for you have been out of touch with the correspondence for so many years, but the one example of Mr. Burton's Harmony seems to me a good one. The publishers issued an edition of five thousand. Of this number we have taken 800 and have sold them nearly all. They made contracts with six or eight other publishing houses, so you see we probably sold a larger proportion of them than any other house, and I believe it was simply because our recommendation carried them. In any alliance which could be made with publishing interests it seems

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to me ~~an appropriation~~ such as I have suggested should be made for the
independent carrying on of the Institute work, ^{on a strictly educational basis,} leaving the profits to
be gained from the publishing of journals, books, etc. I believe in
such publication there would be money enough to allow profits for
publishers and royalties ^{or} and salaries for the editors, provided it
were kept on a high plane, and absolutely nothing published which
could not be endorsed and recommended by the men who have ^{been} associated
in this Institute and Council work so long. It seems to me ^{that}
there is everything for a publishing house in the authority and con-
fidence which its publications would receive if backed by such a
body.

You have doubtless all this in mind but the figures.
I simply write because I can better put the matter before you in this
way.

Very truly yours,

GLD

This statement is chiefly noteworthy ^{for} the repetition
of "I" & "it seems to me" but you will pardon an egotism
which is apparent & not real

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Dec. 1. 1898 Liabilities

3160 80

Jan 1. 1900 "

4776 40

Excess of Liabilities

1614 60

Not an account of this year 1 month later than last.

1898 Received

Endowment

1610

Council Fees

395

S.S. Tines profit

200

Total Extra money in '98

2205-

Had we received in 1899 the same amount of extra money we should have reduced our indebtedness below that of any previous year or $4776.40 - 2205 = 2571.40$. In other words we have lost \$2205. in endowment etc. and are only 1614.60 further in debt.

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, August 16, 1900.

Just Mr. H. H. Kohlsaas,

The Chicago Times-Herald Building, Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Kohlsaas:-

Allow me first to thank you once more for the very pleasant evening spent with you last night. I can assure you that I enjoyed it exceedingly. I think it better to write this letter and state the matter I have in mind in this form rather than to present it to you in conversation as I might have done yesterday.

You will remember the American Institute of Sacred Literature, concerning which the Times-Herald had a very nice, calm statement last Sunday. This has been my pet for twenty years. The whole purpose of it is to inculcate a larger, broader and deeper knowledge of the Bible. The work has been conducted right along and has accomplished very great results. During the last three years, however, while I have been raising money for the University I have not tried to secure any help for the Institute and the consequence of it all is that I am now today personally obligated for about the sum of \$5,000. This I am carrying in two or three notes which must be paid within the next four or five months. You can understand that this situation

August 16, 1900.

W. H. W. H. W.

The Ontario Agricultural Experiment Station,
Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of a certain quantity of seed for the purpose of conducting an experiment in connection with the work of the station.
I am sorry to hear that you are unable to purchase the seed at the price you desire, but I am sure that you will be able to obtain it at a reasonable price if you will be patient and wait a few days.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. H. W. H. W.

worries me not a little. I do not think it wise to ask any direct help in providing for this amount of money. I am entirely willing to meet the obligation myself. I have wondered, however, whether you would give me some assistance in an effort which I should like to make to earn this sum of money. You will remember that we talked sometime ago about my preparing a number of syndicate articles to be published in certain daily papers. I am very confident that I can prepare these articles and that I could keep up the rate of one article a week for a year. I understand that they might not be long. I believe that in the several fields of Higher Education, Lower Education, Sociological work, Theological work, I can produce some statements which would be serviceable and at the same time attract wide attention. I think that the events of the last three or four months have made it all the more possible for this plan to be carried out. I would like exceedingly to make an arrangement to furnish fifty such articles as long as would be desirable at the rate of \$100 apiece. This would furnish me the \$5,000 needed to pay up the debts of the Institute of Sacred Literature and put everything into shape. If ten papers were to take hold of this it would cost them only \$10 apiece and this would not be a high rate. Is it feasible?

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Can it be done? If so, what steps should I take to bring it about. I confess that I am quite desperate in reference to this money and must either adopt this plan or go into the lecture field. I am determined not to ask my friends to help out.

Hoping that you will give this matter a little of your attention and promising to drop in and see you after you have had time to study it over, and with the understanding that you need not answer the letter, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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My dear Dr. Harper: -

I tried to see you yesterday and failed, and I don't want to interfere with your vacation today so here I write. I wanted to say in writing.

Inclose a note from the Bank which I interpret (since I make no definite proposition) to mean that if for which we can have the money.

Now I am not willing to make these notes which would come due in April and May, when the Institute would be absolutely unable to meet them, unless I have some very definite assurance that you intend to keep on raising the money to meet them.

I am sure you cannot blame me in view of the record of the past ten years if my faith in your ability - but this is weak. By "your ability" I mean so far as time and

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I will do of course whatever you think best in the matter, but if we assume any great obligation to the Bank you must pledge yourself to stand by me effectually in discharging it. If you wish to discuss the matter I am at your command. If not then I will follow whatever instructions you give feeling that you understand my dependence upon you in the matter.

Yours as ever G. L. C.

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I am always desirous of accommodating you and Mr. Harper, but if not inconvenient to you, should rather not consider this.

Very Truly,

D. A. Peirce

Dear Dr. Harper -

This expressive dash ^{expresses} reminds me
of the small girl in the faculty building
who said "Say Mamma, Is it just
as bad to think damn as to say it?"

Don't let's both feel that way at the same
time! It's too monotonous!

G.H.D.

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John D. Thompson

My dear
This is a very
of the same size as the
who said "I am
we had to think
Don't let
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W. L.

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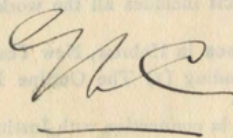
HYDE PARK, CHICAGO

December 12, 1901.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

The accompanying is the Principal's letter for the month of January. You remember that you suggested that we use something that someone else had written as a quotation. I have found exactly what I wanted in the introductory chapter in Briggs' Study of the Holy Scriptures. My only hesitation in taking it was that it would be simply impossible for us to name Mr. Briggs in connection with it. You will see that I have quoted it as from a contemporary biblical scholar. Of course if we were asked where it came from we should tell the truth, but I did not think it would be at all safe for us to announce that we took it from Mr. Briggs. It is not a consecutive passage at all, but a series of brief paragraphs, so that we are not infringing on any copyright or anything of that sort. I think the plan is a very good one for occasional use and will help us out until you are able to produce some new material along the same line. I have already sent the copy to the printers, since I could not wait for your return.

Very truly yours,



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My dear Dr. Harper:-

I submit the inclosed list as suggested, but I do not regard it ^{as} a good list. It is selected at random and most of the people I know only by name.

You ~~always~~ ^{alone} will know whether you can ask them for even small sums of money.

Are we not going at this thing at the wrong end? Would it not be better to

1. Get the consent of the trustees to take the Institute under the University wing provided

(a) that the \$5000 can be raised,

(b) that annual subscriptions can be secured sufficient to cover any deficit? (It could not be over \$1000 at the outside).

(c) that in case it should seem expedient to form a

School of Religious Education later this would be a part of it.

2. Then we could select men who would be interested in the larger scheme and get the \$5000 from them in such subscriptions as they would give, letting them understand that it ^{is} to the advantage of the University to have this department as a stepping stone to the resident work for lay students to be provided for as soon as possible by a School of Religious Education.

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