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November 2, 1915.

Mr. Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

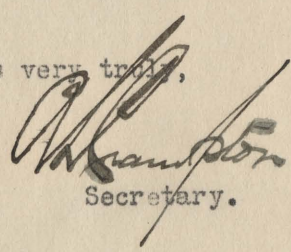
Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing a copy of an address on
EDUCATION FOR COUNTRY LIFE hoping to secure your renewed
interest in a subject which vitally effects us all very
much more than many of us appreciate.

An intimate personal study of conditions
during the past year has lead me to regard the situation
as little short of tragic.

Won't you take this as an appeal for
your help in arousing Chicago to aid in the solution
of this problem?

Yours very truly,


Secretary.

Chicago, November 3, 1915

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 2d inst. is received.

I am interested in your address, and am sending you some material which may indicate the interest taken by the General Education Board of New York, of which body I am a Trustee, in the same subject.

Very truly yours,

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206 S. La Salle St., Chicago.

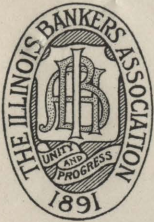
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November 4, 1915.

Mr. Harry Pratt Judson, President,
University of Chicago,
C h i c a g o

Déar Sir:-

I am grateful to you for your kindness in sending material from the General Education Board of New York, mentioned in your letter of the third instant.

I have been in constant touch with leaders of thought in agricultural lines for the past year and in undertaking now to start a movement for Community Development, we have in mind primarily the welfare of the rural sections of the State.

The method of attack is in the hope that we may reach the fundamentals more diplomatically and directly than by talking to the farmers themselves. Local leadership must be developed and we are hoping that sufficient funds may be raised here to engage five or six of the best leaders in the United States. You may know of some who would be helpful.

We will need your good will and advice in due course.

Yours very truly,

R.L. Crampton
Secretary.

“ Forward for the Welfare of Illinois ”

Resolution adopted by the.....Association
(or by its Executive Committee) at its meeting

held at 1916

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED that the*..... Association
heartily favors a state-wide movement in which all forces of Illinois can co-operate
to advance its welfare by enabling its many home communities to efficiently
meet the needs of their people through better farming, better business, better
roads and better living conditions, and to provide such education as will give
all greater capacity for their life work.

THAT we believe the patriotic enlistment of each man, woman and child
in the service of his or her town or country community under competent leader-
ship will result in improved conditions, justifying a great spirit of pride in citi-
zenship appropriate for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Illinois in 1918.

THAT we urge co-operation between the various state forces in order to
enlarge and make more effective the efforts of each association; to bring together
the best information obtainable and make it readily available for each com-
munity seeking to secure, through an efficient citizenship and organization,
that preparedness for Illinois which is essential to the life and growth of the
Nation.

THAT the President of this Association appoint a committee of five, of which
he shall be one of the number, to represent this Association at a conference of the
leading state associations interested in the Welfare of Illinois, called by the Illinois
Bankers Association and to be held in Chicago, January 26th, 1916.

THAT the President take such action as may seem appropriate in indicating
the desire of this Association to co-operate with the movement and to promptly
advise the members of their patriotic opportunity.

.....
Secretary.

*Insert “Executive Committee of.....” if desired.

The Committee may consist of any number desired.

NOTE: It is earnestly hoped that the executive committees of the fifty leading state associations in
Illinois will, without exception, adopt these resolutions and give them publicity in the newspapers published
in the home towns of the officers. Kindly forward certified copy to Richard L. Crampton, Secretary, 208
So. La Salle Street, Chicago.

CHICAGO BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Chicago, January 13, 1916

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 31st of December should have been answered before but I have been away for some time. The subject is very interesting, and I regret that I shall be out of the city on the 26th and therefore not able to be present at your banquet. I am sure that there are some of our Heads of Departments who would be greatly interested in the movement.

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Mr. Richard L. Crampton,
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208 S. La Salle St., Chicago.

Chicago, January 18, 1916

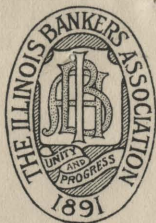
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December 31, 1915.

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Dear Sir:-

We are today sending over fifty state wide associations in Illinois the enclosed form of resolution for adoption and expect a general representation at a joint banquet given at the Lasalle Hotel, Wednesday evening, January 26th.

We hope this meeting and others to be held at the same time will culminate in a line of action resulting from the intense study which a number of agriculturalists and other country life leaders have been giving to the matter during the past year.

We are hoping the associations will be able to maintain a permanent joint commission, which among other things, will hold community development courses in each county in the state twice a year and attempt to arouse public interest in the many problems to be solved and to enlist a large number of local leaders who can intelligently carry out the work.

As we feel the meeting will be almost historical in its importance, we are anxious to have the University of Chicago represented at the banquet on the 26th by yourself and the heads of such departments as are somewhat related to the problem.

We would appreciate it if the University might consider the movement as much a matter of its concern as that of any of the many associations which will be interested, and I would be only too glad to see you at any time you may designate, to explain the situation more fully. Indeed, I have for some time been most anxious to have a talk with you in order to get the benefit of your advice.

If it so happens that you will be downtown sometime next week and will let me know where I could meet you, the courtesy would be greatly appreciated. I have great confidence that we are taking a step of far reaching importance to the central west and possibly the entire country.

Assuring you of our gratitude, I remain with respect

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



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Dear Sir:-

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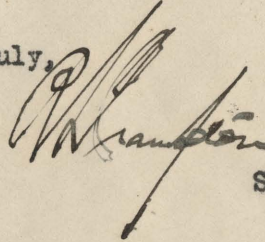
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The southern part of our state needs guidance in this direction as much as any part of the country.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Hamilton", is written over the closing "Yours very truly,". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Secretary.

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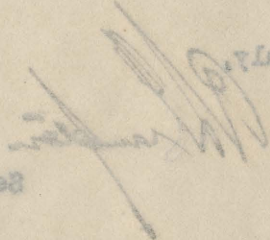
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