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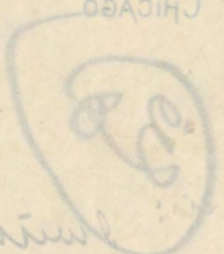
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Pres. W. R. Harper:

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My dear Sir:

I wish with your kind permission to put before you the condition of the Divinity Historical Library. It can be expressed in a single sentence. So far as medicinal Church history is concerned there is not a single question that could receive even a moderate thorough examination. If a student were to enter for Ph. D. and select the subject for his thesis in Medicinal History we should not know what to do. The library is fairly well supplied with general works - but of original sources there is not a single one. Dr. Hullcutt and I have repeatedly discussed the situation and we are in complete accord. But since he went away



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my anxiety has greatly increased. Every time a term opens I tremble lest some real scholar should apply and discover our weakness. For the average Divinity student our library does pretty well - but for the one in twenty who aims to go to the bottom of things it utterly fails. But the one in twenty must be carefully provided for if we are to count even in sight of an ideal.

Such works as Patrologia Latina ^(Migne), the Muratorian Collection and others are absolutely necessary in any library of theological Church history.

At the opening of this term a young man from Yale selection both my courses. He has completed

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 than a few others I should like to know
 what interest should apply and answer.
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 aims to go to the bottom of things
 it is not fair. But the one in interest
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For work on Pathology
 (many) the historical collection and
 others are absolutely useless and
 in my library of the sciences
 chosen history.

At the opening of this term
 a group in our former Pathology
 had my course. He has completed

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the second year in the Divinity School.
 He wants to work for Ph.D. in history.
 When he came in he said: "I was
 inveigled into attending the Commencement.
 Then I was further inveigled into taking
 the summer Quarter. If all goes well
 I may be still further inveigled into
 remaining!" How to get this young
 man to work was a matter of no
 small concern to me. He had been
 under the great master - Dr. Fisher -
 to get a subject that could be worked
 for six weeks - and that would suit
 him was rather difficult. But by
 drawing on the English library - my
 own library - and the Divinity library
 I was able to satisfy him. He seems
 to be a good man - and - if so - is
 just the kind of a bird we must not
 let get away.

the reason for the present change.
 He is out to make for P.D. in history.
 When he came in the 1880's, I was
 in charge of the laboratory for the German section.
 Then I was further involved into things
 the summer of 1880. If all goes well
 I hope to still further investigate with
 them during the summer. It was to get this summer
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Many of the books we need are not easily found. But several times a year I receive catalogues that contain rich lists. If we cannot be ready at such times to telegraph we cannot in a year or two supply ourselves.

Again: in the matter of current periodical literature we are very weak. Excepting the denominational papers almost all there is is what I put in myself. Not long since I have a letter from a man in New York, asking me to direct him to a good German periodical devoted to Church history. He said: "I am hoping soon to spend two years with you". I referred him to the Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte

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 for his collection of Chinese books.
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but did not think that it was not an
our table. When he comes he will be
disappointed unless we bestir ourselves.

Now I am sure that you will
not think of me as a fault-finder. Con-
sidering the fact that the University is
only completing its third year of work I
think the present state of progress is little
short of miraculous. But I know
that your high ambition is to make
every department the best of its kind
in the country. So far as Church
history is concerned we say amen
and amen.

Personally I want to assure
you of my high appreciation of all
the kind help shown me by faculty
and students - and to thank you

but that will think that it is no reason
and still - When the summer he will be
also appointed under the the university.

Now I am sure that you will
not think of me as a fault-finder. I am
glad that the fact that the University is
only completing its first year of work.
I think the present state of things is better
than of mine - but I know
that your deep conviction is to make
every step without the loss of the time
in the country. So far as I know
nothing is concerned in my own
- as a man -

Personally I want to make
you of my wife appreciation of all
the friendship between me & friends
and a student - and to thank you

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for your very kind reference to me at
 Princeton. and to express the hope that
 I may not disappoint you.

With much respect I remain

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. Mancroft.

6032 Ellis Ave.

July 22nd '99.

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For your kind reference to me at
the University - now to express the fact that
I have not this opportunity.

With much respect I remain

Very truly yours,

J. W. McCreary.

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February 26, 1908

My dear Dr. Johnson:-

You will be interested to know some plans which are on foot in the Department of Church History. It is intended, to

1. To appoint Professor McLaughlin head of the Department of History in the Faculties of Arts, Literature and Science; also head of the Department in the Divinity School.
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