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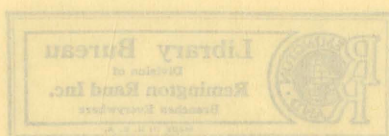
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The University of Chicago
January 11th 1901.

My dear President Harper;

I have ^{just} had a
conversation with Mr. Matthews by
which our difficulties were settled
satisfactorily for the present. It
seems that Mr. Matthews belongs
to the class of people who are
endowed with two souls, one
rational and pleasant, the
other the reverse. I think we
may safely ~~just~~ let the matter
drop for the present and I feel
that I, as the head of the depart-
ment, should gladly give a
younger man every possible chance

even if I suffer through it. But
remains then only Mr. Porter's
letter. Mr. Mathews has consented
to apologize to Professor Porter
~~and that~~ it is possible that Porter
may think a little more
favorably of Mathews after
this.

Thanking you for your kindness

I remain

yours respectfully

Jaeger Web.

Jan.17th, 1902.

My dear Dr. Loeb:-

I am very glad to get your letter of January eleventh. I am returning herewith the letter from Boston. I am sure you are one of the best men in the world to get along with a colleague. You have shown this now in more than one case. Do you think it would be a good idea for me to speak to Mathews?

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

Jan. 17th, 1908.

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Yours very truly,

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that we publish immature and un-
balanced ideas rather than thoroughly
tested experiments and carefully weighed
theories.

From what I have heard about the moral
conduct of Mr. Mathers' father
and from what I have seen of
the actions of his brother I must
conclude that his ~~lack~~ deficiency
in moral and mental sobriety or
balance on the part of our Mr.
Mathers is of a ~~most~~ permanent
character. The disadvantages of Mr.
Mathers' presence here outweigh,
in my opinion, by far any

U. of C. January 22nd 1902



My dear President Harper;

I wish to express my thanks
for your generous letter. In regard
to your inquiry whether or not you
should speak to Mr. Mathers
about the matter I can only repeat
my statement that there is peace
in the department and that
I shall maintain this condition
at any cost.

But there are a few points on which
I consider it my duty to inform
you, although I do not see how
they can be remedied as long as

Mr. Mathews is connected with the University,
I told you that Mr. Mathews has shown
an unusual, not to say, brutal
disregard of the code of scientific
ethics by utilizing my (partly imperfect)
ideas and publishing them, before
I had time to publish them ^{myself}. He
has moreover laid claim to ideas
on which my students had been at
work before he came here and
of which he could not have known
before I published ~~of~~ a
preliminary account of my
new discoveries in November last.
While I am willing to let him ^{utilize} ~~use~~
^{my work} ~~use~~ it is obvious that the

presence of such a character in a
laboratory must have a demoralizing
effect, inasmuch as the free expression
of ~~not~~ ideas in seminar and other-
wise must cease. Moreover we feel
that if we do not hurry with our
publications he ^{may} ~~will~~ make further
use of our unpublished work.
To me the latter feature of the ~~the~~ situation
is the worst of all to me personally.
The second fact I feel obliged to mention
is that I consider Mr. Mathews'
work unscrupulous and of such a character
as to ^{soon or later} ~~injure~~ the reputation of the
University. It is not immaterial
to us, if it can be said, at the
present stage of our medical work,

advantage his connection with the University might give us. I am afraid the men at Harvard had come to the same conclusion when they recommended him to us. There can be but little doubt that they wished to get rid of him.

As I am an interested party in this matter and as I do not wish to expose myself to the suspicion ~~that~~ I was guided by jealousy, I have made no attempt at restricting Mr. Matthews in any way. I have given him more ^{and credit} praise than he deserves. I do not wish you to accept my statement except if none of my colleagues

who are scientific experts in ~~the~~ my
line of work (Mr. Stieglitz or
Mr. Michelson) come to the same
conclusion in regard to the scientific
soundness of Mr. Mathews' work.

Perhaps, it may ^{be} best ~~x~~ not to act at all
for the ^{present} and let the matter go and my
own wishes are in that direction.

Nevertheless, I feel, that I am
responsible to you and that
I must not conceal from you
the difficulty ^{and anxiety} under which I
have been labouring for the
last weeks.

I remain
Yours respectfully
Jacques B. B.



ret. by
Mr. Salisbury

THE QUADRANGLE CLUB

25th 1902
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My dear President Harper;

Do last number of "Literary
Digest" contains an article
on a new "Nerve Theory" which
not only gives Mr. Matthews
as the author of my ideas
but represents me as having
taken up Mr. Matthews'
idea! It is not enough
that I have to stand being
robbed of my work

I have to ~~then~~ appear also
in the light of one who
profits by the work of

The man who appropriates his
ideas.

The article in the Digest is
taken from an article in
the New York Sun. The
article in the Sun was
written by our Mr.
Matthews and sent
to the Sun by his
brother, the reporter.

You will agree with me
that this is more than
^{can be}
I ~~am~~ expected to expect.

It is impossible for me

to enter into a controversy
with daily papers or
magazines. Must I
stand this treatment
on the part of a member
of my department, whom
I recommended for the
position?

I remain

Yours respectfully

Jacques Weh.

III. Suppose the head of a laboratory opens up a new field. Is it right for any other member of the department to enter upon the field without asking the permission of the head. Should in the case in which this permission is given the work of the junior member not rather be conducted in the spirit of cooperation than of competition or rivalry?

It seems to me the time has come when ^{in this university} the heads of the departments should be in possession of a law or an expression of opinion on these questions, which relieves them of the responsibility of acting arbitrarily. If there had been an established code of ^{scientific} ethics for this university at the beginning

The University of Chicago
January 26th 1912.

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My dear President Harper;

I have given the question of scientific ethics a good deal of thought recently and I have discussed it also with some of my colleagues. It seems to us that the establishment of a formal standard of ethics is about as necessary for a university which aims at being a research university as the building of laboratories and the appointment of men who can do the work. Of course, such a standard cannot cover all the possible complications, but not conflicts as are most likely to occur (and as have occurred in the case of

Mr. Mathers / can easily be covered
by a few formal rules.

I should therefore recommend that
the senate, at one of its next meetings,
be asked to establish a law or
express an opinion in regard to
the following possibilities:

I. Suppose an investigator A makes
a discovery and announces his
discovery in a preliminary paper
or a preliminary oral communica-
tion or both. and suppose that
a person B ^(of the same department) who attends the oral
communication should find that
the discovery exp has a bearing

upon a problem on which B had been
at work; Has B a right to publish
the ideas of A and their application
to B's work before A has had time
to ^{finish his work and} publish his ideas himself?

(In Europe it is an established
rule that the publication of a
preliminary paper secures for
the worker the privilege to work out
his field alone and undisturbed.)

II. Has a scientist the right to
publish his results first in
a news paper (or popular magazine)
before he has published them in
scientific journals?

of Mr. Mathews' ~~first~~ escapades
much annoyance to the department
as well as to myself could have
been avoided.

I should prefer to have these questions
discussed in the Senate without
bringing Mr. Mathews before the
Senate or ~~without~~ mentioning
even his name. I ~~can~~, or perhaps
we all, ^{even} can argue much more free-
ly if ^{even} the appearance of personal
strife is avoided. Personal contro-
versies have almost become
unendurable to me.

If after the decision of the Senate
on the general questions you should
find that Mr. Mathews has in-

lated any of the rules and if you
should feel that in the interest
of the dignity and reputation of
the University he should be
reprimanded it will be easy
enough to do so.

I think the question of the establish-
ment of a code of scientific ethics or
at least the discussion of the above
mentioned four questions, should
be brought before the Senate
as soon as possible.

I remain

Yours respectfully

Jacques Loeb.

Jan. 28th, 1902.

My dear Dr. Loeb:-

I agree with you that your suggestion of January twenty-sixth is an excellent one. The question arises, how we shall proceed to bring the matter before the Senate. Have you a suggestion on this? Do you wish me to do it, or will you do it, or shall we ask some other member of the Senate to present the case?

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

Jan. 28th, 1903.

My dear Dr. Hooper:-

I agree with you that your suggestion of
January twenty-fifth is an excellent one. The question arises, how we shall
proceed to bring the matter before the Senate. Have you a suggestion
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some other member of the Senate to present the case?

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

January 28th, 1902.

My dear Dr. Loeb:

I have read your letter of the twenty-third instant, and wish to express my sympathy. I have written Dean Salisbury to have an interview with you. I should like to have you present to him, as Dean of the Ogden School of Science, the facts in the case. I think it is necessary that we should take them up. Will you kindly do this at your early convenience?

Very truly yours,

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July 11th, 1902.

Professor Jaques Loeb,
Wood's Holl, Massachusetts.

~~My dear Professor Loeb:~~

I am writing to suggest, first, that you be certain to send in your vote on the Senate matter which has been sent to you. It is important that it be received by the date indicated, namely, July twenty-sixth.

My second, and most important point, is that you must not allow yourself to be moved by any representations made in California. I think a way has been opened by which we can secure a marine aquarium in Chicago. I am writing to ask what would be necessary, in your opinion, in order to arrange for a satisfactory sea-water aquarium, similar to the one in Philadelphia; perhaps on a larger scale.

I am sure you understand that you are to be buried in or near Chicago, when the proper time comes; that is, in four or five decades.

Hoping that I may hear from you soon,

I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

July 11th, 1902.

Professor James Loeb,
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My dear Professor Loeb:

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I remain
Very truly yours,
W. R. Harper

Personal

Wabamungo, Mich.

Aug. 25. 1902

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Dear President Harper,

Loeb It is disturbing that Loeb is still upset about California. He goes out there in Sept. & I learn that Wheeler is ready to make a big effort to get him. The idea of a purely research professorship attracts him. It is the University side rather than the College side of medicine wh. appeals to him. I understand that he would willingly be relieved of all undergraduate teaching so as to devote all his time to teaching advanced students and doing research. I think too that he would like to spend a longer time at Wood's Hole ^{each} ~~next~~ year. Mall writes me as follows: "Loeb is again the shining star for the West. Wheeler will give him what he wants & judging by what I hear from Wheeler, Loeb & others the Setting Sun will act as a great magnet. Be liberal with him; ask him what he wants and give him more is my advice to you. A few dollars, more freedom and more time at the sea-shore are little to you but they are much to him & such action would indicate to the public that you appreciate a good thing when you have it."

I have had four days visit with Billings at Mackinac Island and enjoyed it immensely. Hektoen & Herrick joined us for a couple of days. You will be glad to know that Billings' disturbing symptoms have disappeared & that he is feeling quite himself again. I shall be in Chicago on Wed. & Thurs. of the week. Yours very faithfully, Jewell F. Barker

November 11th 1904

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My dear President Harper;

I have just been notified
of my appointment at Berkeley
and I enclose my letter of
resignation, addressed to the
Board of Trustees. It is
hard for me to realize that
I shall leave this University,
yet I think that, under the
circumstances, my scientific
interests demand it. I wish
to express to you my heartiest

Thanks for all the kindness and
generosity you have shown me. It will be
a source of gratification for
me to follow, with friendly
interest, the further development
of this University, in which
I have spent, perhaps, the
most active years of my
life and in which I had
considered myself as per-
manently settled.

I realize that I must not do anything
that might make Mr. Lyon;
test harder. I have asked

Mr. Fischer to go with me to California
but his place can be satisfactorily
filled by Mr. Neilson, who has
been my research assistant and
who is an experienced teacher and
familiar with the work. Mr.
Rogers who came here to take
his degree with me will follow
me to Berkeley, but Mr.
Loethout is ready to take
his place here.

I shall notify Mr. Lyon and
ask him to return at once.

I remain

gratefully and sincerely yours,
Jacobus Leeb.

Nov. 14, 1902.

My dear Mr. Loeb:-

Your letter of November 11th has been received and will be presented to the Trustees.

I need not tell you that I am sorry that you have reached this conclusion, nor that I am confident that in the end you will believe that a mistake has been made. I know that you are sincere and I can only hope that everything may prove to be what you expect.

With best wishes for your success, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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