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to the West and have re-
gained enough physical
vigor to make life no longer
a burden and have at
the ~~the~~ same time made
considerable money.
So for sometime the mat-
ter has put itself in my
mind like this: Can I
not go somewhere and
enter into some occupa-
tion in which I can at
least do better for my health
than by staying where I
am and also make
money enough to give
my father material as-
sistance within a few
years and also provide
for myself?

Recently something has

(65) David
Buffalo, N.Y. Aug. 26/92.
P. O. Drawer 158.

My Dear Father and
Kind Friend,

You will not
be greatly surprised to re-
ceive a letter from me,
but you will be consid-
erably surprised before you
have finished reading it,
for I am going to write
you on a subject differ-
ent from any that I
have ever yet mentioned
to you.

For several years I have
thought that sometime, if

I should become well enough
to do so, it might be ad-
visable to go to some other
part of the country, live
an outdoor life, and try
by that means to get,—
not real restoration of
former powers, for that
is quite out of the question,
but a modicum of ability
once more so as to be
able to live some sort
of a life instead of mere-
ly dragging along an ex-
istence. Accordingly I have
been on the lookout, especi-
ally during the past six
months, and at one time
thought quite seriously
about Colorado, though I

never felt specially drawn
toward that part of the
country.

Now I am not so situ-
ated that I could "travel"
for my health nor should
I care to do so, nor do I
think that the amount of
health to be had by me is
sufficient to justify me
in making that alone my
object. Moreover I need
money, both for myself
and for my father, whom
I ought some day in the
not very distant future to
be helping financially even
if I cannot do anything
more. I know that there
have been men in broken
health who have gone

which I desire to, I should need money to start with. This set me back, because I haven't the money and I don't know where I could get it. Well after I had thought over the matter quite a while, all of a sudden this thought came to me: Dr. Harper knows a number of very rich men. Possibly he could present the matter for me to some one of them and could get for me the use of what money I should need, for a few years. After I had thought of that for a

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come to my notice that seems to promise quite definitely just those results if I had the means to take hold of it. You remember, of course, my classmate Frank Baker, who died some years ago at Spokane Falls, and also his father, the Rev. J. C. Baker, who was for years a district secretary of the Home Mission Society for the North Pacific Coast. Mr. Baker is now in Buffalo and has been here for some months. He has not been able to engage in regular min-

isterial work for some years,
and has been doing some
secular business, and that
is the cause of his being
in Buffalo for a time. I
have met him a number
of times and have learn-
ed something about the
country in the part of Wash-
ington where his family is.
He tells me, and I have
learned the same from
other sources, that it is
a great fruit country,
wonderfully rich and pro-
ductive in its soil as
well as pleasant and
healthful in its climate.

According - not to prospects
and hopes, but what is

now being done there, a
man with a small tract
of land with fruit trees in
bearing is assured of a
pretty large income.

After I had learned some
of these things from him, the
idea suggested itself to me;
Why not go out there and
raise fruit and accom-
plish the very things I
have been wishing for?
So I began to inquire fur-
ther and to see what could
be done. I soon found
that in order to accomplish
what I am after and
~~give~~ be able to give my
father the assistance

for proposing such a thing.
If so please pardon me. I
think, however that you un-
derstand my attitude in
the matter and am not seri-
ously afraid as to what you
will think of me. I await
your answer at your con-
venience.

Convey my kind regards
to your family, to Crandall
and the other friends as you
may have opportunity. I am
in usual health.

I remain

Yours truly,
F. J. Gurney,

Address P.O. Drawer 158.

To Pres. W. R. Harper,
Chicago.

time I felt ashamed to
trouble with so purely per-
sonal a matter you,
who have so many and
so heavy burdens upon
your shoulders. Yet I
knew your willingness to
do anything you can do
and think wise to do to
help me, and concluded to
that, at any rate, it would
do no harm to mention
the matter to you. If you
feel that you have no time
for such business or that
it would not be wise in
any case, don't hesitate
to tell me and I shall
regret only that I took

any of your very valuable
time even to answer
my letter or to read it. On
the other hand if you think
I have not done unwisely
in speaking and that you
might be able to do some-
what as I have suggested,
I could give you details
of the matter. I suppose
you are not likely soon
to be in this vicinity so
that I could see you here,
but if you thought well
of it I could come up to
Chicago to see you
about it. I have thus far
consulted no one ex-
cept my employer and

Kind friend, Mr. Spindelow,
but you may rest assur-
ed that I should take no
important step without care-
ful consideration and a good
counsel. I am tolera-
bly confident that if I could
have the use of several
thousand dollars for
five or six years I could
so use it as after that
to have an income of
not less than two or three
thousand dollars a year.

However, I will not bur-
den you with details. Per-
haps you will think me
unconscionably presuming

Gurney

Buffalo, May 23rd 1893.

55 Whitney Place.

Rev. W. R. Harper,

My dear Friend,
Do you think you could find
for me or suggest for me in
Chicago a position that would
combine these advantages:
1st, that it is not too confining
as to time required or too taxing
in nature for the poor con-
dition of my head; 2nd, that
it be sufficiently remunerat-
ive to afford me a substan-
tial income?

Perhaps that is asking

a great deal but I don't know how to put it much different. My strength is not much, if any, greater than it has been for several years, though I suffer less actual pain and feel somewhat different in spirits. The strongest reason for wanting to be in Chicago is that I may be with my mother and father. They are getting old, have worked very hard and suffered very much, and my mother has been quite poorly during the past few months, though she is somewhat

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improved now. It would be
very much to them both, par-
ticularly to her, to have me
with them. They have not
very many more years
to remain and if it can
be so arranged that I can
be more to them than in-
deed an object of love and sol-
licitude, should it not be done?

The question arises, what can
I do? Well, that is not an easy
question to answer. I suppose
there are places that would
about meet my needs, but
it is not an easy matter to
find them, or one of them.

You, who know me as I used
to be and have all these years
 been accustomed to doing
 so much and seeing others
 do so much, can have little
 idea how close my limits are
 in actual working capacity.
 It need hardly be said that
 anything connected with the
 formal intellectual life of the
 University would be quite
 out of the question, and it
 seems presumptuous to
 ask you to cast a thought be-
 yond that great and absorb-
 ing theme or even to ask you
 to consider my needs at

all, but I know that anything
that you can reasonably do,
would be gladly done. If you
were coming this way so that
I could have a talk with
you, I could say more in
half an hour than in quite
a large number of letters.
I hope to be in Chicago
sometime before the fair
closes but it may not
be till fall.

My introduction of this
subject is not with the
expectation that you can
suggest anything at

once, but that you may
 know what I desire and let
 me know if anything should
 open that seemed favorable.

Mr. Chivers, perhaps you know,
 has been for some time on a trip
 to Egypt and Palestine. He will
 soon be sailing homewards.

Present my kind remem-
 brances to Mrs. Harper, and
 think of me as remaining

Yours truly,

F. J. Gurney,

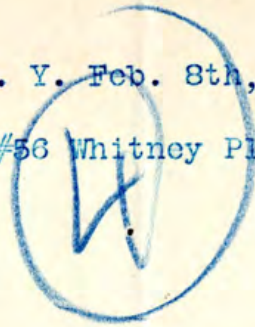
To President Harper,

University of Chicago

Gurney

Buffalo, N. Y. Feb. 8th, 1893.

#56 Whitney Place.



Dear Dr. Harper:-

You have always so kindly remembered me that I feel ashamed that I have sent you no word since I came back to Buffalo. The reason for it however, is, that there is hardly anything to say. Internal condition and external situation continue just about the same as when I saw you. I have made a little gain during the past few months ~~the~~, but cannot look for any rapid progress. I can assure you that the visit to Chicago and to the University was a very pleasing and profitable episode. Now I am quietly jogging along in business, church work, and pleasant home life.

Busy as you are, I think you will find time at some odd moment to read the pamphlet which I enclose. I know something of the place, and can assure you that there is a genuine work being done there with very substantial results. It is one of the things that encourages a person, isn't it?

You need not feel under any obligation to answer this letter, for I know that your time is more than occupied.

I rejoice with you that the University had such handsome Christmas presents. Wishing you continued health and success in your work, I remain,

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Yours very truly,

F. J. Gurney

Buffalo, N. Y. Feb. 24, 1903.

400 Whitney Place.

Dear Dr. Harper:

You have always so kindly remembered me that I
feel ashamed that I have sent you no word since I came back to Buffalo.
The reason for it however, is, that there is hardly anything to say.
Internal condition and external situation continue just about the same
as when I saw you. I have made a little gain during the past few months
but cannot look for any rapid progress. I can assure you that the
visit to Chicago and to the University was a very pleasant and profitable
one. Now I am quietly toiling along in business, chemical work,
and pleasant home life.
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can assure you that there is a genuine work being done there with very
substantial results. It is one of the things that encourages a person
in his life.
You need not feel under any obligation to answer this letter, for
I know that your time is more than occupied.
I rejoice with you that the University had such handsome Christmas
presents. Wishing you continued health and success in your work, I
remain,

Yours very truly,

Pres. W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

let myself dwell on the thought.
It is too much for me. But
now that I am somewhat re-
covered in self, though not
in strength, it would be of
the nature of a solace to them
and a comfort to their re-
maining years if I could
be with them, as I cannot
be under existing circum-
stances.

Now in regard to work, I
confess that I am some-
what perplexed, because
my abilities and personal
resources are so limited.
You remember that you said
one time, when I was priv-
ileged to see you here,
that there might be po-

summer
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~~Living~~
Buffalo, N.Y. June 9th 93.
56 Whitwell Place.

My Dear Friend, Dr. Harper,

Within a few
days there has come to my knowl-
edge something which leads me
to add a few lines to what I wrote
you recently. It is quite pos-
sible that my services may
not be needed in my present
situation much longer. Some
changes in the business seem
likely and my employer told
me not to be surprised if they
brought a change in my
situation with the firm.

That being the case, you see
it makes me all the more

desirous of finding something
in Chicago.

So far as my own personal likings are concerned and the surroundings, in business, society, church and family, Buffalo is a better city for me than Chicago with its rush and hurry, but there are other and paramount considerations in the matter. I ought to be helping my father and mother, and if I were in Chicago and in a position where I could get reasonably good compensation I could aid them materially in ways that they sorely need. I cannot of course, go into details to

you in regard to affairs of this sort as I could. If I could talk with you, but you can see without that the nature of what I desire in a financial way. Again, it would be a great deal to them if I could be with them, if not to live with them at any rate to see them frequently. You know I am the only son and that I was very much to them and that the prospects of life work for me in the past were such as to ~~get~~ give them some measure of satisfaction in their later years. How great a blow to them my disaster was, you may imagine, I do not

am in better trim than I was
a year ago, and still more so
than in the preceding years,
but all that is not saying
much and the gain is very
slow indeed and by very slight
increments. And, I know
that you are acquainted with
hosts of young men of
splendid ability who are
coming into the field of ed-
ucational and kindred
labor and that for any po-
sition of most any kind
you doubtless know of good
men, who are not only fitted
to fill such positions now
but give promise of develop-
ment such as makes it
worth while to put them into

openings that may come
to your knowledge. There is
yet a third consideration, viz.,
that in a position which I could
fill satisfactorily the compen-
sation could hardly be much,
but that is true both here and
there.

Notwithstanding all these
drawbacks, I venture to lay
my matter before you because
I am confident of your kindly
interest in me, and trust
that in so doing I am not
taxing too greatly your ex-
ceedingly busy moments.
My cousin Mr. H. C. Mills,
whom, I think, you once met
in this city for a short time,
expects to be in Chicago
some time this month

and has kindly spoken of calling to speak with you about my affairs, if you will have time to meet him.

If you should chance to meet any of my folks please do not say anything to them about my desires or thoughts Chicago-ward, as I do not want their expectations raised unless they are to be realized.

Convey my respects to Mrs. Harper and believe me, as ever,

Yours truly,
F. J. Gurney.

Top
President Harper,
Chicago.

sitions of a general or clerical nature in connection with the University that I could fill. It has occurred to me that possibly there may be something of that kind within your ken, either there or in some other institution in the city. I make this suggestion with some hesitation because, 1st, I think you would naturally be likely to overestimate my present working ability. I am not, in that respect, the Gurney that used to be, as I have come to be very well aware, and any calculations on the old basis would be erroneous. So be aware, I

Curney
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CHICAGO

Feb. 4, '96.

Dear Dr. Harper,

In accordance with your desire, I put in writing the matter concerning which I wished a few days ago to speak to you orally. It is with reluctance that I mention the matter at all and the reasons for doing so will be stated presently.

It is the question of salary. Do you think it is reasonably likely that the Board of Trustees will give me an increase for next year, or that such an action can be brought about? As they have given me an increase two years in succession, it would be a natural and reasonable thing for them to feel that enough had been done for me in that way for the present, and that with a salary of \$4000 I could very well wait for a year or two without

further increase, I should expect that they could so conclude unless particular reasons for doing otherwise were laid before them.

As for the reasons: 1) I believe that my work is worth \$1200 to the University; 2) I believe the University can afford to pay that amount for it; 3) I certainly need all that my work may be worth. This last, of course, is the urging motive in compelling me to speak about the matter; the other two points are for the Trustees to consider. Also it is to be noted that although there has been increase two years in succession, I started in at only \$50⁰⁰ a month, and the first increase was from that amount.

I have been reluctant to mention the matter at all because it is a more becoming way for a man to go on with his work and let increasing recognition come from his superiors. I have ventured to speak, 1) because of my need, and, 2) because, in the ordinary view of things, an increase would hardly be looked for unless there were special reasons for it. I am confident that you will understand me in the matter. I remain,
as ever,
yours truly, F. J. Gurney.

The University of Chicago
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO October 14, 1899.

Dear President Harper:-

Your kind favor of October 12th is at hand. Concerning the directions therein contained, may I ask one or two questions:

1. Is it intended that I use Mr. Goodspeed's signature in all my communications to the University office/s? Most of my correspondence of this sort is with the Deans, and concerning records, and is of a nature which does not come directly under Mr. Goodspeed's hand.

2. We had printed last spring a stock of report envelopes a sample of which is enclosed. Is it your desire that we should throw them away and get new ones, in accordance with the recent instructions? This is a kind of stock that we do not renew very often. The first lot of 500 lasted over five years. The present stock would perhaps last as long as three years.

May I be permitted to say that the designation, "Clerk of Records", was not assumed by me on my individual responsibility, but was decided on after conference with Mr. Goodspeed, and I am quite confident that he told me last spring that he had seen you about it before it was put into print. The principal purpose in using it has been to facilitate the business of the office in the matter of office mail, etc. Similarly, I may add that while I was in the Examiner's office and Mr. Salisbury was Examiner, it was in accordance with his instructions that I signed statements and other communications concerning the records with which I had directly to do, and over

The University of Chicago

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CHICAGO, October 14, 1899.

Dear President Harper:-

Your kind favor of October 12th is at hand. Concerning the disposition therein contained, may I

ask one or two questions:

1. Is it intended that I use Mr. Goodspeed's signature in all my communications to the University officers? Most of my correspondence of this sort is with the Deans, and concerning records, and is of a nature which does not come directly under Mr. Goodspeed's hand.

2. We had printed last spring a stock of report envelopes a sample of which is enclosed. Is it your desire that we should throw them away and get new ones, in accordance with the recent instructions? This is a kind of stock that we do not renew very often. The first lot of 500 lasted over five years. The present stock would perhaps last as long as three years.

May I be permitted to say that the designation, "Chief of Records", was not assumed by me on my individual responsibility, but was decided on after conference with Mr. Goodspeed, and I am quite confident that he told me last spring that he had seen you about it before it was put into print. The original purpose in using it was to facilitate the business of the office in the matter of office mail, etc. I may add that while I was in the University's office and Mr. Salisbury was Secretary, it was in accordance with his instructions that I signed memoranda and other communications concerning the records with which I was directly or indirectly connected.

which he had only general supervision, with my own name.

Do I understand correctly that ~~the~~^{my} name is not hereafter to appear in these matters? *The custom has been continued in this office with Mr. Goodspeed's approval*

May I speak of another point: In accordance with your kind directions, my name was placed in the Faculty list with the rank of Instructor, which gave me place, also, in the Congregation. This is an honor which, as you know, I have not sought, but which I assure you I appreciate very highly. Am I to understand that with the designation of "Assistant to the Recorder" my name will now appear in the list of Assistants, and not of Instructors?

I am sure you need no special assurance from me that I will gladly co-operate with every plan looking toward the better conduct of the matters of the office.

I remain

Yours very truly,

J. J. Gurney

P.S. There are also a number of forms used in the routine connected with my work which I have had stamped as yours on the enclosed specimens. Shall these be discarded?

Yrs.

which he had only general supervision, with my own name.
Do I understand & correctly that the name is not repeated to
appear in these matters? *My father has been consulted in this*
May I speak of another point in accordance with your
kind directions, my name has been in the result list with
the rank of Inspector, which gave me place, also, in the
Constitution. This is an honor which, as you know, I have
not sought, but which I accept as a compliment very highly.
Am I to understand that with the designation of "Assistant to
the Recorder" my name will now appear in the list of Assist-
ants, and not of Inspectors?
I am sure you need no special assurance from me that I
will gladly co-operate with every plan looking toward the
better conduct of the matters of the office.

I remain

Yours very truly,

W. B. Brewster

*There are also a number of forms
sent in the office concerning the
work which I have been doing for
a number of years in the
Bureau. I shall have to discuss them*

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Gurney

CHICAGO December 28, 1899.

Dear President Harper:-

Concerning the request for a requisition for record sheets which was sent recently from this office, and which was held for consideration, permit me to say:

1. I shall be glad to show you, at your convenience, how the sheets which I have act. (I understand, of course, that you are exceedingly busy just now and may not have time to attend to this for some days, only I hope that the matter will receive due consideration before it is decided).
2. It is not a mere personal inconvenience to me that is under consideration, but a hinderance to the work which will last in the case of each unsuitable sheet as long as that student remains in the University.
3. I think you will believe me when I say, that from the very first I have steadily striven to be economical in the matter of office supplies. I could name to you many particulars in which I have taken pains in this matter, without being either urged or directed to do so, and saved the University an appreciable amount of money.
4. There was no means of knowing that the stock would prove unsatisfactory in the particulars specified until it had been printed and came into use.

I remain,

Yours very truly

J. Gurney

Assistant to the Recorder.

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F. J.

759 Congress St
Dec 31/1911

Mr R. Harper

President of the University of Chicago

Dear Sir

Your kind favour of Dec 28th is at hand. Sorry to hear of your sickness, hope it will be of short duration, the matter of which I wish to speak to you is concerning Fred, and so far as our communication with you is concerned we wish it to be kept a profound secret.

For sometime past Fred has not been feeling as well as we think he should, and at times there seems to come a despondency a kin to former conditions, and in talking with

him we find that there is probably more work with lack of absolute rest than he is able to carry, or at least, under which he may at sometime break down (and a second break down may be worse than the first)

We find that at times of vacation the beneficial results are more than offset by a return to the office to find that his work is not only behind but piled up for him to make up, so that he not only has the current work to do, but the accumulation of the vacation days to attend to,

It may not be possible for you to know of a way of relief, but we have felt it our duty to communicate ^{you} to the facts as we see them, from the past I feel assured that you have a great interest in Fred's welfare for which we thank you, so we have

brought these things to your notice, feeling assured that if there is any way of relief without materially changing the plans of your necessities in his department you will try to bring it about, all that might be said cannot be said as in conversation,

You will find out more perhaps than we can tell you, should you feel disposed to have a talk with him, but do not let a hint be dropped that any thing has come from us, but simply as your own interest to know how he is getting along

With much respect I am

Yours Truly
James Gurney

, Dec. 28, 1900.

Mr. James Gurney,

759 Congress street, Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Gurney:-

I am confined to my house with the Grippe and shall not be able to be out during the week. I suggest that you write me a letter stating whatever you wish to say. I think this would be even better than an interview. If after reading the matter, an interview seems necessary, I shall be very glad to arrange it. You may be sure that anything that I can do to further the interests of Fred will be done most cheerfully. Your letter fills me with some anxiety, and I shall be glad to have you write me at once.

Yours truly,

Dec. 28, 1900.

Mr. James Gurney,

752 Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Gurney:-

I am confined to my house with the Grippe and shall not be able to be out during the week. I suggest that you write me a letter stating whatever you wish to say. I think this would be even better than an interview. If after reading the matter, an interview seems necessary, I shall be very glad to arrange it. You may be sure that anything that I can do to further the interests of Fred will be done most cheerfully. Your letter fills me with some anxiety, and I shall be glad to have you write me at once.

Yours truly,

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759 Congress St

Dec 23, 1900

W. R. Harper

President of the University

of Chicago, Dear Sir

In addressing a few lines to you I must apologise for presuming to take a moment of your time, at a time when I know you are so busy, but my reason is this, I want to ask a few minutes of interview with you, and I do not want Fred to know anything about it, but I want Mr Garlick my son in law to accompany me, and he is at home till after New Years, then goes away again, he is a traveling man,

I want to speak a few words
about Fred, and if you can be
kind enough to spare a few minutes
I shall be greatly ^{obliged} I would like to
see you at your House, or if you should
be down in the City any time after
Christmas before Saturday.

Set your own time and place
awaiting your reply

I am Yours Respectfully
James Gurney

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25th August 1881
 Dear Sir

President of the University
 of Chicago (Dear Sir

allowing a few lines to
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 of your time at a time when

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and I do not want to
 say anything about it, but I

ask you to ask my son in law to

ask you, and he is at home

for two years, then goes away

and he is a traveling man.

March 19th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Gurney:

I am afraid that your work is crowding you too much. It is growing in amount, and we must not consent to your being driven too far. Will you kindly consult with Mr. Goodspeed and suggest to me how we may relieve you? Could half of the time of a good clerk be used to advantage?

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

March 19th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Gurney:

I am afraid that your work
is crowding you too much. It is growing in amount,
and we must not consent to your being driven too
far. Will you kindly consult with Mr. Goodspeed
and suggest to me how we may relieve you? Could
half of the time of a good clerk be used to advantage?

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

January 15th, 1903.

My dear Mr. Gurney:-

There is no good reason why the title which you now hold should be so regarded by you. The title was fixed after a long consultation and after an arrangement of terminology agreed upon in other connections. The time is coming, for example, when there will be an assistant to the President, but he will not be an Assistant President. I cannot myself see where the difficulty is in your case.

Yours very truly,

January 12th, 1903.

My dear Mr. Gurney:-

There is no good reason why the title which you now hold should be so regarded by you. The title was fixed after a long consultation and after an arrangement of terminology agreed upon in other connections. The time is coming, for example, when there will be an assistant to the President, but he will not be an Assistant President. I cannot myself see where the difficulty is in your case.

Yours very truly,

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO January 12, 1903.

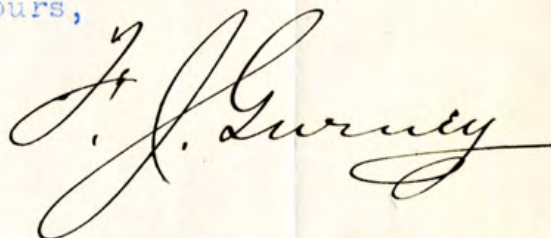
Dear President Harper:-

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Is there any objection to my being known as "Assistant Recorder" rather than "Assistant to the Recorder"?
I am not, as you are aware, ordinarily especially solicitous for distinctions in title, but I confess that the appellation which I have borne for the last few years is distasteful to me; it seems to indicate a position more subordinate than is compatible with the duties which I am called upon to perform. The title is practically the same as that given to the young lady who assists me with the records, and in the City Directory I am made to appear as "Clerk, University of Chicago." I have spoken to Dr. Parker about this matter, and he agrees with me that the title "Assistant Recorder" would be more suitable, though, of course, you may have reasons which are not known to me for preferring the present style.

Trusting that you will not misunderstand the spirit in which this request is made, I am

Very truly yours,



I was sensitive enough to regret very much that I had to appear in the recently published General Catalogue of the U. of Michigan under my present title.

The University of Chicago

Oct. 6, 1904

My Dear Dr. Harper,

I am off for San Francisco Friday evening. I cannot express to you all the appreciation of your kindness in making this trip possible. The one concern with reference to it is to get the benefit which the kind friends who have provided it desire for me, and if this is not secured I shall feel most keen regret on that score. Certainly no effort to that end shall be lacking on my part.

Let me add that I prize

Oct. 2, 1905

My dear Mr. Brewster

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today evening. I cannot explain

to you all the difference of

your kindness in answering

the top possible. I am

overcome with gratitude for

the help the benefit which

the kind friend has

shown to me for me.

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Yours very truly

The University of Chicago

very highly on other kindness which you exercise toward me permanently, and that in the appreciation - just the appreciation of how different a thing life is to me from what was expected twenty and more years ago. The knowledge that you set things for me from that point of view - even though there is no occasion to speak of it - is a help to me.

With prayers and desires for your continued welfare and success I remain

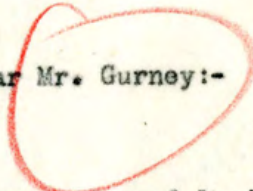
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Yours truly
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January 13th, 1905.



My dear Mr. Gurney:-

I am sure you will pardon me if I again refer to the matter of loud talking in the Recorder's Office. It is possible to understand in my office when the door is open nearly everything that is spoken in the Recorder's Office. You and your clerks will agree that this is unnecessary, and that it is injurious to the best interests of work. If you have ever noticed the policy employed in large offices, for example, in that of the First National Bank, where there are one hundred people sitting on the same floor, you will observe how quietly everything is conducted. I beg you to speak of this matter to the young women and to co-operate with us in the effort to make our group of offices in Haskell a place characterized by quiet and dignity.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

The Senior Colleges

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October 19, 1909

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Office of the Recorder

August 25, 1910.

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OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY

WILLIAM R. HARPER, *PRESIDENT*

CHICAGO July 13 1904

Dear Pres. Harper,

You will recall the letter of Dr. R. R. Williams about his children & Manual Ministry One ready to enter the Senior class. one the Sophomore. Two the freshman. Do I understand that you authorize me to offer to take one or all of them here & cancel their fees?

We now have \$130. for Gurney, aside fr. the railroad contribution. F. J. Carpenter has sent \$15. Jamison 10 & Tolbot 10. & the Mayor has given me \$5.

Yours truly, T. W. Goodspeed

CHICAGO, Jan. 20, 1894

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst. is received. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to accept of the honor of the University. I am sure that you will be able to do so in the future.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. R. Harper