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Chicago, January 22, 1901.

P R E S I D E N T W I L L I A M R . H A R P E R ,
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C H I C A G O , I L L .

Dear Sir:-

My only excuse for inflicting you with this letter is that I cannot obtain the desired information elsewhere.

Several ladies of my acquaintance have been greatly interested in the subject of French lectures, and were told several months ago that lectures in French were given every week at the University of Chicago, and were open to the public. About two weeks ago an acquaintance of one of these ladies said she would appeal to a gentleman who would surely know what was going on in that line at the University, and I think she mentioned a Professor Shepardson as the one. Last Tuesday word was received that this gentleman had stated that French lectures were given in Cobb Chapel every Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This information was apparently confirmed by an article which appeared in the 'Chicago Tribune' on the 15th inst., which article I enclose herewith.

Yesterday afternoon two of the parties interested went down to the University to hear the lecture. There were nine people gathered there for the same purpose, three of whom were students in the University. Three people applied at different times at the Bureau

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. HARPER, # 2

of Information, but could get no satisfaction from the young man in charge, who stated that he knew nothing about the French lectures, except if they were to be given he supposed they would be given in a certain room at the South end of the second floor. After waiting more than half an hour, the party decided it would be useless to wait longer, and left the room. On the way out, one of the students again interviewed the young man in charge of the Bureau of Information, who stated that the lectures were all given last week, and there would be no more.

My object in writing you this letter is to ascertain, first, if lectures in the French language are given at the University, and if so, whether they are open to the public; and secondly, on what days and in what building they are given.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in giving me the information, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Fredrick J. Haskell

VAINLY SEEK LIGHT ON DRAMA.

University of Chicago Students Hear an
"Interpretation" of "L'Aiglon"
in French.

A reading of "L'Aiglon" by Professor Maxime Ingress at the University of Chicago yesterday was somewhat dismaying to students who had been led to believe he would interpret the drama for the benefit of those who expect to see Bernhardt and Coquelin next week. A large crowd of theater-loving students, who carried notebooks, were on hand in Cobb Chapel. At the first few sentences the students leaned forward eagerly, then came puzzled expressions. "What is he saying, anyhow?" asked one of the girls.

"Sounds like a pled line from a type-setting machine," suggested a youth.

Gradually it dawned upon the students that Professor Ingress was talking in French. The notebooks were put away, and one after another those in the rear of the room tiptoed their way out, while those who remained nodded their heads appreciatively whenever they heard a word which bore traces of familiarity.

"'L'Aiglon' is by far the greatest production that has come from the pen of Rostand," said Professor Ingress, in part. "It reminds one much of Victor Hugo, but is far from Hugo's standard. The best thing about the play is its fidelity to historical fact."

Professor Ingress will continue his readings each Monday for the next five weeks.

