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June 13, 1896

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,
The University.

Dear sir:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees the President reported a proposition from a Committee consisting of J.M. Clark, Christoph Hotz and E.W. Platchford representing the Trustees of the Chicago Manual Training School established by and under the control of the Commercial Club of Chicago, to make over said School to the University together with its property, including the grounds and building on Michigan Ave. and 12th St. estimated at \$200,000.00 and the bequest of Mr. Crerar amounting to \$56,000.00

Messrs. F.A. Smith, Harper, and Hutchinson were made the Committee to consider the proposition, confer with the Board of the Chicago Manual Training School and report to the University Board. I understand that Mr. F.A. Smith is chairman of this Committee.

Yours truly,

T W Goodspeed
Secretary

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President of the University of Chicago:

Dear Dr. Harper,

Enclosed please find the list of teachers, as you requested, to which I hope to be able to add later the name of Mr. N. F. Smith, who has filled very acceptably a temporary vacancy. We shall really need an additional teacher, even if we have but 230 pupils: but I do not see at present where his salary is to come from. If we shall increase the number to 300, the best interests of the school will demand the employment of three additional teachers - two academic and one in the shop.

Enclosed also please find a statement of the income and expenditures of the past year, and an estimate of the income and expenses for the ensuing year.

In reflecting upon our conversation last evening, this thought among others occurs to me, that the assistant teachers whose names I have enclosed are on a footing of equality in the school, although their salaries are unequal. The three gentlemen who receive \$1800. have been in the school for a number of years - the two first named for 11 years. Several of the others are well worth \$1800. or more: while the two who receive \$1200. have yet to win their spurs. These two, however, are in charge of important work, and are not assistants to any of the others. I beg leave to suggest, therefore, that when elected to positions in the University, they shall ^{all} receive the same title, whatever that may be. I am inclined to think that the effect would be

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Summary of
 Receipts and Expenditures, 1895-6.

Receipts.

Balance,	\$3.93	
Tuition for 1895-6,	21433.00	
" " previous years,	448.10	
Sundries,	427.53	
John Crerar Fund,	<u>2300.00</u>	24612.58

Expenditures.

Salaries,	21662.64	
All other expenses, such as Fuel, Gas, Printing, Supplies, Repairs, etc. (but <u>not</u> Insurance)	<u>2872.30</u>	24534.94
Balance		77.64

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Chicago! Sept. 3, 1896.

Felsenthal
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President of the University of Chicago, City.

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I venture to make the following suggestions:

First, that a circular be prepared announcing the change in the ownership and management of the school, with its terms of admission, course of study, etc. That this circular be sent to all the seventh and eighth grade boys in all the grammar schools of this city and the vicinity. For two years past I have been able to secure such names without expense. Am not positive but that I may have to pay a small sum in order to obtain them this year.

Second, that the annual catalogue be printed as soon as possible. We usually have had it in the mails at this time of the year. The manuscript for the catalogue is ready, except the matter which you may desire to add. If you will kindly indicate what you desire, I will endeavor to put it in shape, and submit it for your approval.

Third, that the application of Mr. James H. Ransom for leave of absence for one year be acted upon: and, if granted, that steps be taken to fill the position for the next year. We have a better chance for securing a good teacher now, than we will have later.

I have been thinking upon your question as to the "modern" character of the instruction in the school; and think, perhaps, that the following facts will best answer your question.

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hours every day to shop work and drawing, the purely academic work done by the pupils in the school has been fully equal in amount and quality to that done by ~~the~~ public high schools. This is proved by competitive examinations, and by the standing which our graduates have taken, and held, in some of the best technological school of the country, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cornell University, etc. For several years we fitted the best of our Senior Class for the second year in Sibley College, Cornell: and many of our boys have been able to complete the four years' work of such institutions in three years. We are not now able to prepare for the second year of Sibley because the Calculus has now been placed in the Freshman Year.

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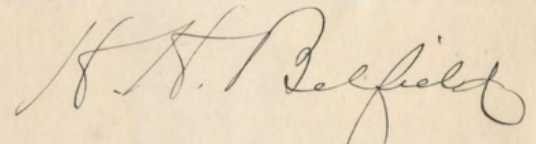
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CHICAGO, June 3, 1897.

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Dr. William R. Harper,

President of the University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I am in receipt of your favor of the first instant, containing your suggestions in regard to making a monthly report to you of the condition of the school, etc.

I will prepare as soon as possible "a list of headings." and submit to you for your approval.

I desire to conduct the school, as far as I possibly can, without "involving care or attention on your part;" and if I shall seem to assume more responsibility than I should, I trust that you will attribute my fault to this desire, and that you will have no hesitancy whatever in bringing me back into the traces. I desire particularly to be informed as to my duties and responsibilities in financial matters after this month: assuming that the plan which has existed for fourteen years is to continue till July 1, 1897. It may be, however, that I shall receive my instruction on this head from the Comptroller, and not from yourself.

I need not assure you that I desire to comply with your wishes in every particular.

Very respectfully,

A. H. Belfield
Director.

CHICAGO AT CORNELL.

WESTERN TALENT AT "OLDEZRA"

Men From Illinois Prominent in the
 Life of the Big University in
 York State—Leaders of
 Their Class.

ITHACA, N. Y., June 6.—Cornell will turn out a dozen or so sons of Chicago this month.

Chicago men at Cornell always attain prominence before their course in the uni-



PHILIP MAXWELL WALTER.
 [One of Cornell's Best Athletes.]

this capacity he has undoubtedly done better than any predecessor.

Five important races were arranged for the Cornell crews this year, and to Commodore Mordock fell the difficult task of raising the necessary money and making the detail arrangements for the big events. All of this he has accomplished in a way pleasing to all boating enthusiasts, and if Cornell wins the season's races much of the credit for the success will belong to Mr. Mordock.

Besides acting as manager, this Chicago young man has himself taken an active part in athletics. He will graduate this year from the Sibley College of Engineering.

At the head of another important branch of athletics, baseball, Chicago has another son—Lucius Chipman Fuller. For the first time in years the Cornell baseball team has been managed without a loss, and for this credit is due to Mr. Fuller more than to anyone else. Like the other Chicago men at Cornell, he is prominent in more than his important official position.

He is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity of the Sphinx Head, an honorary senior society, and of the Aleph Samach. This year Mr. Fuller was further honored by being elected by his class as class marshal and being appointed to the senior ball committee. He graduates this year, having completed a course in science.

Chicago Leads in Letters.

In the literary arena at Cornell Chicago has James Kenneth Fraser. As artistic editor of the bi-weekly publication, the Widow, he and his cartoons have become known to every student in the university, and as editor of the '97 class-book he has met with greater success than any of his predecessors. In the social life of the university he has also been prominent throughout his whole four years' course.

Charles Martin Henrotin is another senior who has been prominent during his course at Cornell in Sibley College. This year he has been playing on the second varsity baseball team. In his freshman year he played on his class team and was elected manager of it in his sophomore year. For some time he has played an important part on the Cornell Glee Club. As a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and of the Undine, he is well-known in society circles. He was also the leader of his sophomore cotillon.

Prominent in the junior class of the university is Philip Maxwell Walter. Besides being prominent in social life of the university as a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, of the Sigma Tau, of the Bench and Board, and as a member of this year's junior ball committee, Mr. Walter stands among the first of Cornell's athletes. He made a Cornell record in the 220-yard hurdle, which he now holds, and in another year he should even better it. His class has recognized his good work and has made him vice-president.

ing so gayly and yet so blindly upon this arduous profession.

Undoubtedly the law is an attractive field in the United States. The pathway to power and public station lies through it. The lawyers may be said to be the ruling class. They make, construe and execute the laws, and are to be found in the seats of the mighty. But where one attains that seat hundreds fall by the wayside. "Of a thousand seeds he only bringeth one to bear," saith the scriptures. No truer word can be spoken of the legal profession.

EXTENSION OF CHILD LABOR LAW.

The good women of the state, to whose zealous interest society and the state are indebted for many legislative enactments that are calculated to improve public morals and protect the weak from oppression, did not get all they asked from the fortieth general assembly. There is general regret over the failure of the cigarette bill, which passed the house by a unanimous vote and which was so earnestly desired by the school-teachers of Chicago, who have had opportunities of witnessing the baneful effects of the traffic among schoolboys.

But the faithful endeavors of the women were not entirely barren of rewards. The adoption of the amendments to the child labor law, introduced and advocated under the auspices of Hull House, was a great victory for the women, and brings Illinois abreast of the most progressive manufacturing states of the union, so far as the adequate protection of children is concerned. It will work a great revolution in industrial conditions in this state.

As amended and extended, the child-labor law now applies to all children in stores, offices and laundries, as well as factories and workshops, and includes the best provisions of the Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York laws. Newsboys and peddlers do not come under the law, but after July 1 no child

FISHING FOR TARPON.

Fishing for tarpon is exciting, and, in proportion to its cost, it is satisfying. Senator Matthew Stanley Quay, who has an international reputation in this line, even now swears softly but volubly at the continuance of congress as he wades knee-deep through mangled English to his desk each day when the bell tolls twelve. He longs for the time when the sharp nose of his "cat-boat" shall slice the blue waters of the Floridian coast and his thumb shall burn from the friction of the whizzing tackle. Though slight of build and past his prime, Senator Quay has been measurably successful. If recollection serves, the record for weight is held by J. G. Welles of Chicago, whose fish tipped the scale at 178 pounds, and was killed with rod and line after two hours of struggle.

It seems strange that through all these years Messrs. Quay and Welles and others have been going to the wrong seas to look for their finny quarry. True, tarpon are caught off the coast of Florida, and true also that state's hotels are the best south of the Ohio River. But there are 100 tarpon in the waters of southwestern Texas for every one within hailing distance of Florida, and what does an enthusiastic sportsman care about hotels, anyhow? In the shallow bay whose chief port is Corpus Christi is the summer home of the king of game fishes. I will take Mr. Quay and Mr. Welles to Flower Bluff, which is eight miles from "Corpus," and if I do not show them 200 tarpon in ten minutes they will be at liberty to feed me upon salt pork with a string tied to it and pull it up again until they tire of the fun or I drop dead.

Fancy a sheet of water fifteen miles long by ten wide, shut off from the outside gulf by low-lying islands pierced here and there by narrow passes. The water is green, because nowhere is there a greater depth than twenty feet. The gentlest of summer winds crinkles the surface and many fragrances from myriads of prairie flowers come to the nostrils mingled with the pungent odor of turtle "offal" heaped high by the tides upon the sandy edges of the land. On every hand the miniature whitecaps rise and fall, and they are broken now and then by a flash of silver. That is the leap of the tarpon upon his prey. He pays no attention to the small sailing boat that contains his enemies, for in his way he is as pugnacious as the shark and has no respect for anything upon the

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versity is finished. For years past the list of graduates has had among its more prominent students, writers, speakers, athletes, debaters and social leaders an unusually



JAMES KENNETH FRASER.
[Artistic Editor of Cornell Widow.]

large number of Chicagoans as compared with other cities.

This year is no exception, and the Chicago men who graduate from Cornell on June 17



JOHN ALLEN HAINES.
[Assistant Manager Cornell Widow.]

will carry home such a large share of the class and college honors that it is worth while to note a few of them.

At the head of the Cornell navy, which at



LUCIUS CHIPMAN FULLER.
[Manager Cornell Baseball Team.]

present is attracting the attention of the whole sporting world, is Charles Teere Mordock, whose father's name is familiar to the



CHARLES TEERE MORDOCK.
[Commodore of Cornell's Navy.]

Chicago Board of Trade. As commodore he has won universal praise from the student body for his able management of Cornell's most important branch of athletics, and in

made him pipe custodian. Next year he will graduate from the course of science.

Even in the sophomore class Chicago has a prominent son—John Allen Haines. Last year he was elected by his class as manager of the '99 football team. By competition he won a position on the editorial staff of the Widow, and has just been re-elected to the board as assistant manager. Mr. Haines is also assistant manager of the Masque, a Cornell theatrical organization, and is enrolled in the cast for the annual senior week production.

In a social way he has been equally prominent. He was chairman of this year's sophomore cotillon committee, which won a reputation for its great success.

Chicagoans as Honor Men.

Such are only a few of the many honors that Chicago men have attained at Cornell, but they will go to illustrate how generally successful they are. Each year, with the gradual increase in the number of students from the city on the lakes, comes a proportionate increase in the number of honors the men receive. The men are a loyal lot of fellows, and take a great deal of pride in their city, as well as in their class and alma mater.

In the number of representatives at Cornell, Chicago stands next to Brooklyn, New York and Buffalo. This year's register shows fifty Chicago students in the university. In addition to this number there are thirty students on the rolls from the State of Illinois outside of the city. This makes a total of eighty representatives from the state, and places Illinois second only to New York and Pennsylvania in the number of sons that "Old Ezra" has adopted. At Harvard there are only a few more who claim residence in Illinois and it is not known if Pennsylvania could claim as many as does Cornell.

The following names of Chicago students are found in the register for this year:

John Hackett Adams, first year, course in electrical engineering.
William Atmore Ansley, third year, law.
William Arlingstall, civil engineering.
Frederick Hague Avery, fourth year, civil engineering.
Saxton Swayne Barrett, third year, electrical engineering.
John Russell Bensley, Jr., first year, mechanical engineering.
Walter Scott Boyle, Jr., first year, mechanical engineering.
Anna Maude Bowen, Ph. B., nonresident graduate student.
Philip Henry Bradley, third year, science.
Charles Shattuck Brintnall, first year.
Raymond Burnham, first year, electrical engineering.
Dwight Frederick Cameron, Jr., special student.
Charles Howard Catlin, first year, science.
James Edwin Coursen, second year, law.
John L. Flannery, first year, mechanical engineering.
James Kenneth Fraser, fourth year, architecture.
Lucius Chipman Fuller, fourth year, science.
Warren Rockwood Gibbs, first year, mechanical engineering.
James Montgomery Gilchrist, first year, electrical engineering.
Fred Goetz, first year, law.
John Allen Haines, second year, law.
Ernest Charles Hasselfeldt, fourth year, electrical engineering.
Robert Danforth Hedges, first year, mechanical engineering.
Charles Martin Henrotin, fourth year, mechanical engineering.
Charles Bierce Holden, first year, mechanical engineering.
Harry Cyrus Holloway, B. S., nonresident graduate student.
William Wiley Hubbard, fourth year, mechanical engineering.
Charles Leo Johnson, fourth year, mechanical engineering.
Robert Ficker Lewis, second year, electrical engineering.
John Gibbs Lovell, first year, mechanical engineering.
Thomas Grubb McCullough, Jr., first year, civil engineering.
Robert Carr Meysenburg, third year, mechanical engineering.
Milton Cheney Miller, first year, law.
Charles Teere Mordock, fourth year, electrical engineering.
John Crosby Neely, A. B., fourth year, mechanical engineering.
Jay Cromwell Nelliger, second year, mechanical engineering.
George Washington Rector, first year, law.
Julius Emil Reinhardt, second year, mechanical engineering.
Harry Folsam Rich, second year, architecture.
Ralph Frederick Rogan, third year, mechanical engineering.
Edgar Percival Seeger, third year, electrical engineering.
Ozra Gould Sherman, first year, law.
Moses Gould Shire, first year, civil engineering.
Robert Julius Thorne, second year, law.
Herbert Hill Townsend, first year, optional.
Edgar John Uihlein, first year, law.
Philip Maxwell Walter, third year, science.
Charles Cameron West, first year, mechanical engineering.
Oscar Monroe Wolf, fourth year, philosophy.

Illinoisans Outside of Chicago.

The following are students at Cornell who reside in the State of Illinois outside of Chicago:

Leo Ammann, Highland, Ill., fourth year, electrical engineering.
Walter Verian Arbuckle, Brocton, first year, law.
Charles Henry Bartlett, Evanston, third year, philosophy.
Charles B. F. Belsley, Peoria, first year, mechanical engineering.
William John Birmingham, Galena, first year, law.
Arthur Samuel Blanchard, Oak Park, first year, mechanical engineering.
John Jay Bryant, Jr., Riverside, first year, law.
Leander Burner, Ravenna, Ill., special student.
Lewis Harold Clark, Rockford, first year, electrical engineering.
Clifford Dewitt Coyle, Alton, first year, science.
Jessie Margaret Edes, Streator, first year, philosophy.
Andrew Michael Guenther, Blue Island, first year, law.
George Henry Guenther, Blue Island, first year, law.
Charles M. Howe, Evanston, third year, electrical engineering.
William J. Krome, Edwardsville, second year, special.
Arthur Sylvester Loving, Jacksonville, second year, law.
Harry Bainbridge Mersereau, Peoria, third year, science.
Rice Miller, Hillsboro, first year, law.
John Howard Ogle, Belleville, second year, electrical engineering.
Walter Murray Provine, Taylorville, second year, law.
Rodert Harris Ripley, Riverside, first year, law.
Clare Rushmore, La Grange, first year, electrical engineering.
Joseph Emery Ward, Evanston, second year, science.
J. Ralph Wilbur, Evanston, fourth year, electrical engineering.
Charles Gardener Brown, Evanston, A. B. graduate student candidate for Ph. D. degree.
Julia Swift Orvis, Dixon, A. B. graduate student candidate for Ph. D. degree.
Martha Belle Barrett, Elmwood, A. M. graduate student candidate for Ph. D. degree.

Extra Time for Railway Men.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 6.—Beginning to-morrow all the repair men in the Burlington Railroad machine-shops at Havelock, three miles from Lincoln, will be put on extra time for an indefinite period. The change is made necessary to keep rolling stock in condition due to increased traffic. In the building department all the men have for some time been working on full time.

When dizzy or drowsy take BEECHAM'S PILLS.

under 14 can be employed in the departments of business designated. The factory inspection department, under the new law, is empowered to require the discharge of children not in good health, and may prohibit the employment of children at extra hazardous occupations.

The extension of this law is a long step forward in the direction of complete emancipation of children from the cruel despotism of corporate greed. The next step to be taken for the further perfection of the law is the adoption of the educational clause of the New York code, which provides that no child over 16 shall be employed who cannot read and write simple sentences in the English language.

The Des Moines Register explains that "Millionaire Rockefeller rides a wheel dressed in a black Alpine hat and brown kid gloves, together with knickerbockers and sack coat." But what does Mr. Rockefeller himself wear?

Governor Tanner is considering the advisability of calling an extra session of the legislature, and is said to be hesitating because of the expense. The kinetoscope privilege ought to bring enough to reimburse the state.

The Chicago platform is to be changed for the next presidential campaign." In the meantime that entire platform probably will continue in a comatose condition.

Colonel Peter Maher announces that he is in first-class shape to commit assault and battery on Commodore Thomas Sharkey next Wednesday night, and exultingly adds: "My wind is all right!" Enough said.

An 8-year-old boy in Ohio is unable to talk, but continually barks like a dog. The buckeye medical authorities are a unit in declaring that they never sausage a case.

Maher says he is "certain to defeat Sharkey within a few rounds." And Sharkey says he is "certain to win inside of a half hour." May both of them be right!

Uncle Horace Boles says that he "wouldn't accept the nomination for Governor of Iowa this fall if it were presented to him on a silver platter." How about gold?

A New York paper offers a prize of \$25 to anyone who can tell what the new sugar schedule means. It looks as if Mr. Havemeyer ought to have a cinch on that prize.

If the Yerkes telescope can bring Jupiter within 400 miles from the earth the Chicago directory man ought to be able to use it in his work very effectively.

It is unfair and illogical to expect any line of administrative policy to repair in three months the destruction wrought by years of national mismanagement.

If Lieutenant Peary insists upon making another dash to the pole he ought to be thoughtful enough this time to send his relief expedition ahead.

It is said that the berri berri has broken out in Cuba. We don't know what kind of disease that is, but it evidently is berri berri bad.

Twelve indictments have been found against Luetgert, and the police think that all the links of evidence against him are complete.

The disappearance of the air ship proves conclusively that the country at large has already become inured to the bock beer season.

Greece possibly may escape an involuntary Turkish bath, but she already finds herself in mighty hot water.

If it is entirely convenient we earnestly advise ambitious Mr. Sharkey to fight the fourteenth round first.

The city council will now conduct a series of experiments to test the ductility of Mr. Yerkes' legs.

We regret to announce that summer has been unavoidably postponed on account of the weather.

Many of the Greek leaders have taken a bold stand ever since the armistice was declared on.

Richard Mansfield's story, "Blown Away," is receiving a great many free puffs.

That Logan-McCook episode now seems to resemble a toy balloon, minus the rubber.

The verascope pictures certainly are striking illustrations of photographic art.

In the meantime Premier Ralli of

earth in the waters under the earth. When in pursuit of quarry the savage instinct is aroused and he stops for nothing. There are many instances of the tarpon leaping on board deep-set vessels. A man was knocked from a tug in the Brazos River by one of them not long ago and drowned. Many times they are killed by dashing themselves against rocks or sunken timbers. Their speed is the speed of light.

The tarpon is made of bone, muscle, scales and temper. In length he ranges from three to six feet and in weight from 30 to 200 pounds. His form is of graceful mold and combines in remarkable degree lissomeness with power. His appetite is admirable. His color is a beautiful silvery. His natural food is the mullet, a small whitely conspicuous fish that swims in shoals. Thousands upon thousands of them traveling together, they mottle and dimple the water in a peculiar way. Back of them, sometimes in the very heart of the throng, flash the lightning rushes of the tarpon. Their trail is marked with blood, for their tremendous foe slays them in wantonness long after his maw is filled. The presence of the tarpon is betrayed by the flight of the mullet, when he does not betray it himself by sportive leaps in air. Lafcadio Hearn remarks that but for the predatory instinct which leads all finny things to slay smaller finny things, the oceans in a little while would be one horrid mass of putrefying fish. One needs to see a mullet school attacked to realize the force of his saying. The hundreds of demolition.

The tarpon is a "top-feeder"—that is, he seeks his food near the surface. Those who know him best fish for him with live mullet, which is not allowed to sink more than two feet below the waves, being sustained by a large "float" or cork. The inner portion of his mouth is bone and no hook will take secure hold upon it. This being so, it is necessary to allow him partially to swallow the bait, which he will do by the time that he has carried the float whirling along the water for a space of thirty feet. Afterward is the time to swear and pray. The tarpon reel holds 600 feet of line. Not infrequently when he feels the hook the fish will strike the trail for blue water with a seemingly irresistible rush and keep going. What happens when his 150 pounds at express speed are pitted against the strength of a line that is run out needs not to be told. He simply sails on out to sea, whipping behind him 200 yards of silk, and whether he lives or whether he dies its former owner knows not. He can only go back to port and surround many juleps and tell vain tales of the size of the wonder that got away.

But if that splendid rush is deflected, if the fish dives, if the thumb of an old hand be upon the reel, if the man to whom the enough to give his adversary the butt, a battle royal is on. For verily the combat between a 150-pound man, sound of wind and science, and a 150-pound tarpon, possessed of the temper of the devil, is a grapple of the gods. The crazed fish time and again leaps three, four, five feet from the water and shakes his head like a dog in his effort to dislodge the hook. A momentary slack of the line is fatal, as with the rapidity of lightning the sharp teeth close upon the strands above the snell and they are severed as if with a knife. But when the terrific struggles have grown fainter, when the steady, deadly strain of the springing rod has sapped the strength of the gallant foeman, when his lithe, powerful body is brought near to the boat's edge, when the cruel gaff has smitten the life from it and its beautiful length lies along the deck, the conqueror feels half jubilant and half remorseful, wholly respectful of the giant whom his prowess has laid low, and confoundedly weary and dry. He looks at the sun, which seems surprisingly low in the heavens; he looks at his watch and refuses to believe that two hours have passed in that desperate wrestle. But, unless he be in thorough training and past master of his art, a swollen, aching wrist will tell him for days afterward that in the silver king of the southern seas he was near to meeting his match.

Much nonsense has been written of the things necessary to the man who yearns to hang the tarpon's hide upon his back fence. Moneyed ones of the north and east put \$100 into a hand-built rod and another \$100 into an enormous reel, different lines, snells of various metals—for the teeth are sharp—hooks of many patterns, huge phantom minnows and things like that. Then they go south and don't catch anything and return home and lie. I have caught some tarpon and sworn at many that I did not catch, and I have never seen a better "outfit" than a heavy eight-foot rod of swamp cane, a good reel, a line of sufficient strength, the "G" string of a guitar for a snell, the stopper of a large "chow-chow" bottle for a float, a hook with a three-inch shank and the Limerick bend and a fat, lively mullet. So armed, I will crowd into a summer's day more thoughts, passions and delights than the legendary Carter had oats. And if I fail to land my fish, I will julep it and fiction it with the best of them—Matthew Stanley Quay not barred.

Rather Warm Compound for Summer.
[From the Philadelphia Bulletin.]
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MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL BOYS LEAD

Fine Record Made in Field and Track Athletics in the Annual Meet at Marshall Field.

July 1897?

Chicago Manual Training School is undoubtedly the interpreparatory champion in field and track athletics. In the annual meet at Marshall Field yesterday its youths took ten out of a possible seventeen firsts, five seconds, and three thirds, making a total number of points of 68. In all the runs and dashes except the hundred, Bent, Witherbee, and Guillaume were invincible. Broughton and Woodyatt were the stars in the field events, while Lilja and Steever captured two of the three cycle events.

Princeton-Yale was the second in the total number of points won by its men and shone most brightly in the mile bicycle, where Davis and Shayne were the only men who could follow the pace of the tandem and finish inside the time limit. Turner gained two firsts for the school in the walk and hammer throw and Trumbull made five points in the hurdles.

The other three schools did not have many men who shone with dazzling brilliancy. Henneberry for the University School and the Kirchbergers for Harvard School were the best in the way of point winning.

There was nothing extraordinary in the way of time made, but several of the heats had much better records than the finals show. In the hundred yard E. Kirchberger and Henneberry tied in the finals and the eight points were divided between them. In the mile cycle race there seemed to be a doubt that the riders were making fast enough time to come within the limit and a tandem was put on in the last lap, behind whose hot pace all but two of the men dropped out. T. H. Patterson was the referee and J. E. Raycroft starter and clerk of the course. The points as each school won them follow:

Chicago Manual Training School

	Chicago Manual Training	Princeton-Yale	University School	Harvard School	South Side Academy
100-yard dash.....	0	1	4	4	0
220-yard dash.....	3	3	0	1	0
440-yard run.....	8	1	0	0	0
880-yard run.....	8	1	0	0	0
Mile run.....	8	1	0	0	0
Half-mile walk.....	1	5	0	0	3
220-yard hurdles.....	0	5	4	0	0
Quarter-mile bicycle.....	5	3	0	0	1
Mile bicycle.....	0	8	0	0	0
Five-mile bicycle.....	5	1	3	0	0
Standing broad jump.....	1	3	5	0	0
Running broad jump.....	6	3	0	0	0
Running high jump.....	5	0	3	1	0
Hop, step, and jump.....	5	3	0	1	0
Shot put.....	3	0	1	5	0
Hammer throw.....	3	5	0	1	0
Pole vault.....	5	0	1	3	0
Totals	68	43	21	16	4

The summaries:

100 yard dash—E. F. Kirchberger, H., and Henneberry, U., won; Holland, P. Y., third. Time, :11.

220 yard dash—Bent, C. M., won; Holland, P. Y., second; E. F. Kirchberger, H., third. Time, :24 4-5.

440 yard run—Bent, C. M., won; Witherbee, C. M., second; McCord, P. Y., third. Time, :57 1-5.

880 yard run—Bent, C. M., won; Witherbee, C. M., second; Turner, P. Y., third. Time, 2:19 2-5.

Mile run—Guillaume, C. M., won; Dodd, C. M., second; Turner, P. Y., third. Time, 5:10 4-5.

220 yard hurdles—Trumbull, P. Y., won; Hellyer, U., second; Ross, U., third. Time, :32 2-5.

Half mile walk—Turner, P. Y., won; Pierce, S. S. A., second; Gage, C. M., third. Time, 4:04.

Quarter mile bicycle—Lilja, C. M., won; Vehmeyer, P. Y., second; Holmes, S. S. A., third. Time, :39.

Mile bicycle—Davis, P. Y., won; Shayne, P. Y., second. Time, 2:38.

Five mile bicycle—Steever, C. M., won; Hartwell, U., second; Vehmeyer, P. Y., third. Time, 15:31 4-5.

Standing broad jump—Henneberry, U., won; McCord, P. Y., second; Bauder, C. M., third. Distance, 9 feet 10 inches.

Running broad jump—Woodyatt, C. M., won; Trumbull, P. Y., second; Broughton, C. M., third. Distance, 18 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Running high jump—Broughton, C. M., won; Wilson, U., second; R. S. Kirchberger, H., third. Height, 5 feet 3 inches.

Hop, step, and jump—Woodyatt, C. M., won; Hafer, P. Y., second; E. F. Kirchberger, H., third. Distance, 38 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Twelve-pound shot put—R. S. Kirchberger, H., won; Froscher, C. M., second; Wilson, U., third. Distance, 36 feet.

Twelve-pound hammer throw—Turner, P. Y., won; Carroll, C. M., second; E. F. Kirchberger, H., third. Distance, 59 feet 10 inches.

Pole vault—Woodyatt, C. M., won; Burnham, H., second; Poole, U., third. Height, 8 feet 6 inches.

legislators, but a great crowd of lobbyists are unconvicted felons, for the law applies equally to bribers and bribed. If these reports are lies the newspapers that put them in circulation have not only assailed private and official character with brutal recklessness, but have brought deep and dark disgrace upon their State.

Few of the forty-five States in the union family can compare with Illinois in conditions which should make such infamy impossible. That State is a leader in education, in the number and influence of churches and Sunday schools, and in all those agencies which are supposed to constitute the safest basis for self-government. Illinois is a State of marvelous resources and magnificent development—a commonwealth with a splendid past and, unless too rotten to fulfill her proper destiny, of a glorious future. Who can look at the record of Illinois in the census reports or read the story of her growth in the elements of greatness and believe that in 1897 her Legislature has plunged into a carnival of corruption unparalleled in the history of any State in the union? Who can think of her thousands of church spires, her numberless schoolhouses, her great array of colleges and universities, her incomparable farms, her beautiful cities, her intelligent and industrious population, her libraries, and her great newspapers—who can glance at this panorama of progress and prosperity, of cultivation and virtue, and believe that the people of that State elected scoundrels to make their laws—elected enough scoundrels to make a majority in both Branches of their Legislature?

One of two things should be done forthwith unless Illinois is willing to wear a brand. If all or any considerable of these charges are true, some of them can be proven before a jury. Let the prosecutions begin and the guilty be punished. If there be little or no truth in the allegations of wholesale corruption—if they rest on guessing and conjecture—let the press of Chicago make confession of its wrongdoing. The good name of Illinois has suffered enough since its Legislature assembled. The only way to recoup is either to prosecute and punish the men charged with bribery and corruption or to own up that the charges are baseless.

Do Congressmen Get Living Wages?

Washington Post: Can a Senator or member of Congress live decently in Washington on his salary?

The answer to the question depends upon the man to whom it is addressed. Senator Elkins of West Virginia, who lives in a palace on K street, where the furnishings of the bathroom alone would cost almost a year's salary, would say that the \$5,000 which the government pays a Senator is but a drop in the bucket. So would Senator McMillan, whose income from his great lumber, manufacturing, and railroad interests, is to his salary as the top of Pike's Peak is to the Nebraska prairie. There are other Senators like Hale and Wetmore whose establishments could not be run on their salaries for three months in the year. In fact there are very few Senators to whom the salary is really an important and a vital factor of their position.

It costs more for a Senator to live in Washington than for a Representative. His social position is more pronounced, and if he is married and is housekeeping the demands upon him of society are very great. Sometimes a Senator will go to a hotel to save money. Hotel life is also chosen for other reasons. Senator Hanna went to a hotel because he hoped that Congress would be through by April or May and because a house would be unnecessary if something should drop in Ohio next fall. Senator Platt of New York lives at a hotel because his wife is not well enough to undertake the duties of housekeeping, and Senator Platt of Connecticut likes a hotel because—but as he has lived in a hotel all his life, one would have to go too far back to find genuine information on the

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CHICAGO, June 8, 1897.

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President of The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th inst., and beg leave to report.

1. A large portion of the manuscript of the new Calendar is in the hands of the printer. We need to have written a statement concerning the annexation of the school to the University, which I suggested to Mr. Miller would better be written by the University authorities rather than by myself. If you will permit me, I should like to suggest that in that statement one fact should be emphasized: namely, that the school continues to prepare boys for institutions generally, and has not become simply a fitting school for the University of Chicago. I beg leave to enclose a clipping from the Times-Herald of yesterday, showing that of 49 members of the University fitted in Chicago, 25 are graduates of this school, and one took a large portion of his training here. I have marked in blue pencil the names and pictures of our boys.

2. I have had, for a week or more, eight boys working in the suburban towns. They are promised a per capita. I think it wise not to authorize any such canvass in the city until after the examination, which will occur June 26.

3. Dr. McPherson consents to preach the annual sermon before the school at his church (the Second Presbyterian) on Sabbath Evening.

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Yours truly, John D.

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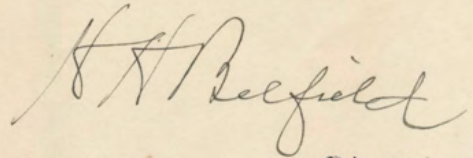
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June 20th, at 7:45.

In response to the last line of your letter, I shall endeavor to see you at your office. I trust that, if it is not convenient for you to see me when I call, you will not hesitate to postpone the interview.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. A. Reelfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title "Director.".

Director.

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CHICAGO, June 18, 1897.

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Dr. William R. Harper,

President of the University of Chicago:

Dear Dr. Harper,

I am in receipt this morning of your notes of the 15th and 16th inst.

I have delayed complying with your suggestion in regard to a list of headings for a monthly statement for two reasons, - partly, because I desired to learn from the Morgan Park Academy what would probably be acceptable to you, but chiefly because of your illness. I was very much surprised yesterday afternoon to have Mr. Waterman tell me that you had been out the preceding evening to attend the meeting of the Board of Education. My information immediately preceding that was that you were ill in bed.

I beg leave to submit the following scheme for a monthly report: but as I am so unfamiliar with University modes of thought, I have but little hope that it will prove satisfactory.

1. Enrollment and attendance of pupils.
2. Causes affecting attendance.
3. Facts concerning teachers which may be desirable to report.
4. Scholarship and progress of pupils.
5. Finances.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Recommendations for immediate action.

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I have made, as you see, one heading "Finances". This may, however, be stricken out as I have yet received no instructions in regard to that matter. Since the organization of the school, I have had the collection of tuition fees, and the payment of all bills.

I am making a greater effort than ever before to secure pupils. I have ten boys working in the suburban villages. I think the inquiries this year are much more numerous than last year.

The question of the employment of a teacher of Chemistry has not yet been settled. I think it will not be necessary to employ another man.

I shall be very glad to respond to your call to meet you, but have made no effort in that direction on account of your illness.

I am very much pleased to know that you are again able to attend to business: but greatly fear that you are beginning too soon.

Very respectfully,

W. H. Belfield
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CHICAGO, June 29, 1897.

Dr. William R. Harper,

President of the University of Chicago, City.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th inst., and am very much pleased indeed to know that you are able again to attend to business, although I fear that you are beginning too soon.

I note what you say in regard to my being "present as a member of the University on all the occasions of the present Convocation Exercises." It will certainly afford me very great pleasure to do this, and I will, if it is a possible thing; but I am overwhelmed with business; - the examination of applicants, - the marking of papers, - notifying ~~their~~ parents, - the interviewing of parents whose sons have not succeeded well in the past year, and who are anxious to know what is to be done with them the next year, - the closing up of the financial accounts of the school, in order to have them ready in time for the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, etc. It seems to me necessary to attend to all these matters immediately, even should I deprive myself of the pleasure of the Convocation Exercises, ^{and} I am completely submerged by them.

In regard to the "full regalia" I must advise with some member of the University, and learn who the University tailor is; unless I can appear under ~~under~~ this press of circumstances in borrowed plumes.

Again expressing my great pleasure at your return of health,

I am

Very truly yours,

W. H. Belfield

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CHICAGO, June 30, 189.

Dr. William R. Harper,

President of The University of Chicago, City.

Dear Dr. Harper,

May I take your time for one minute? I fear that my remark about "borrowed plumes" may have suggested that the cap and gown should be furnished by the University, as you kindly offered once. I wish to say that I had no such intention. I have this morning secured the loan of the articles from a friend, and will appear on time as you request. I think that in my haste yesterday I did not express what was in my mind: namely, my appreciation of your thoughtfulness of me notwithstanding the many cares with which you are burdened.

Very respectfully yours,

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CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1897

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Miss M. Rena Cobb,

The University of Chicago, City.

Dear Miss Cobb,

Your favor of yesterday is received. I take pleasure in stating in reply that the school opened a week ago today with a larger number of pupils than were present at the opening last year. Today we have 246, which is 18 more than a year ago today. The total number of pupils last year was 261. Indications are that the total number of pupils this year will exceed the total number of last year.

The percent of new pupils who take Latin is greater than before, which indicates, I think, the influence of the University.

Should you desire any further information, I shall be very much pleased to send it to you promptly.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Belfield
Director.

Stamped envelope.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 24, 1898.

Dr. William E. Harper, President.

The University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

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I am in receipt of your favor of the 22nd inst. for which accept my thanks. I shall endeavor to see you in a few days in regard to the text book in Geometry. The reason of my mentioning the subject at the present time is that our Junior Class begins the study of Geometry in a few days. We have used for years Wells' Geometry, which is an admirable book, and which we have no desire to change for any other book constructed on the same general plan. The book which you mention, Phillips & Fisher's, is, as you say an excellent book, but written upon the old plan. The first copy which I received of this book several years ago contained some minor errors concerning which I wrote to the publishers. I hope the defects have been remedied in the later editions.

And now a few words in regard to Mr. Herron. I am very much grieved that you should think that any teacher in this school should be under the influence of any book house. As long as I have anything to say in regard to the employment of teachers no such man will ever hold a position in this school. Mr. Herron is a man of high moral principles, a fine mathematician, and fully abreast of the times in teaching Geometry. He has studied in the University of Chicago. His object in recommending the use of Van Veltzer's book is to throw the student upon his own responsibility more than is done in the old books, and to develop his ingenuity and invention. The Van Veltzer book, the

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book of Smith of Iowa College, and others, are in my judgment an advance upon the style of book represented by Wentworth, Wells^m and Phillips & Fisher. I would not, however, venture to put Van Veltzer, or Smith, or any book constructed upon that plan, in the hands of any teacher unless he were a man of superior ability, such as Mr. Herron is.

Very respectfully,

H. H. Belfield

Director.

P.S. Later,

*Mr. Herron tells me that he
heard of the Van Veltzer
book at the University,
from some of the faculty.*

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H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, April 12, 1898.

Dr. William R. Harper, President,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 9th inst., and tried to see you last evening without success. I hope soon to have an opportunity of talking with you. In the meantime permit me to put the following facts in writing.

(1) The condition of the building in regard to cleanliness is unsatisfactory to me, and I am making constant effort to have it improved. Every week a portion of the floors of the school are washed. Last week every floor was washed. A week or ten days ago the walls were all brushed down. It is true, however, that no washing, or dusting, or cleaning, will make an old building look like a new one: nor is it possible, without large expense, to keep a building in this neighborhood as clean as a building on a campus may easily be kept. Perhaps it should be added that the dust and dirt of the shops is another element which does not effect the ordinary school building. There is one room in the building - the assembly hall - which needs more than an ordinary cleaning. As we do not use it often, it does not have the money put upon it that it demands. The walls and ceiling have not been calcimined for several years: and owing to a defective roof, the ceiling looks bad. As we use it for our annual exhibit of drawings, I intend to ask for an appropriation to have it cleaned. I dislike to do this because the expense of cleaning and calcimining, which includes the building of scaffolding, is about \$50.

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I shall be very glad, however, to use your remarks about the condition of the building as a spur to my engineer. I have found this to be true, from many years' experience: that a good engineer is rarely a good janitor, and it is a constant struggle to keep the school house clean when the engineer has the responsibility of the engine and boilers, which he is apt to think is the main part of his duty.

(2) I believe it is wrong to say that "the equipment is out of date." It is true that the mechanical equipment, like the school building, is old: but the machinery in the machine shop and in the wood rooms is good. Many of the hand tools in the wood working rooms, notably the planes, having been used for a number of years, are old, and might be replaced by iron planes, although they are altogether too good to throw away. The weak spot in the equipment is, and always has been, the blacksmith shop: and here the chief defect is not in the equipment but in the room, which is small and low and dark. The 24 original forges are poor. The 6 which were added a few years ago are good.

I well know that in comparison with some of the new institutions, on whose buildings and equipment money has been lavished, our own plant seems small and mean: but our mechanical equipment is sufficiently good to produce excellent results which I am always glad to ~~have~~ have compared with the products of other schools. I am aware that new machinery and appliances attract the eye of the visitor, and that the school is at a disadvantage in this respect. The school needs a new blacksmith shop and toilet rooms: but these cannot be had in the present building.

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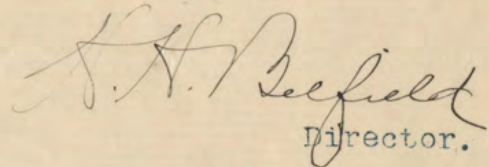
(3). In regard to your third and fourth paragraphs; there is some where a very great mistake, and a grave injustice has been done. The teachers of this school have always been allowed to carry out their own ideas. The academic teachers all deny that they have ever made any such remarks to visitors as you quote. Most of them are in close touch with The University in their respective departments, and are seeking to bring their methods to conform with the methods of those departments.

The charges against our methods are so very general that I can only ask for more specific details. I shall be very glad indeed to make use of whatever means I can to improve the school in methods of teaching, and in everything else.

The budget for next year was made out and sent to you some time ago. I will furnish you a duplicate if you desire it.

I am

Very respectfully yours,


Director.

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H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, May 26, 1898.

Prof. F. J. Miller,

The University of Chicago.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 24th inst., calling my attention to some errors in the circular. Until President Harper spoke to me on Tuesday night of this week, I had supposed that the Chicago Manual Training School was a part of the University of Chicago: and I think now that it is actually, if not technically. As I understand it, the University owns the Chicago Manual Training School just as much and thoroughly as it owns the Morgan Park Academy. However, I will make the change, if you desire it, in the next matter that we print.

The thirteen annual catalogues issued by myself contained a statement of the location of the school. In the change of form which was done, as you say just prior to your departure for Europe, this item was overlooked. I will see that it is remedied,

Very truly yours,

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CHICAGO, July 7, 1898.

Dr. William R. Harper, President,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Sir;

Before the matter passes entirely out of your memory and mine, I desire to make a statement in regard to the accusations made against the school, by some person unknown to me, some months ago. The facts in brief are as follows:

I. It is impossible that ^umany ^uof the shop teachers of the school should have made the statements charged, because there are but three shop teachers in the school.

II. These shop teachers deny with some indignation both charges made; - 1, that they are not allowed to exercise their own individuality: 2, that they have ever made any such complaint to any one.

III. During the spring vacation, two of the shop teachers and the Director visited other schools. The report of the two shop teachers was that our equipment was fully equal to that of the schools visited: in fact, in some essential particulars, superior. Also, that the instruction in the schools visited was in some important respects faulty.

The Director visited the Public Manual Training Schools in Indianapolis, Ind. and Menomonie, Wis. The equipment in the former school is excellent, but not superior to that of this school. One immense lathe, which should never have been bought for a manual training school, had just been exchanged for a half dozen small speed lathes such

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H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

Mr. William K. Burton, President,

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as those made in this school during the past year.

The equipment of the Stout Manual Training School in Menomonie (which school, you may remember, was burned a year ago and has just been re-erected and re-equipped) is choice; but I think in some respects unnecessarily expensive.

In no school does the Director find methods of instruction and pupils' work superior to those existing in his own school.

I regret very much that the unknown critic of this school, and the President of the University, and other members of the faculty of the University, were not present at the exhibit of the school on the 15th of June of this year.

Very respectfully,

A. H. Belfield
Director.

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

OF
The University of Chicago

MICHIGAN AVE. AND TWELFTH ST.

H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, August 20, 1898. 189

Dr. W. R. Harper,

President of

The University of Chicago:

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, in regard to the names of 8th grade boys for the use of Morgan Park. I will make every effort to secure them, and will report to you in a few days. The absence of a friend from the city may delay the matter.

Will you approve the offering of a medal, to be known as

"The Dr. Delafield Medal"

"to that member of the graduating class who has made the greatest improvement in his work during his connection with the Manual Training School, regardless of his relative position in the class. My purpose is to encourage the man who strives with all his might to rise above difficulties, and press right onward."

These are the conditions on which the Rev. Dr. Walter Delafield, Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, offers a medal. I trust that you will accept his offer.

The number of inquiries is unusually large, - five this morning; and the prospect is good for a good entering class.

Very respectfully,

H. H. Belfield
Director.

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

MICHAEL W. AND THOMAS G.

A. M. BARNETT, Director

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, August 20, 1914

Dr. W. E. HUBBARD,

President of

The University of Chicago

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of August 12, 1914, in which you mention the names of six grade boys for the use of wooden blocks. I will make every effort to secure them and will report to you in a few days. The absence of a friend from the city may delay the matter. Will you approve the offering of a medal to be known as "The Dr. Baird Medal"?

The last member of the graduating class who made the greatest improvement in his work during his connection with the Manual Training School, regardless of his relative position in the class. The purpose is to encourage the man who arrives with all his might to rise above difficulties, and press right on.

These are the conditions on which the Rev. Dr. Walter Baird, Director of the Chicago of the Transfiguration, offers a medal. I trust that you will accept his offer.

The number of recipients is usually large - five this year, and the present is good for a good working class. Very respectfully,

W. E. Hubbard
President

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

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The University of Chicago

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H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, Oct. 23, 1898.

Dr. William R. Harper, President,
The University of Chicago.

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Dear Sir:

A few days ago I received a request from Mr. Smith and Mr. Root, instructors in this school, who said that they were acting under the instruction of Mr. Howerth, for the use of the Physical and Chemical Laboratories Saturday mornings for classes in the Teachers' College.

I have also had from Prof. E. J. James, a written request for the use of the Physical Laboratory for the same purpose.

Assuming that these gentlemen would not ask for the use of any portion of the school plant without proper authority, I at once granted the requests. I fear, however, that I may be overstepping my authority in so doing, and therefore ask your instruction in the matter. Will you give me written authority to permit this use of the two laboratories, or would you prefer that I should apply for such authority to the President of the Board of Trustees of the school?

You may remember that nearly two years ago you instructed me to confer with Prof. F. J. Miller in regard to the issue of the Calendar of the school. Mr. Miller authorized the use, on the Calendar, of the heading "The University of Chicago". I have also had our stationary printed as you see on this sheet. I am informed that some members of the University consider that this use of the University name by this school is unauthorized and improper. Will you kindly decide this point also? Shall the stationary of the school and its annual Calendar bear the legend "The Chicago Manual Training School of The University of Chicago?"

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

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You may remember that nearly two years ago you instructed me to confer with Prof. F. J. Miller in regard to the lease of the building of the school. Mr. Miller mentioned the use of the building of the school for the University of Chicago. I have also had an opportunity of seeing you on this point. I am informed that some members of the University consider that this use of the University name by this school is unbecoming and improper. Will you kindly decide this point also? Shall the authority of the school not be used in relation to the lease of the Chicago Manual Training School of the University of Chicago?

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

OF

The University of Chicago

MICHIGAN AVE. AND TWELFTH ST.

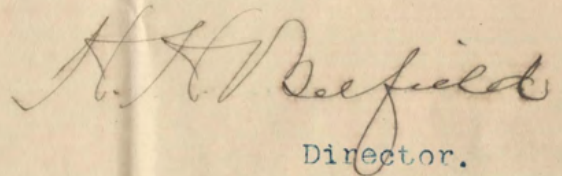
H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, _____ 189_____

W. R. H., 2.

Your decision in regard to both of these matters will greatly
oblige

Yours respectfully,


Director.

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL
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NORTH AVENUE AND TWENTH ST.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHICAGO

W. E. B. DUBOIS

Your letter in regard to book of those who are still

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Yours respectfully,

W. E. B. Dubois

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

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The University of Chicago

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Belfield

H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, Dec. 21,

189.

H. H. Belfield

Dr. William R. Harper, President,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a letter from Mr. Clifford Leonard, who completed the first two years of the work of this school, and then was admitted on examination to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The letter speaks for itself.

Will you kindly decide the matter. There is a precedent in this case in granting a diploma to Murry Nelson, Esq., who graduated from Harvard University having entered Harvard without completing our work here. Should you, however, ask me my opinion, I would say that it is perhaps best not to continue the practice of granting diplomas in this way.

It may be of interest to you to know that the young man Leonard is a brother of the actress who is known as Miss Lillian Russell. An older brother of Clifford, George Arthur Leonard, now deceased, graduated from this school in 1892.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. Belfield
Director.

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

The University of Chicago

1200 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL.

H. H. BENTLEY, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, ILL., 21. 1911

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this way.

It may be of interest to you to know that the young man
mentioned is a brother of the actress who is known as Miss William
Russell. Another brother of Clifford, George Arthur Bennett, now
deceased, graduated from this school in 1905.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Bentley
Director

THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

MICHIGAN AVE. AND TWELFTH ST.

H. H. BELFIELD, DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, Sept. 19, 1900.

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Dr. William R. Harper, President,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

We have today 254 boys enrolled, about the same number as a year ago. The total number last year was 279. It is quite probable that we shall equal that number before the end of the year.

Although the number enrolled at present is not any larger than the number enrolled a year ago, the income will be greater than the income of last year for two reasons:—

First. We have a larger number in the Middle and Senior Classes in which the tuition is higher, and a smaller number in the Eighth Grade Class in which the tuition is low.

Second. Because there is a smaller number of pupils on the John Crerar Foundation.

We need another teacher very much indeed. I suppose it is useless for me to ask for a teacher, except for the remainder of Mr. Smith's time, namely, two hours a day. We can make use for two hours a day of an expert in Algebra or English. Now that the Convocation is past, I shall try to see you as soon as possible, *in regard to this matter*.

I congratulate you and the University upon the gift of Mr. Bartlett. I regret very much indeed, however, that Mr. Bartlett did not give that amount of money to the Chicago Manual Training School, of which his son Frank was a graduate. Of course you will understand my *heresy* in this matter!

Very respectfully,

H. H. Belfield
Director.

,Oct.18,1900.

My Dear Professor Belfield:-

I have learned of your illness and I am hoping that you will soon be on your feet again. I am writing, however, to call your attention to the very important fact that you have overworked, have not taken vacation enough, and that consequently you have found yourself in this condition. I am afraid you must let me advise you to do better in the future and for the present I wish to urge upon you the importance of not resuming work until you are strong. I am sure the work will go on very well at the Manual Training School in your absence. While of course your absence there is felt, it is more important that you should entirely recover your health. Will you not therefore kindly consent not to worry over the matter and to give yourself the best possible opportunity to recover.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,

Cable Address: "OSGOOD, CHICAGO"

CHICAGO,

April 17th, 1901.

Dr. William R. Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago.



My dear Dr. Harper:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 16th.

I am very glad to hear from you that you think you could satisfy me that my impressions are not well founded. I certainly shall give myself the pleasure of calling upon you very soon (as soon as some pressing legal engagements of mine are over) to receive such assurance if I may.

I am very deeply interested in this matter. I sent to all the parents whom I could reach and whose addresses I could find, and I have a great mass of letters, all of them with the exception of Dr. Ingalls and one other, agreeing with my views and most of them in the most strenuous fashion.

You will observe that in my letter to Dr. Ingalls I said that the report was seemingly well founded that the identity of the Chicago Manual Training School was practically to be lost in the new arrangements. It is that loss of identity and the consolidation of the academic department of the Chicago Manual Training School with any other school whatever, that I deplore, and so as I believe would practically the entire constituency of the school and thousands before interested. Besides I doubt its

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Nobody values or appreciates more highly the services that you have rendered to Chicago and the country in building up the University of Chicago, and I beg that you will not suppose that I am intending to antagonize you in any manner whatever. I wanted to get the feeling of the friends of the School, and then I proposed to see all persons in authority, including yourself.

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Very truly yours,

Charles B. Brown

April 20th, 1901.

*Manual
Transcript*
Mr. Edward O. Brown,

First National Bank Building, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I am glad to receive your letter of
the seventeenth instant, and shall be pleased to
have a conference with you at your convenience.

Hoping that it may not be far distant, I
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June, 13, 1901.

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Manual Training School, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Belfield:

In connection with the official opening of the University of Chicago School of Education, at the address to be given in Kent Theater at twelve o'clock noon, by Professor Butler, it would seem desirable that the faculty of the Chicago Manual Training School be fully represented and I am writing to ask you to arrange for this. The members of your faculty should enter Kent by the door on the East side and take seats which will be reserved for them in the front part of the building. After the address there will be a procession to Scammon Court, the site of the future buildings. The faculty will be expected to join this. The cap and gown should be worn.

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(COPY)

Oct. 29 1901

Manual
My dear Dr. Belfield:-

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These instructions are to be effective from and after Oct. 31 1901 and commencing with the 1st prox you will please see that all accounts, moneys, financial and business documents are placed in the custody of Mrs. Parsons who thenceforward will be responsible for the conduct of this business as aforesaid; an adjustment of your a/c with Petty Cash and with Student's Deposit Fund will be made upon either the evening of the 31st inst or the morning of the 1st prox.

I have purchased a safe of adequate size to hold the moneys, valuable papers and important books; this safe will be delivered and placed in position at the school to-day.

I have transmitted a copy of this letter to Mrs. Parsons both for her guidance and information as related to the business and yourself.

Yours truly

(Signed) H. A. Rust

Comptroller

Dr. H. H. Belfield
Dir: Chi. Manual Training School
Michigan Ave. & 12th St.

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My dear Mr. Belfield:

I am writing to propose that we hold the graduating exercises of the South Side Academy and the Chicago Manual Training School at the same time and place. We would ask Mr. Dewey to make the address. We could hold these exercises on the University grounds, in the tent or in Kent Theater. We could use the University band, and have officers of the University take an important part in the exercises. Let us make this the first step towards the coalition. How does this idea impress you? I wish further that we might make baccalaureate Sunday a union service.

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MICHIGAN AVE. AND TWELFTH ST.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, May 17, 1902

Dr. William R. Harper,

President of The University of Chicago. ✓

Dear Sir,

I am much chagrined at the action of the class yesterday for which I was entirely unprepared not knowing that the boys had had a meeting on the subject. I write to ask that you will not consider this action as final. I shall have a meeting of the class on Monday, and hope that after reflecting upon Prof. Vincent's talk to them, they will change their action.

Dean Vincent delivered an admirable address, which the boys enjoyed greatly. I believe you could not have sent a better man to talk with them.

Very respectfully,

H. H. Bedford
Director.

May 27th, 1902.

Mr. H. H. Belfield,

The Chicago Manual Training School.

My dear Mr. Belfield:-

It is the desire of the University to hold the exercises of the Manual Training School on the University grounds. You are requested, in co-operation with the faculty, to make the necessary arrangements for these exercises for Wednesday morning, June eighteenth, at 10:30. I shall be glad to discuss with you the details of the programme. Will you indicate the request of the University to the faculty and students?

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*Benjamin Harrison
to Mr. R. Minor
Chair for his
Edwin A. Brown
6/15/02*

1225 Judson Avenue -

Evanston, Ill., June 13, 1902.

Dr. H. H. Belfield,
Director, Chicago Manual Training School,
Chicago, Ill.

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Wheaton, Ill., June 13, 1902.

1222 Jackson Avenue -

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THE CHICAGO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

MICHIGAN AVE. AND TWELFTH ST.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, June 19, 1902.

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President of The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper,

The enclosed note (which please return) is from Mr. E. H. Reed, one of the two chief protestors. Mr. Dawson sent me a letter by special messenger yesterday, the 18th, saying that his son should not appear at the graduating exercises on the campus. Both father and son called upon me this morning, and, after a pleasant interview, I gave the boy his diploma, thinking it best to pour oil upon the troubled waters.

Your remarks of yesterday have had a very gratifying effect upon the minds of the friends of the school, who were glad to learn from your own lips that the identity of the school is to be preserved.

I wish to thank you again for your very complimentary allusions to myself.

I am

Very truly yours,

H. W. Bealfield
Director.

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"Subject"
Chicago Manual
Training School

Sept. 18th, 1903

Mr. Wallace Heckman,

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In reply to your favor of the 17th inst. relative to the slow progress of the above building, will say, that I have a superintendent at the building daily from two to three hours and I am pushing the work as much as is in my power. The stone and iron contractors are under a daily penalty for delay since the latter part of last week, and I have notified both of them again since then by letter that they are delaying the building, in addition to my superintendent's daily orders to each of them to work faster.

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I told Dr. Harper in the beginning that I would endeavor, and thought that I could, get the school into this building, except the upper stories of the end wings, in October. I still believe I can do this. But, if Mr. Belfield intends to start school at the 12th St. building, please let me know. The continual damp weather has saturated this building with moisture, and if Mr. Belfield intends to go into the 12th St. school at any time, it would be wise for him to spend an additional six weeks there, and then I could stop the plastering on this building and allow it to dry out thoroughly. It would be much better for the building. Will you please let me know whether it is possible to do this or not.

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Tel. Central 3715

CHICAGO

Sept. 21, 1903

Manual Training School Building.

My dear President:--

This building has progressed slowly almost from the start, and no amount of persistent urging or menace of forfeiture for damages has been able to change the situation to any considerable extent.

Of course we all feared a delay as to the iron, and it resulted as we feared. The last occasion of delay, however, was a long period of two or three weeks of rainy weather, which has saturated the entire building with moisture.

The sky-lights and glass in them are now completed, but it will take quite a period of dry windy weather to put the building in a proper condition to receive the remaining coats of plaster. Too much haste now is sure to result in defective work.

From the best information I am able to obtain it ought to be possible to get the middle portion of the building, that which consists of a single story, in condition with a delay of about two weeks.

I enclose with this a copy of a communication received from Mr. James Gamble Rogers, and would call your attention particularly to the last paragraph, so that I may have your instructions as to what course to pursue with respect to it.

We found that it was practicable to appropriate the fund from the Michigan Ave. lot, if it could be sold, to the Manual Training School equipment and furniture. We succeeded in effecting a sale at \$900. per foot, a price which is considered a good one since

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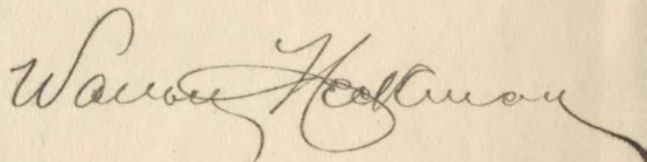
Of course it was not possible to go forward and spend the money until the sale was actually consummated, which occasioned some delay, but we proceeded with all necessary matters, and everything will be ready as nearly as I am able to ascertain, as soon as the building is likely to be.

Very truly yours,

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The University of Chicago,

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CHICAGO Sept. 30, 1904.

My dear President Harper:

I wish to make a protest through you to the University High School concerning work in manual training. I send it to you because I believe you yourself will be obliged to take the initiative in the situation. Mr. Owen will, I believe, find it exceedingly hard to fight for reform against Dr. Bel~~e~~field. The latter is an older man, has had long experience and has come to the University with a fixed idea that the old Chicago Manual Training School, in form and spirit, must be largely continued.

In consequence, he will not consent to a course of study for students who are not going into technical training, but want manual training for general culture. When I went to register two boys this morning, I found they could not take any shop work without taking the full five periods a week in drawing, and ten periods a week in shop. This makes three periods every day. I call this an impossible situation.

Everything in our announcement and in the expectations of the school demand that we should have manual training for all students, and that we should have it in small enough quantities so that it would not break up the four years' course of study. According to the present requirements a student would spend all this time in training and yet get no admission credits to college. Moreover, the course as brought down to us from the Chicago Manual Training

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Manual Training

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