

Consulat de France,
Ashland Block,
Chicago, Ill.

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Chicago, Dec. 29. 1901

My dear Dr. Harper,

I cannot let this year
pass away without telling you
once more how sincerely we
feel with you and how much
we wish from the depths of
our hearts that the new year
brings you nearer to your full
reestablishment.

So many sincere hearts pray
to God that it may be so, that
we sincerely hope it will be
so.

May this new year be a happy
one for your whole family;
Yours sincerely and
respectfully

H. Merion

CONSULAT DE FRANCE,

ASHLAND BLOCK,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Dr. William R. Harper
President of the University
of Chicago

Chicago, August 20th 1901



M^r President ~
Dear Dr. Harper,

I feel particularly glad to be enabled to send you herewith a document signed by M^r. Delcasse, Minister for foreign affairs of France, and announcing to you that the President of the French Republic has just conferred upon you the "Croix de Chevalier ^{de l'ordre national} de la Légion d'honneur".

I feel personally so much more satisfied, as I had the pleasure, two months ago, of being instrumental in requesting this testimony of high appreciation of your great services in the cause of university education and specially for the cooperation of your great university with the alliance française, whose branch in this city was founded by myself three years ago. — The Diploma will be sent later; but I have already received and will have the

pleasure to bring personally to you the decoration
~~itself as soon~~
as you will have been able to appoint, to
that effect, with me, an hour for our meeting.

With my sincerest felicitations I
remain,

yours respectfully and
very sincerely

H. Mérou

French Consul

CONSULAT DE FRANCE,
ASHLAND BLOCK,
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, September 16, 1901

Dr. William A. Harper,
President of the University of
Chicago.

Chicago, September 12th 1901

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I shall be glad to have an interview with you before that time. Just where I am to be this week is not settled. I will try to let you hear from me soon.

Very truly yours,

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Mr President - Dear Dr. Harper,

I have seen Mr. Cathwood. He has shown me the papers of incorporation; your name is in it, as well as the others indicated. The papers speak of the incorporation of a society under the name of the Alliance française; but nothing in it shows the ties, which shall exist between that society and the Alliance française of Paris. These ties must be indicated in by-laws. If they were not, the society just incorporated could not be recognized as the successor of the branch of the Alliance française of Paris founded by me, in virtue of my powers as Delegate. I have heard that the members of the board will be requested to a meeting to take place on Saturday, 21 of this month, at 1 o'clock, in the office of Mr. Furber. Mr. Cathwood asked Mr. Furber if the French Consul should be invited officially to the meeting. Mr. Furber objected saying, it would not be according to the established forms of action. Now I must be present if the society will begin its work in harmony with its objects. So I told Mr. Cathwood that I would be there in the Brooklyn building at the time of the meeting. Mr. Cathwood would propose, or you would propose, or any other member would propose that the French Consul be requested to come, and be present to the meeting. It would have been quite as good to send me an official invitation; but no matter; this way will do. The committee for the drawing of by-laws will be appointed at that first meeting. It is necessary that the formation of

the former institution, ~~which~~ place shall be taken
by the new one, explains the spirit of the old and the
necessary spirit of the new. In one word, though it
seems that Mr. Furber does not consider it to
be desirable, that the French Consul be a recognized
binding-member of the new organization with the
alliance française of Paris, I feel sure that
all the gentlemen of the board will be of another
quite opposite opinion. I could not recommend
to the alliance française of Paris to recognize the
new organization as being a branch of itself despoiling
all its support, if it were not so. But I have
no fear, now you are in it.

I did show the letter of Mr. McCormick about
Mr. Joseph Adams, to Mr. Catherwood. He recognized
the desirability of having him as a member. The
committee on membership will have to take the matter
in hand, as I understand. I feel hopeful,
certain that if we work in harmony as we should,
the alliance française of Chicago, as a branch
of that of Paris, may be able to do great things.

I would like to have a talk with you before
the 21 of this month, if you will be so kind
to give me an hour to meet you.

Yours very truly and
sincerely

A. Murray

French Consul
Delegate of the alliance française
of Paris.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE.

ASHLAND BLOCK
CHICAGO, ILL.

President Dr. William R. Harper
of the University of
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Chicago, Ill. March 3rd, 1902.

Dear Dr. Harper

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Yours very truly,

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"Le président de la République, très sensible aux
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27 Février 1902

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President Dr. William L. Harper
of the University of
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Chicago, February, 28th 1902

Dear Dr. Harper,



As you know, at the banquet of the centenary
of Victor Hugo, following cablegrams had been sent by
me to Minister Delcassé's after consultation with Messrs.
Cyrus McCormick, and ses advisers, chairman:

"Diplomatique Paris

Un groupe de citoyens éminents de Chicago
réunis, pour célébrer le centenaire de Victor Hugo,
à un banquet organisé par M. Harper, président
de l'université, et M. Cyrus McCormick, et auquel
assiste M. d'Estournelles comme invité d'honneur,
me prie de transmettre à M. Loubet, président
de la République, ses hommages sympathiques
et ses félicitations." Mérou

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Chicago, November 12th 1901

Dr. William R. Harper
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of Chicago

Mr. President and Dear Dr. Harper.

I was desirous to see you; but my duties in my consulate are just in this moment, so numerous, that I don't find exactly the time to go to the University. I am therefore to express by letter what I have to tell.

I was in New-York last week. There I paid a visit to Mr. James Hyde, of the Equitable Co. He was not at his office; but I had a good talk with his secretary Mr. Gofflot, a countryman of mine. Mr. Gofflot told me that Mr. Hyde had received a letter from you some time ago and that he had hoped to see you in New-York. I spoke with Mr. Gofflot, who is also the secretary of the alliance française of New-York, of the question of lecturers of France. Mr. Gougeon, brother of Mr. Dugès, had expressed the wish, before leaving Chicago, that a very good lecturer in a future time would be Mr. Emile Gautier, Chief Editor of the Science française in Paris, and one of the writers of the Figaro, the Matin, the Petit Journal and many other great papers of France. Mr. Emile Gautier is personally known to me. He is certainly the most prominent vulgarizer of scientific questions in France. As until now the lecturers who came to the United States, have been specially men of literature more than science, the lectures of Mr. Emile Gautier would present quite a peculiar interest. But that writer could not be obtained to come to the place of Chicago only, because of the unsufficient

sum of money of which we might dispose, in our
cooperation between the University and the Alliance.

Mr James Hyde writes to me now, that he finds
the idea of calling Mr Emile Gautier an excellent one;
though he is already engaged with some lectures for his
special organization of ^{regular} lectures for Harvard. He adds, that
he would be very much pleased to contribute to the organization
of lectures, outside of those regular ones, be it with Mr Gautier
or any other able gentleman; and that the Cercle français
of Harvard would be the first to give to such lecturers
the opportunity of some lectures. Mr Hyde would also do
the necessary in order to obtain that Mr Gautier be invited
by other universities, and by that way insure a sufficient
amount of money for the lecturer. Mr Hyde ends his
letter with following considerations, which I reproduce in
French, as the letter is written in that language:

" Fermettes moi d'ajouter que je suis convaincu que
l'alliance française peut accomplir de grandes choses en
Amérique, si nous marchons ensemble. Je souhaite
vivement que nous puissions avoir à un jour un échange
de vues, et j'espère bien dans un avenir prochain avoir le
plaisir de causer, soit avec vous même soit avec le Dr.
Harper, si vous ou lui any occasion de venir à New-York
ou Bâle, Chicago, on j'aura grand plaisir à vous rendre
visite. "

I had told frankly to Mr Gofflot, said secretary of
Mr Hyde, that in consequence of the cooperation of the
Alliance with the University of Chicago and the great
interest you had proved for that institution you were
now the chief support of the Alliance française in
Chicago, and that, if the federation of all the branches
in the United States is accomplished, with Mr Hyde as
president, it would be desirable that you are always
consulted, and, if possible, that you are made the
personal representative of the President of the
federation, in Chicago. My opinion is really that
if you, Mr President, and Mr Hyde, act together, great
things can be accomplished. Mr Hyde, as I see by
his letter, has the same opinion. —

I am glad to say, in regard to our special
branch of Chicago, that the board of trustees appointed new
officers in its last meeting of Friday, 10, that organization
is now perfected. The board, as you know already
perhaps, recognized due to Mr Furler a sum of about
eleven hundred dollars. I had not to interfere in

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that internal matter. But in consequence of the personal
responsibility which is resting upon me, because of the
two thousand dollar entrusted to me by Mr. Robert Lebaudy,
I feel obliged by my conscience to suggest that that fund
be not employed to pay such a debt. The intention of
the Donator was manifestly to help specially the work of
lecturers coming from France. It was not absolutely limitation
though, and it was right to guaranty with thousand dollars
the salary of Mr. Dugre, to insure the practical work of the
our cooperation. It would not be right to employ the
remaining thousand dollars to pay a debt, which in
reality the former president would not have made if he
had acted strictly according to the rule well established
and accepted by him of the former administration. That
rule was, as you know, that all the expenses had to
be covered by the profit coming from the fees of the
pupils. From July 1900 till July 1901, no efforts were
made to have pupils. There were no fees, no profits.
The spirit of the first organization ^(having) decided to do the
work on the most economic way, I should have warned
the president against paying during that time to a secretary
\$75 ^{monthly}, where there was no work for such secretary.

But as I said, I had not to interfere with the
decision of the board, as my chief duty was not to
do or say anything which would have been a new
cause of lack of harmony. Now accepting the
fact of the debt, I can only suggest that the fund
Lebaudy be conserved intact for the lecturers and
that the debt recognized towards Mr. Furber be paid
out of the only source of profit which existed
at the time the debt was incurred: that is, out of
the clear profit which may be derived from
the fees of the tuition, after the current expenses
will have been paid. This is for me a case of
conscience. If the board of trustees will accept
that suggestion, I will be able to give the money
to the treasurer, remembering that the first thousand
dollar of clear profit have to be employed to
restitute to the fund Lebaudy the same sum, which
has been guaranteed and will be advanced for the
salary of Mr. Dugre. So the fund Lebaudy will
be and remain intact for the special purpose
to which it was manifestly given.

In case the board would not accept my
suggestion in regard to the payment of the debt to
Mr. Furber, I would feel obliged to write to the

Donahoe, explain to him the whole situation, and
ask for special instructions. I hope, Mr. President
and Dear Mr. Harper, that you will approve and sustain
my view, as the only correct one. I
yours very respectfully and
sincerely

H. Harvey
French Consul, Legation of the Alliance
Franco-Américaine, Paris.

J. J. Fox to Leroux comes often to me showing
his anxiety. I would be personally very thankful
that his situation be as soon as possible well settled
and we have a new president, that act of
justice and humanity seems more easily, if your
inquiry about him to be, as I hope, favorable.

*Consulate
of France*

March 10th, 1902.

To Whom It May Concern:-

The University of Chicago in co-operation with the French Consul, Mr. Merou, the bearer of this letter, is desirous of securing for the City of Chicago the location of the proposed Industrial School to be established by the French government. The representatives of the French government have raised the question whether the leading industrial firms of the city would be willing to receive the young engineers, who may come to Chicago in connection with the school, into their establishments. This is very important from the point of view of the French government. Accompanying this letter is a copy of a letter from the representative of the French government, Mr. Weillier. Mr. Merou has consented to call on certain representative firms and make inquiry on this subject. I beg for him their very courteous reception and consideration, and remain

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Canary

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The salary of an assistant to the Director should be \$3,000.

House for the Director can be rented at \$1200. a year.

A suitable house for the director, including his office, work-rooms and a meeting place for students could be secured for \$1500. to \$2,000. a year. Such a house minus the work-rooms could be secured for \$1200.

The living expenses of the students, including board, room, laundry, clothing, etc. would be from \$350. to \$500. a year.

The following is an estimate of travelling expenses:

Places within six hours, single fare \$8.00; round trip \$16.00

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The University will give all the privileges of students at one-half the regular fee, viz., at \$60.00 a year, for all courses.

In case no suitable building in the vicinity of the University can be rented, a building including work-rooms could be erected for the sum of \$40,000.; without work-rooms for \$30,000.

In case it is necessary to build a house for the director, the University, upon certain conditions, would give the site free of charge.

Whether it would be possible to find an American capitalist to build such a house and make it the property of the University, I am unable to say.

The present facilities at the University of Chicago in laboratories, libraries, museums, etc. are as follows:

Buildings, laboratories & grounds valued at \$3,000,000.

Endowments " " 9,000,000.

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

Chicago, March 7, 1902



Dear Dr. Harper,

I saw yesterday Mr. Cyrus McCormick and had a talk with him about the question of a signature being by Mr. Weiller. Mr. McCormick thinks that it would be proper for me to see personally and individually the heads of following organizations: Pullman Co. - Armour Co. - Swift Co. - Plano Co. - Champion Co. - Deering Co. - Chicago Cattle Co. - Kinball Co. - Illinois Steel Co. - and hear what those gentlemen would be willing to promise in regard of the young French man of the Industrial school, in case such school would be located at the University of Chicago. After these individual conversations we would be able to resume in one declaration the result obtained and receive the signature of each one on it.

I am asking myself if it would not be better to proceed by way of a kind of circular emanating from your university, in which you would explain to those gentlemen the project and the desire expressed by Mr. Weiller. I don't know personally all these gentlemen well enough to be sure of the more possible success. I would propose that you be so kind as to send me a letter with copy of the letter of Mr. Weiller, which I returned to you. In your letter you would explain the position of the university and with these two documents I could perhaps undertake more surely the work of negotiations. Through it that work could be done directly by a representative of your university, for instance Mr. Burgess, it seems to me that it would be the most sure way.

Yours very truly
Dr. Murray

CONSULAT DE FRANCE,
ASHLAND BLOCK,
CHICAGO, ILL.

President Dr. William R. Harper
of the University of
Chicago

Chicago, March 28 1902



Dear Dr. Harper,

A few days after I had received the kind introduction, which you sent me to the heads of industry in Chicago, I employed a whole day from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. to visit about 8 or 10 of them. I had with me equally special introductions from Mr. A.A. Burnham, General Secretary of the National Business League and copies of the resolutions passed some time ago favorably to the French industrial school to be located in Chicago.

About four of the gentlemen managers of the different industries were not present in Chicago. I got the promise that they would be informed of the object of my visit. Four of them have sent me very nice and sympathetic letters showing their willingness to assist so much they would be consistently able to do for the practical improvement of the young students.

Some days ago I wrote to Mr. Cambon giving copy of the letters, which I had received and mentioning that my full and sincere conviction was that all the heads of industry of Chicago would do so much as those who had answered, and that so much more that

Dr. Harper

CONSULAT DE FRANCE,
ASHLAND BLOCK,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago, 190

no much more because we would always
have your personal backing as well as that
of the national business league.

I wrote the same to M. Mabillean
and Weiller in Paris.
M. Cambon has now certainly sent his
report to France, and we may wait with
confidence for the result.

yours very truly

A. Mery

French consul

Nov. 14, 1902.

Mr. H. Méroux, the Governor. For your thoughtfulness in suggesting the
visits French Consul, he perhaps is that to, it should be sent, I am
sincerely yours, Ashland Block, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Méroux:-

I owe you a most earnest and abject apology. I had
neglected to make a note of the engagement with you at 11 o'clock, and an
important Committee meeting being called for that hour, I went to the meeting.
I have no excuse to offer. I simply wish to beg your pardon most humbly.
I do not often make such a mistake, and I am sure that this will not occur
again with you. I can only ask you to pardon this one.

I have spent a long time in receiving from Mr. Shepardson the in-
teresting story you have told him, and I am very much interested in what Mr.
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Nov. 1, 1911.

Mr. H. M. Brown,

French Conant,

Ashtland Block, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Brown:-

I owe you a most earnest and sincere apology. I neglected to make a note of the engagement with you at 11 o'clock, and an important Committee meeting being called for that hour, I went to the meeting. I have no excuse to offer. I simply wish to beg your pardon most humbly. I do not often make such mistakes, and I am sure that this will not occur again with you. I can only ask you to pardon this one. I have spent a long time in receiving from Mr. Shepherson the interesting story you have told him, and I am very much interested in what Mr. Lind has done, as well as in the interest of Mr. Lehigh. I am sure that we shall cooperate to make the first of this experiment as well as possible.

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I am leaving to-day at 1 o'clock for New York, to be gone until Wednesday. Immediately upon my return I will call you up by telephone, and hope to make an engagement to see you some time soon in the city. and an important Thanking you for your kindness and for your many courtesies, I remain, excuse me, I simply desire to say, your person most warmly. I do not often say such a thing, Yours very truly, This will not occur again with you. I can only say, I am most warmly.

I have spent a long time in reading Mr. Shepardson the interesting story you have told me, and I am very much interested in what Mr. Ward has done, as well as in the interest of Mr. Shepardson. I am sure that we shall cooperate to make the first of this experiment as satisfactory as possible.

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I am very much interested in what you have said concerning the Industrial School and the report of the Committee. I appreciate the fact that it is the case about in the latest measure because of your interest, and it gives me pleasure also to know that your work of which you have spoken is so far from being completely, and that it is to be so splendidly

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Conversation with H. Meron.

1. M. Liard - minister of Education - has arranged for 4 scholarships of 4,000 francs each.
2. M. Sebaudy, being informed of this, was pleased and said he would establish 2 additional at same rate.
3. Six scholars assured for 1st year and M. Meron says they will be here within 2 or 3 weeks.
4. M. Liard says - if the first year's experiment is satisfactory, there will be ⁽¹⁾ more money and ⁽²⁾ more students.
5. M. Meron thinks some one should be appointed by the University as a sort of official guardian of these men - to see them located in boarding houses - to see that they are registered in right courses and to be a general advisor. He suggests M. Dugès as the best man for this.
6. On Industrial School matter. M. Meron has considerable interest. A committee in Paris appointed by Minister of Commerce favors Chicago above Phila. as a result of report made by H. Meron, along lines suggested by conversation with W.B.H.
7. But Committee's report must go to Parliament. To stimulate interest these conversations were held with many and finally M. Jules Siegfried gave a dinner to selected men, Liard, Sebaudy, Minister of Commerce, Combès, etc. etc. which lasted until after midnight - great enthusiasm - resulting in the formation of the Franco-American Committee (French Section) founded to promote all matters, intellectual and economic, of international importance. An American Section of this same committee is to be formed. This Committee is strongly favorable to Chicago as center of French influence in America.
8. M. Meron is very anxious to see you soon and tell you of his trip and bring you special message from M. Liard, who, he says, is a great power in France.

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9 Snell Hall,
Sept 23, 1908.

President W. R. Harper,

Fraternity Exchange,

Dear President Harper,

The cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. in coöperation with Prof. Burton of the Divinity School have been working out very carefully a plan for Bible study for the coming year. A part of the plan is an extensive Bible study rally to be held on the evenings of Oct 9, 10, and 11 in Mandel Hall at which Mr. Jas. Leithart Hall has been secured to deliver two addresses and through which it is expected the attendance upon the University's Sunday morning courses will be materially increased.

I am very desirous of having a talk with you about the Bible study and about the entire work of the association. As I have been employed to devote my entire time to the work of the association next year, I am very anxious that its plans and purposes should be clearly understood. Feeling that its attitude on many things has been greatly changed and that its ideals and point of view in Bible study are almost

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wholly different from those of many other college associations, I should be glad of the opportunity to make these facts known through you to the University administration.

I hesitate to call at your office now for fear the time you could spare would be too short. If you will kindly designate when I could see you for a half or three quarters of an hour, I shall be very greatly obliged.

Yours very truly,
Ralph Merriam.

Aug. 22d, 1902.

Mr. M. Mérou,

Paris, France.

My dear Mr. Mérou:-

I cannot tell you how much pleasure your communication of August 6th has given me. It was certainly full of good news. I am wondering how soon the official statement will come to me in order that I may make a public announcement. This is certainly a very good arrangement.

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Hoping to hear from you, and very soon to see you, I remain

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President Dr. W. R. Harper
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Chicago

July 5th, 1902.

Chicago July 2

Mr. Jenni Merou, *Harper*.

Consulat de France, Ashland Block, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Merou:

I receipt of your letter of July second and am delighted to get your letter of July second and to know that another check has been received for the good work. You certainly deserve the congratulations of all friends.

I am hoping that there is nothing in the newspaper reports which would seem to indicate that you may be called away from us.

Congratulating you upon the way things are going, I remain

Very truly yours,

H. P. Haigner
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equal amount to the Charles
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President Dr. W. R. Harper
of the University of
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Chicago, July 2 1902

Dear Dr. Harper,

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I receipt of the two complimentary
tickets for your lecture at your
university, I beg to thank you sincerely
for that courtesy.

I take that occasion to inform you
that I received yesterday a cheque of
\$ 2988 ⁵⁵ representing the amount
of 15000 francs which was donated
recently on my request by M. Robert
Lebaudy, of Paris, to our alliance
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Doctor Harry Pratt Judson
President of the University of Chicago
Chicago

My dear President

I feel that I must communicate with you on
a delicate subject.

It is the custom for any Frenchman arriving in
Chicago to call on the representative of the French
Republic in this City. For reasons unknown to me
Professor Abel Lefranc has elected not to do so.

Under these circumstances I very much regret to
inform you that I consider that I must decline any
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To make this point entirely clear to you I have decided to explain to you my position fully.

I remain

My dear President
with most sincere regards

Yours respectfully.

Paul H. de St. Laurent

Consul for France

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General for France

Chicago, 16 January 1915

My dear President,

I have received your kind letter dated January 15 and I am exceedingly sorry to have been the cause of any trouble to you in this occasion.

About two years ago a member of the French University has been staying for quite a lapse of time in Chicago and has kept at a distance from the Consulate, the Alliance Française and anything French in Chicago.

Perhaps this has made me somewhat sensitive as to the national point of view.

Very likely this was unintentional but yet appearances sometimes have to be considered.

I remain,

my dear President

President Harry Pratt Hudson
University of Chicago

very cordially yours

Paul L. Seligson

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Jan. 29th 1914

S^t Laurent

My dear President,

I have had the pleasure to see Professor Lefranc at my office and also at the "Alliance". I have appreciated him as a thorough gentleman. He has promised a lecture for the Alliance. In fact he, in every conceivable way, has made himself agreeable and pleasant.

To make things quite clear I must say that my previous letter referred to the case of Professor Bedier, who, so far as the Consulate and the Alliance were concerned, has not been considered as a satisfactory representative of French Universities in Chicago.

The case

I am, now, certain will be entirely different
with Professor Abel Lefranc.

I owe you many apologies in the
circumstances

and I remain,

My dear President

very sincerely yours

Paul H. Leconte