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**BROWN UNIVERSITY
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July 29, 1897.

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My Dear Doctor Harper:-

Mr. John Brisben Walker,
proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Review, propos-
es to found, in connection with that Magazine,
a national correspondence school for higher
liberal studies, giving it the somewhat am-
bitious title of "The Cosmopolitan University".
I may say (in confidence for the present) that
I have undertaken to organize and conduct
this school.

The plan is to reach a great multitude
of intelligent youth and adults, particularly
in the West and South, who now have practical-
ly no educational advantages.

Mr. Walker hopes in the course of years
to provide or secure large endowments for this
establishment and to make it colossal, a vast
factor in national education. He hopes ulti-
mately to enroll half a million pupils.

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No tuition or fee of any sort will be charged the pupils.

The scheme is purely philanthropic and patriotic, in no sense political or partisan.

It will not compete with college or university work, but will, beyond question, inspire and prepare many a first-rate pupil to resort to the university.

As the enterprise is novel and daring, we desire to form an advisory board of ten gentlemen, eminent educationally or otherwise, who have confidence in Mr. Walker and myself, and whose names, with our own, will be a guaranty to the public that we know what we are doing.

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maker and Mr. Andrew Carnegie will be invited to go upon the board, also Dr. Mac Alister ^{of Philadelphia} and President Gilman. Both these last are, I think, sure, as they have known Sympathies with this sort of teaching.

It occurs to me that you may fear, in this departure, a rival to Chautauque, or at least some competition. I do not think there will be much. Brisbane Walker is a Catholic, and he hopes to enlist people of that faith, though there will be no religious test of any sort. His Review, which will be the means of procuring registration, circulates most of the West & South.

I shall esteem it a special favor if you can see your way clear to allow your name to be used. I can assure you that you will be in no way compromised or incriminated.

Cordially
E. B. Andrews

Miss Dot

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Harker

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The Cosmopolitan Magazine,
Editorial Department. Dec 6 '98

Dear Doctor Harper:

I fear you were scared
by my political move. Come
Confess! Wise College Presidents,
who have in your charge such
important interests - was not
that it? But you need not
have feared. If you will
read, you will see that my
work takes in both Republicans
and Democrats and I am sure

will have your sympathy,
although I do not wish
you to say so. But I do want
your article. I am sure it will
be an important contribution
and the only ablest Republicans
from John Reed down contribute
to the Cosmopolitan.

Yours faithfully

John B. Hawley

Friend of Harper

Unionist of Chicago

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Yours faithfully,

John Rusher Washburn

William R. Harper, D. D.,

Prest. University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

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The Cosmopolitan Magazine.
Editorial Department.

Harper

Irvington-on-Hudson,

New York, January 27, '99.

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Dear President Harper:--

I immediately telegraphed saying that we would postpone the publication of the article until our April issue, as requested in your telegram, and thanking you for your kind accession to my request with reference to the omissions.

I enclose a little piece of work which has been done hastily and crudely, but which I believe is in the right direction. It seems to me that classification--in other words, a clear birds-eye view--is the first requisite in all undertakings, and we did not find this classification of the subject in any university to which we applied. If you have time, I wish you would give me a perfectly frank

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W. R. Harper, LL.D.,

Lakewood, N. J.

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Irvington-on-Hudson, New York.

March 17, 1905.

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I have watched for every item of news regarding your health, and am delighted to see that you are sufficiently recovered to come east. You have great work to do in the educational world, and we cannot spare you.

I have just finished spending a couple of days with President Schurman at Cornell, and during this visit, the afternoon which I enjoyed in your company at Chicago, came back to me. Still a believer in the necessity for changing our ideals of education it would be a very great satisfaction if I could have a few hours with you to go over the educational situation. After all Lakewood is not a very entrancing place, and perhaps you would be willing to come down and spend a

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