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After spending nearly a whole day discussing the features of the new plan proposed, we have come to the following conclusions:

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Office of the President

31. Scandinavian Seminaries.

Chicago, September 21, 1911

Memorandum to President Judson:-

I attach hereto correspondence respecting the Scandinavian Theological Schools, or more specifically, with reference to the Swedish Department of these schools. This correspondence has been seen by Mr. Mathews.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 22nd, 1911.

SUBJECT:

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My dear Dr. Judson:-

Your favor of the 16th concerning the Scandinavian School at Morgan Park, has been received and read with much interest. We believe that the school has rendered most valuable service in the preparation of preachers for our Scandinavian population, and we know that large numbers of the Scandinavian converts with their children have become Americanized and are among the most substantial elements in our American churches, although of course a large Scandinavian population must still be reached in their own language.

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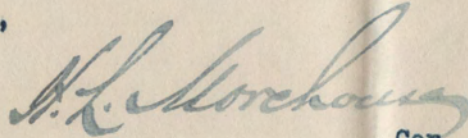
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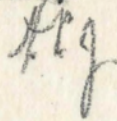
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Harry Pratt Judson, D.D.

President University of Chicago,

Dear Dr. Judson:-

In reply to my former communication it would seem that the Board of the Theological Union understood the reply of the General Conference Committee as being a rejection of the suggestions made by members of the Board when we met in the autumn. We have regarded the question as yet pending and shall be glad to meet your Board at your convenience with the view of reaching a fuller understanding of the question relating to the Swedish department at Morgan Park.

Friday of this week or Tuesday of next would be suitable to us.

With great personal regards,

Yours truly,

Frank Peterson

Chairman of Swedish Com.

Dr. Martens. Will you please speak to the President about this?

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Feb. 6/1912.

Harry Pratt Judson,
Pres. University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

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Time is slipping rapidly and there is likely to be much to do to plan for the future. If the whole burden of the school is to be thrown back upon us, it will mean in the first place, the discontinuance of the Bethel Academy, and provisions made for the Seminary. If, in your opinion, matters can be expedited by a personal conference, I shall be glad to call on you. Will Saturday this week or Monday next be convenient to you? Either of these dates will be least expensive to me since I am to be at Janesville on Sunday. Please wire reply at my expense.

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CHICAGO February 21, 1912.

Dr. Frank Peterson,
407 Evanston Bldg.,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

My dear Dr. Peterson:-

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. A. Marsh

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February 16, 1912.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Doctor Judson:

I enclose a communication from the Board of Managers of the Minnesota Baptist State Convention, which I will ask you to lay before the Trustees of the Divinity School, or whatever body is charged with the responsibility of terminating the relations between the Swedish Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago.

I think you will realize that anything which affects our Swedish Baptists is of peculiar interest to us of Minnesota. I judge that the action taken terminating the relations next October between the University and the Swedish Seminary is based largely upon financial reasons. While these, undoubtedly, should have large weight, other considerations should also have their place in bringing us to a decision. Some of these other considerations I have undertaken to set forth in the enclosed communication.

I wrote to Mr. Heckman yesterday concerning this matter, asking him if it would not be possible to arrange for a meeting of himself and two or three others and myself, sometime during the first week in March when I am to be in Chicago in attendance upon the Executive Committee meeting and of the Board of Managers of the Foreign Society.

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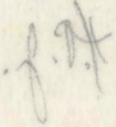
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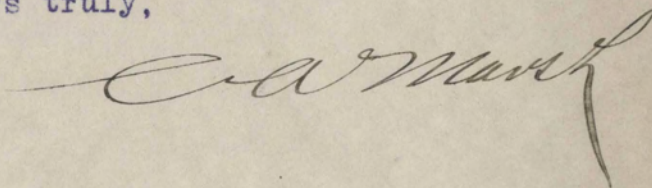
Dear Sir:-

I herewith enclose you two communications sent me this day, one from Dr. Gunderson of July 23rd. to T.W. Goodspeed, and one of July 22nd. from Mr. Lawdahl, addressed to the Board, forwarded to me by Mr. Heckman. I transmit these to your committee for attention.

Yours truly,

C.A.M.

Enc.



DENMARK

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BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,

May 24, 1912

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,

President of the University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:-

I have long hesitated in writing this letter, for fear of being misunderstood, but have come to the conclusion that I cannot keep silent any longer in a matter of so vital importance to me, and one which also concerns you. It is regarding my father, Mr. Lagergren, I wish to speak.

When my father paid me a short visit a few weeks ago, I was grieved beyond words to see the change that had come over him since last Christmas. You will remember my mother died at that time.

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Please do not think me forward in speaking out as plainly as I have. The health and future welfare of my father is at stake. Can you blame me?

May I ask that you consider this letter strictly confidential. My father knows absolutely nothing of my writing you, or my intentions to do so. In fact I do not know how he would regard this act of mine. My husband is the only person who knows anything about this letter. May I hope to hear from you soon. Respectfully signed, L. Benson.

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Therefore, I am sorry to hear that you are
not to what you are willing to do for them?
Offer him a position with you for a few years
larger, until you are willing to remove him;
and then return him to the other work, which
seems to be the strongest from day to day.
At last, he has found us even as he has
your own to look after him, he has seen that
much conversation.
Please do not think me forward in asking
not as plainly as I have. The letter and future
purpose of my letter is not to be. (Can you blame me?)
May I ask that you consider this letter as
confidential. My letter seems absolutely nothing of
any writing you, or my intention to do so. In fact to be
that forward may be would be out of the way of them.
My husband is the only one who knows my things about
this letter. May I hope to hear from you soon.