

December 5, 1902.

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The University of Chicago  
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

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CHICAGO December 2d, 1902.

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Mr. Perlstein's case is this. He has never done thoroughly satisfactory work during his connection with the University. Last Spring he was guilty of questionable methods in one of his courses. This was submitted to the Committee on Discipline, before whom an appeal was made on the plea of extenuating circumstances. Mr. Perlstein's father has made a personal plea in his behalf, and has shown the greatest anxiety to have his son continue his University work. The Committee, however, agreed to recommend that unless Perlstein could do satisfactory work for the first three weeks of the Autumn Quarter, that his connection with the University should cease. At the end of three weeks, Perlstein was reported as doing unsatisfactory work, but the time was extended for another three weeks, with the understanding that if he failed then to maintain his courses, he would withdraw. At the end of six weeks, he was again reported deficient. One instructor reported that Perlstein was evidently doing his best, but was quite hopeless.

In view of these circumstances, it has seemed best to carry out the arrangement made last Summer Quarter.

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Dean.

V.

November 26th, 1902.

*Discipline*

My dear Mr. Vincent:-

Please notify Benjamin Perlstein that his connection with the University is terminated. Write his father as nice a letter as you can, or perhaps better, write a letter which I can send to his father. This will save a little time for his father will probably write to me.

Yours very truly,



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Nov. 18, 1902.

Mr. Judson,

My Dear Mr. Judson:-

The inclosed letter from Professor Caulter bears upon the case of Benj. Perlstein. The understanding was that unless he brought his work up to grade at the end of six weeks, he would withdraw from the University. I think it has been clearly demonstrated that he should not make any further attempt to continue his University course. He has been given more than the promised opportunity to show what he can do. His father feels badly, and is most anxious that he be permitted to continue, but there can be no permanent good to the boy or to the University from any further relaxation of the stipulated arrangement.

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*Also D in Mail. Recommended that the action of the Junior College Faculty now take effect, + that Perlstein be notified that he shall withdraw.*

*H.P.J.*



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The University of Chicago

Department of Botany

The Botanical Gazette

November 14, 1902.

*Ref to C.S.*

Dear Mr. Vincent:-

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*Failures*

June 26th, 1905.

Mr. William P. Lord,  
Salem, Oregon.

My dear Sir:-

It is due to your son to make a statement in regard to the circumstances of his dismissal from the University Academy at Morgan Park. We cannot clear him of all blame because there are many points in his record that are not satisfactory. His standing in his studies was very low, so low that it was altogether proper to infer that he was deriving no benefit from his course. At the same time I am quite willing to admit that it was premature on the part of the officers of the Academy to dismiss him in the midst of his examinations for the Winter Quarter when his standing for the second term could not be known. If action had been deferred until reports from the examinations had come in, the same course would probably have been necessary, but the boy would have had the chance which they offered.

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If in the fall he desires to take up his studies we shall be very glad to have him enter the University High School which is situated near the University and offers, in every respect, facilities equal to those at Morgan Park. Mr. Owen, the Dean, is a man who takes a keen interest in boys and will, I am sure, give your son every chance to set himself right. We want to see him make a good name for himself and the conditions at the University High School will be as favorable as any that could be found anywhere.

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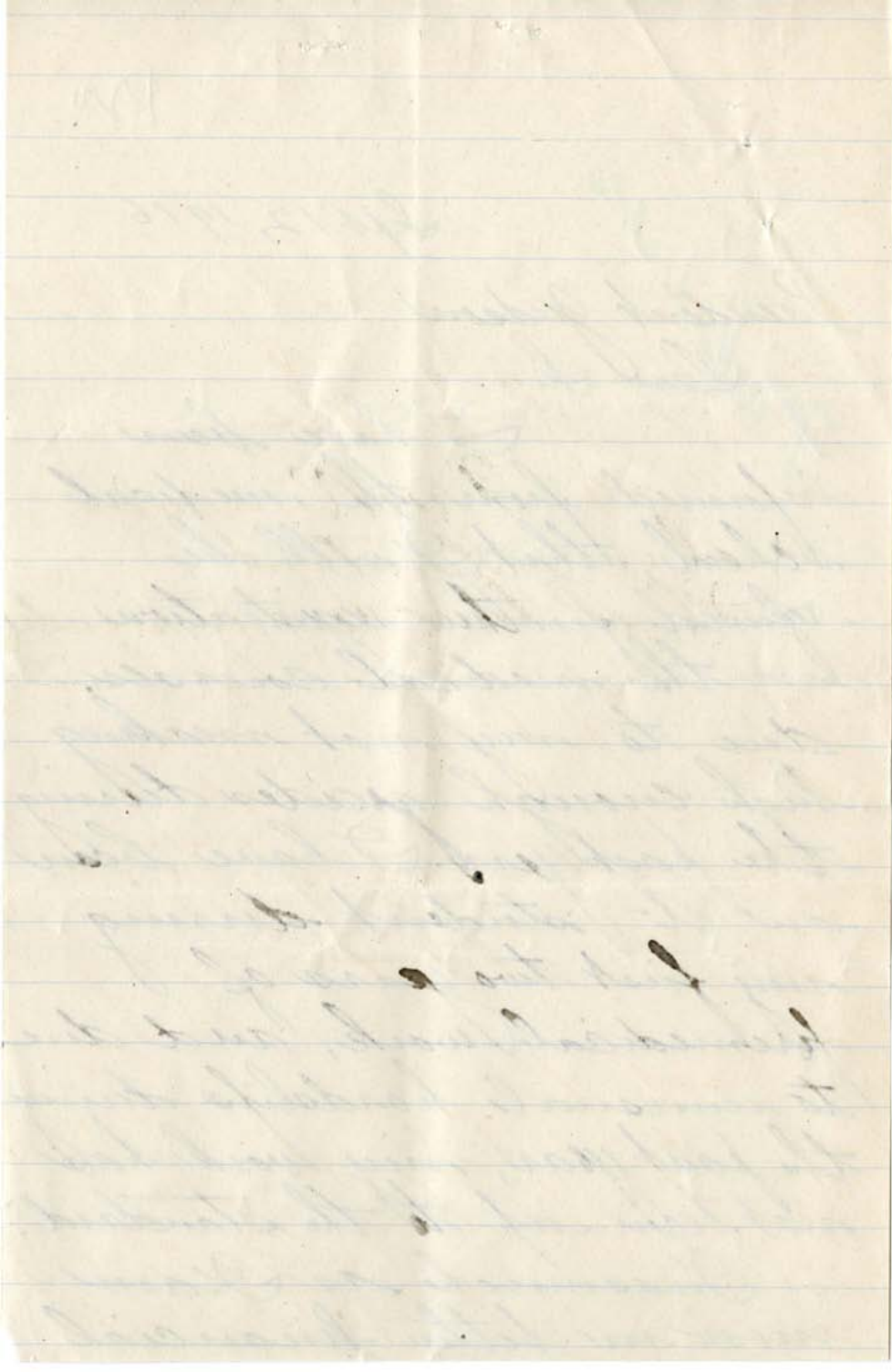
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Sept. 12, 1916

President Judson

Dear Sir:

I have been informed from the medical school, that I will be refused further registration in the medical courses, due to my not making high enough grades during the past year. I have been an A- student during my first two years of premedical work, and due to unusual hardships during the past year, my work has not been up to the standard. Inasmuch as I am now in better financial



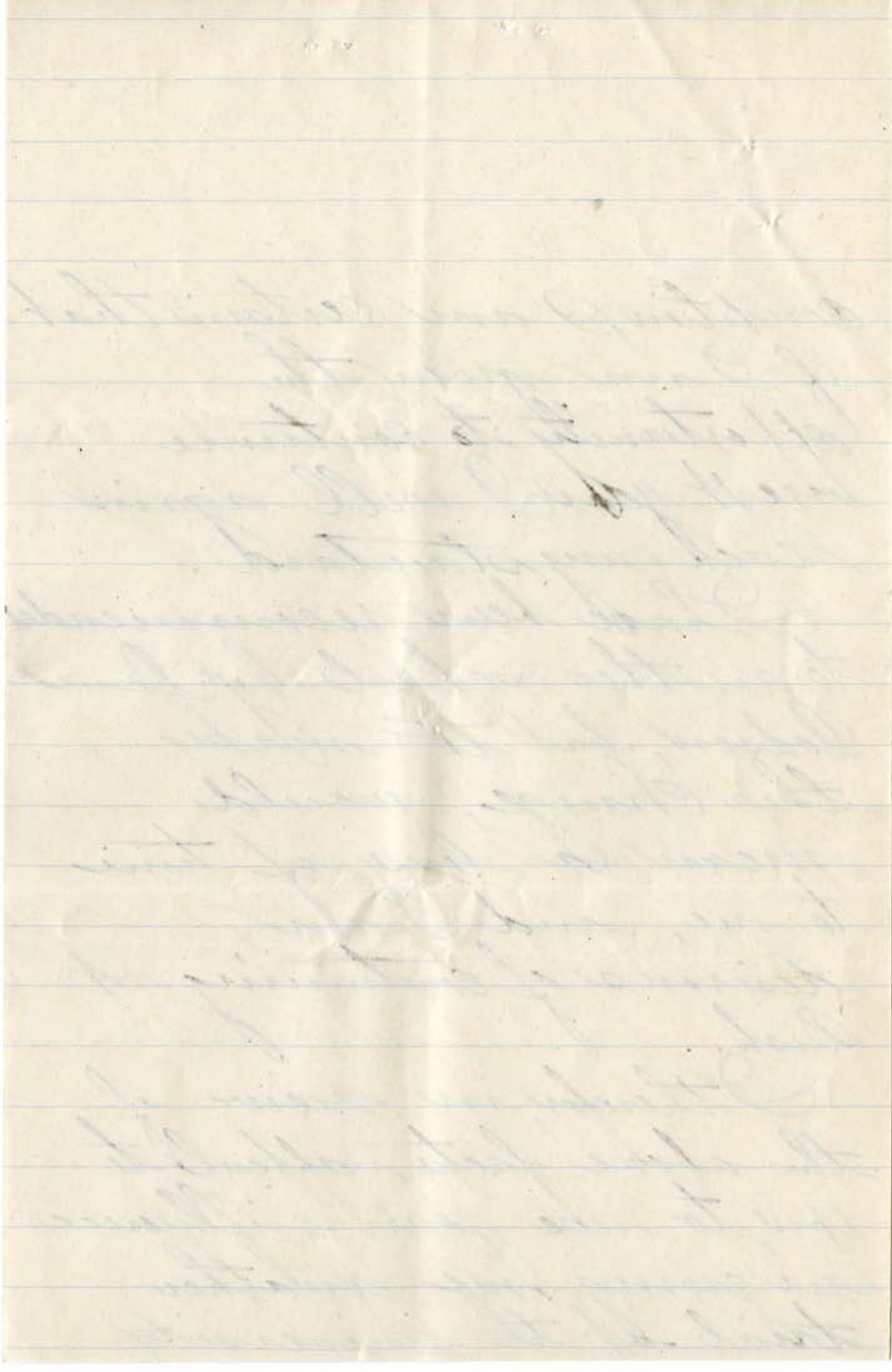


condition, I am certain that if I am given the opportunity to continue next year I will again reach my standard.

I have been recommended to another school by Dean Odson, but to make this change, would mean a loss of time to me, and I am desirous of continuing at Rush.

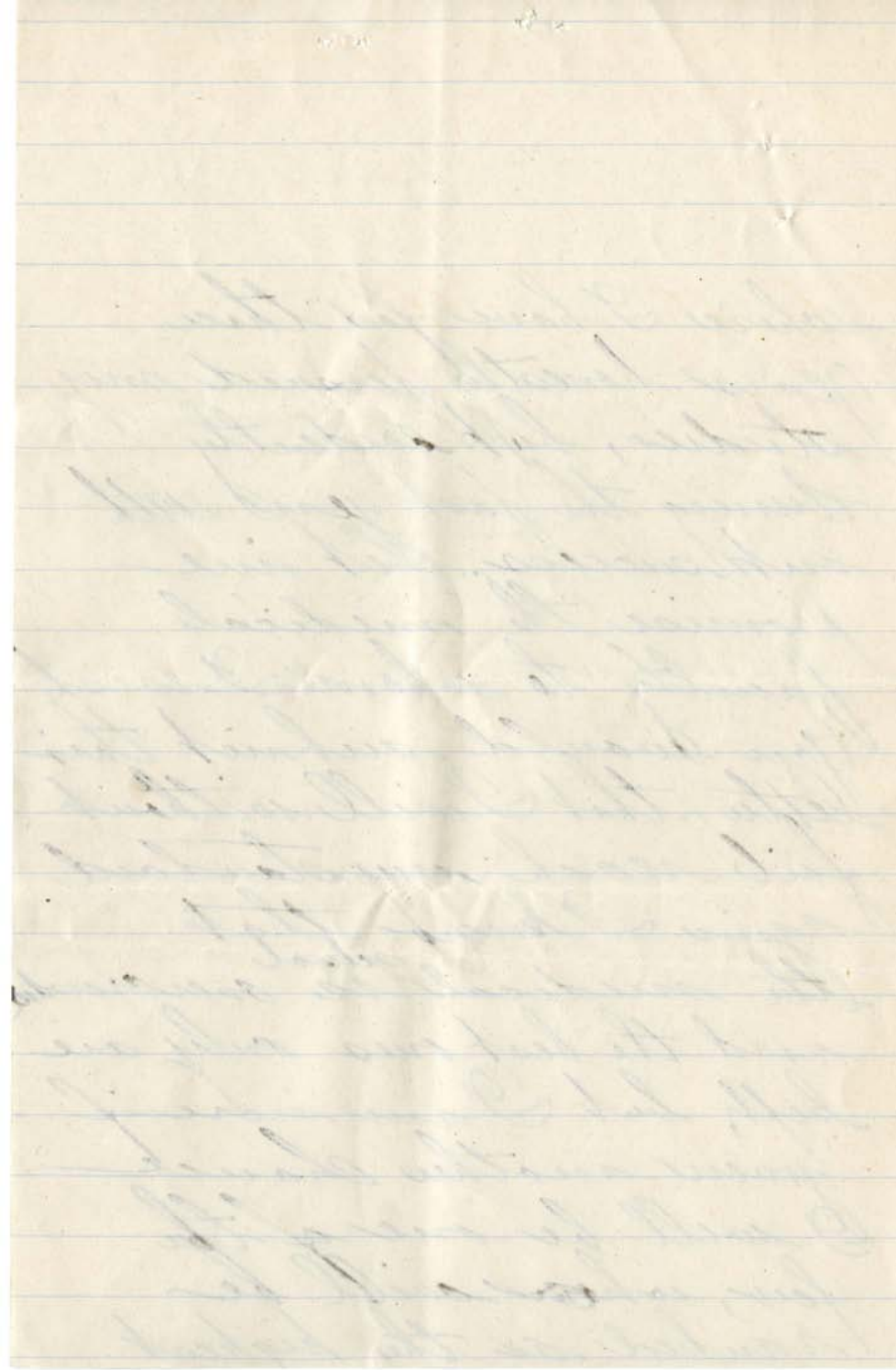
I therefore, in view of the above facts, appeal to you, to use your influence in giving me another trial at the university





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years honestly pursued my  
studies, but evidently  
during the past years with-  
out success. Let me  
promise the medical  
faculty to whom I wish  
You would submit this  
letter, that I will without  
fail reach my standard  
again. I know that  
the medical <sup>school</sup> is overcrowded  
and the best ones only are  
kept, but I am sure if  
given another chance  
I will be one of the  
few, who ~~will~~ will be  
ranked as the highest.





Kindly give this matter  
your early attention, and  
thanking you in advance  
for this favor, I remain  
Yours very sincerely  
Chas W Ascherup  
1647 N. California St



My dear Mr. [unclear]  
I have just received your letter of the 19th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am  
very much interested in your  
work and hope to hear from you again soon.  
Yours truly,  
[unclear]

The University of Chicago

The Medical Courses

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 23, 1916

My dear President Judson:

The case of Mr. Ascherman, whose letter I am returning, is one of a delinquent but not very capable student--at least in the medical courses,--and one which has been very carefully considered by the Committee on Promotions.

It was voted in April that he be refused further registration at the end of the Spring Quarter and in July, with his record for the Spring Quarter before the Committee, this action was confirmed.

Mr. Ascherman and his father have been very persistent in their determination to secure his re-admission, but I have explained to them very fully that the action was taken after very careful deliberation by the full Committee and that it is useless for them to seek reconsideration.

I would suggest that you reply to Mr. Ascherman that you have inquired into his status and that no reconsideration of the action taken can be had.

Yours truly,

*John M. Dodson*

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Yours truly,

*John M. Johnson*

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