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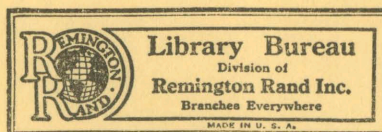
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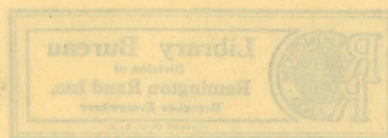
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HAMLET, N. C., *Mar 8* 1901

Dear Mr. President Barker,

I have been so busy that I haven't had time to report since Sunday. Now my train is nearly an hour late and I am stranded in this town - well named for it is melancholy enough.

Vanderbilt is ours - as in fact this entire region seems to be - but Vanderbilt can easily be made to come one way further. The Divinity School is pretty generally possessed of the idea that its members can take our Summer work and so save time. Dean Tillet does not oppose ~~the~~ his students in this, and I suggested that it might be possible for us to co-ordinate by putting in such course

as would enable Vandebilt men
to anticipate their second year in fact.
I think Hebrew adapted to second
year men will be wanted especially.
The theology would probably be less wanted.
Dean Tillett inclined upon the
lower Chicago was in the Southern
educational world though it was
our session. In fact it has been a
revelation to me.

But now we are to have rivals.
Vandebilt will run a six weeks' course
and Swanson is going into the matter
of summer work somewhat elaborately.
Its situation in the mountains is in
its favor. It can't compete with us
in toto and so each year is planning
to give one subject in great shape.
This summer it is to be English. I
have found one man who is wavering
between it and us. Why would it not
be a good plan for our newshaker
bureau to magnify our English work

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for the summer in order to meet the competition. Otherwise we may lose some English teachers.

I had a good visit at Meren. The school is sure to let the 50000. giving is 15000. more from the Education Society.

Pallock is a good man. As at home town I found men on the faculty - including Pallock - who are anxious to break free from the Southern theology. They kept me talking all day - their long addresses - and the boys turned out in good numbers. From what they said, we are likely to let some of their ministerial men. The Baptists of Georgia are said to pay 58 % of all the taxes, and this school is bound to grow. I think Small's saying there will be a fine thing. Their Bible teacher a very conservative man, told me he thought he should use Construction

Studio. Tell you the South is beginning
to move!

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There is a better institution than I
had thought. If it could be affiliated
it could be developed, and it needs
just the sort of backing, affiliation
would give, both for its own good and
to give it some prestige in the state.
Whether it could be bought about
I am uncertain. One of its trustees says
as his reason for increasing its endow-
ment that it should be enabled "to counter
the Satanic influence of higher criticism!"
But higher criticism is in the faculty there,
and the school is likely to be a factor
in the denomination along that line. Of
course they new men have to be very
cautious.

And that reminds me of something
you will perhaps think - viz. that I
am too optimistic about this intellectual
movement in the region. It is not
impossible, but it is due to facts. It

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is almost pathetic to see how the men on the faculties of these colleges want private talks with me. Except at Lexington I believe much of my time has been given to such confidential discussions. The men are full of unrest, are open to conviction, but have no one who can put them on the track. I never was so convinced of the importance of the position we hold, for man after man has thanked me for helping him to new ground. And it is simply that I have done the thing we are doing in the class room. Of course with the students it is not possible to talk except very guardedly, but they will sit with you, ask private consultations, and for all the world act as if you were a deliverer. As I have for instance, after my third talk twenty-five or

or even men waits for this sort of thing and finally Pres. Pollock had to send them away. At Athens last night a bunch of the faculty waits for half an hour in a similar way.

You understand it is not I they are interested in, but in a Christianity that ~~does~~ asks no odds and claims to be honest in its investigations. But I never felt the need of my work so much. As a scientific professor said to me such a method as ours makes it possible for him to remain a Chⁿ.

Last night they asked me to talk on the higher criticism - a subject I have studiously avoided in my addresses.

Had a good audience, containing many of the faculty. Asked the Pres. if the ~~idea~~ if I had said anything to hurt anybody's faith, and he said he thought not. So I am wondering what I said!

I hope you won't think that

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all the South is about to abandon
its time honored principles. There
are plenty of men who are not
like these men, but just the same
these men are teachers in the colleges
and are bound to influence the rising
generation. And they are coming
every year more under one influence.
The policy of sending men out on trips
like that of Small & mine is just
fitted to the case. Next year the other
colleges of Kentucky and Tenn. sh. be
cultivated.

The institutions here are looking
forward to Small's coming.

The one practical difficulty
is likely to face the Sumner work
in the future, and that is to induce

The men to be coming. Their
admiration for Chicago is great,
but they are tempted to be content
with the experience gained in one
year. I think we ought to pin down
each summer continuing the work
done in the preceding summer as
fully as possible. If the men this
coming summer were made to
realize they could and should pick
up the work in 1902 just where
they leave it in 1901 they would be
more likely to plan to come successive
years. Why might not such depart-
ment offer some such continuous
work along with complete courses.

My train seems coming in.
I think I shall go to the Va. while
I'm here.

Sincerely

Charles H. Adams

August 16th, 1900.

My dear Professor Mathews:

Shawley

I feel that I wish to express, on behalf of the University, its very great appreciation of the services you have rendered during the past months. I said to the board of trustees of the theological union last week that your services had been simply invaluable, and that I regarded the arrangement in accordance with which you became a dean in the divinity school as one entirely providential. I should like to have you know that very strong expressions of appreciation were made by the members of the board who had come in contact with your work.

I wish also to speak of the very pleasant personal relationship which has existed between us during this year, and of the pleasure I derived from your company this summer on the wheel. I am more than ever of the opinion that, from the point of view of the University, your remaining at the University was a matter of prime importance. I hope that from your own point of view it may seem

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to have been, upon the whole, a wise step.

I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

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I remain,

Very truly yours,

W. R. H. H.

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NORLINA, N. C. *Feb. 15* 1901

Dear President Barker.

Since last writing you at an S. A. L. eating house I have visited six colleges and made ten addresses. The educational condition of things in N. C., is distinctly inferior to that in any state I have visited.

The common school system is poor and high schools are practically unknown. Even Raleigh has none. Looked up high schools in Macon and Athens, but found they were probably two years behind those in the North. Greek they don't teach, and Latin is far below our requirements. Science work is so poor that the query concerning it was answered by a smile. Durham

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A.C. is in the hands of the newly
American Tobacco Co. and as
a result it has the best high
school in the state, a fine little
public library, a first class hotel
- rara avis in N.C. - a large cotton
mill with schools for its
operatives, fine streets, and a little
college, Trinity (Methodist) that
in a few years will distance any
institution I have seen since leaving
Nashville. Its buildings are new
and in every way modern. Last
year it spent \$8000. in alterations
for its physical laboratory, it has
a faculty of snappy young men
and is as confident and as sure
of its future (another striking thing
in this region) as we are of ours.
The pastor of the Baptist church
in Raleigh told me it was sure
to be the leading institution in
the South.

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At Trinity they have a graduate of Union (N. Y.) in the chair of Biblical Literature, and he is the first outspoken modern man in his work I have yet met. He is a capital fellow and not only about decided to come to us this summer, but also to come to take a Ph.D. with us after a year abroad. I found there at Trinity a great admiration for Chicago. One other man in the faculty is to be with us this summer, and a third is anxious to make a Ph.D. with Small. I have written Small about a fellowship for him. He is a strong man. A fourth man in English is also about ready to come for the summer. I did

what I came to check their
good resolutions, and I sh. not
be surprised if three, if not all
four came to us. The Southern
Methodists again are evincing their
appreciation!

At the University of North Carolina
I found one of our Doctors, Lencott,
in Latin, and at least one of the
faculty who plans to come to us
this summer if his health per-
mits. If ~~Lat~~ Cook Forest had
not fought the bill, the Legislature
would have probably given the
University 15000 additional this
year. As it was they got only 11000.
making a total income of about
60000. How they can do as
well as they do in that I cannot
see. It suffers, like all the
N. C. institutions from the
lack of good high schools, but
it has some good men. The

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denominational element is making trouble for it and for the Agricultural & Mechanical Institute (~~or~~ College) at Raleigh. They are doing fair work there I should judge, but are badly cramped for money and room.

In Raleigh I spoke at the Baptist ~~Woman~~ Female University of N. C. - saw the mark! They are going to change the name. The institution pretends to be of the same grade as Wake Forest, but is vastly inferior.

I sh. say it was almost a preparatory school grade, though offering some alleged university work. Its buildings are good, but it is \$3000. in debt.

The Baptists of N. C. are planning to raise 100000; for Wake Forest (30000)

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this Female Un (.50000) and the ^{then} four other
women's colleges and twenty-odd prepar-
atory schools (20000). Hope they will.
The President of this Female institution
has lost both his arms - makes him a
safe man for his position - but is as
brave as possible. He will make a
success of the affair, and will bring
it to a higher educational level.

One of the women teachers - you may
be interested to know declared admiring
that she was doing "real university
work", because she had given that
day one lecture on Longfellow, another
on Goethe, and a third on Browning!
In for my conscience so far into con-
trol now that I congratulated her
on her magnificent work. Whether I
for one woman than for the American
nation.

Shaw University is doing splendid
work for the negroes. Relatively I
believe it is better than most of

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the white institutions. The medical school is especially good. Its faculty ^{composed} is the ~~most~~ ^{best} of the leading white doctors of Raleigh, and its Dean has just been appointed Supr. of the state Insane Asylum. He will keep his location at Shaw though abandoning his penial practice. Shaw is developing industrial work. His Pres. Messrs. everywhere praised in the highest terms. He and his wife are in the best white society in Raleigh, though perhaps not the most fashionable. We got two of their faculty this summer.

At Wake Forest I found a very hopeful institution. They are just building a fine gymnasium, and have some very good men on their

faculty. Patent was a way, I expect
to say. I started with Pres. Taylor
who was delightfully cordial. He
brought up the matter of affiliation
and I fancy it would not be
difficult to bring it to pass in the
near future, if not at once. Mr.
Chicago appears.

Small made a huge hit
here last summer. They said he
captured the state.

This man in Biblical Literature
wants to come to us this summer
and would if we could let him
do some preaching.

If we could do a little some-
thing for these men in Bib. Lit.,
we might have them with us
pretty regularly in the summer. I
think we ought to consider and
devise some way by which we
could do it. If we had can him
in something that will give

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them something towards their expenses. I think it safe to say we shall gather nearly every man of them in the South.

The South here is beginning to move tho it less rapidly than in the other states I have been. I have a perfect respect for the roads for - perhaps I could say fear as well - for I have had to drive about 30 miles across country lately in order to meet appointments. But the farm houses all show the poverty you read about. Yet there are 216 cotton mills in N. C. with more spindles than in any other state in the country except Mass. Some people think this is the beginning of the end for the

negro. but I can't feel the force
of this argument.

Truly I shake in Richmond.

Must you had a pleasant
visit at New Orleans. If you
ever come this way you will
get a royal welcome. They have
always asked after you and
about you, and if you do come will
have a big task to live up to
the tales I have told of your prowess.
And by the way - I don't know
how you and Burton are ever going
to live with me hereafter. I've been
the University of Chicago so long now
that there's no telling what I shall
do before I get back to my real
perspective!

Yours truly
Charles H. Johnson

69 ST. GEORGE STREET
TORONTO

Nov 3. 1917

My dear President Ludson.

I am venturing to ask you for information which I hope you will not feel embarrassed in giving me. Professor Shailer Mathews is to preach an university sermon in a few weeks. Today however one of our professors told me that a recent graduate of Chicago had just reported to him that Professor Mathews is strongly anti-British and that some of his public utterances in this respect would be very objectionable

to our people. I can hardly think
that my informant is correct for
I believe that Professor Matthews
would not have accepted our in-
vitation if he felt that he would
be out of sympathy with us at the
present time of our distress.

I should like to be able to put a
stop to any such rumours for you
know how mischievous they may be.

With kind regards I am

Yours sincerely

Robert Talbot.



Chicago, November 6, 1917

My dear President Falconer:

Your favor of the 3d inst.
is received. You may say on my authority that the
rumor you have heard is preposterously and ridiculously
without foundation in fact. Indeed, the exact contrary
is the state of the case.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

President Robert A. Falconer
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 25, 1923

My dear President Burton:

I am inclosing a copy of a memorandum of a conversation which I had with the College of Missions people. It seemed best not to make a definite proposition back and forth. The position which I took relative to the University I took after conversation with Mr. Heckman. I have given him a copy of the memorandum, asking him to O.K. it, or otherwise indicate that it is something which we can send on to them for consideration at their trustees' meeting. It is necessary that something be done within the next few days, as they want to act on the matter in May. So far as I can see, the only point at issue would be the matter of the land, and I understand from Mr. Heckman that he is ready for that.

Very truly yours

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President E. D. Burton
Faculty Exchange

April 23, 1922

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE
AFFILIATION OF THE COLLEGE OF MISSIONS WITH
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

I. The College of Missions needs in the way of physical equipment,

A. A building for dormitory. In that building there should be a small chapel or assembly room, administration offices, one or more committee or class rooms. The probability is that the building could be erected for less than \$300,000, on the basis of the cost of the building now being erected by the Chicago Theological Seminary.

B. Accommodations for married students.

II. The University of Chicago is in position to furnish without charge to the College of Missions recitation rooms in its new theological building. It can also furnish, if need be, an office in that building for the sake of communication with the Divinity School and general administrative interests. It can possibly furnish some of its flats to be equipped by the Missions Board for missionaries on furlough, as in the case of the Presbyterians.

The University will furnish land of sufficient frontage on the Midway for the building of the College of Missions mentioned above, the same to be arranged on terms similar to those established by the Ryder Divinity School. The rental would be merely nominal, say a dollar a year. It would be approximately the same amount of land as is now used by the Ryder Divinity School.

It might be possible for the College of Missions to buy land in the immediate vicinity, perhaps adjoining the above land. The University business office would assist, so far as possible, in the purchase of this land if desired.

There would be no charge to the College of Missions for the use of the rooms in the University buildings. The College of Missions would thus not be under the necessity of erecting a recitation hall.

III. As regards the adjustment of curricula, granting of degrees, etc.

A. The terms of this are covered by the articles published in the Divinity Circular known as the Articles of Affiliation. They provide that the affiliating college ~~would~~ grant its own degrees if it so desired. Such of its students as wish degrees from the University would receive them in accordance with the general plan already in operation with the Chicago Theological Seminary.

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- IV. Nothing in the above understanding is to be interpreted as in the slightest degree affecting the rights of the two institutions to maintain their independence and self-determination.
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Business
February 16, 1923

My dear Mr. Burton:

I hope you will not absolutely pull out from relations with the administration of the Department. We have a situation there we want to handle so as to get the best results from the department.

It looks to me as if the work there might naturally fall into what might be called three fields: (1) exegetical, philological and patristic, as well as introduction. This Edgar might take. (2) The general historical, which would include the biblical theological in the new sense of endeavoring to see the social interplay of forces both from the Jewish and the *Hellenistic* side. This seems to me to be properly Case's position, although he is not so much concerned with the Jewish, which does rather fall in the field in which Votaw specializes. It seems desirable, therefore, from the point of view of the school at large that the prescribed courses should be taught as at present - 1 by Case, 2 by Goodspeed; 71 ought to be taught from the point of view of being a virile, inspirational course intended to interest people primarily in the subject matter. You have taught it in such a way as to make it a great factor in our institutional life. Nothing could be more fatal than to have it become dry or technical discussion for these younger students. I feel very keenly that Case ought to give it. I see the difficulties in the way, but if Votaw be frankly told that his work is most valuable for the advanced students I think that the matter will be clear. I don't need to explain this to you further.

I think also that there ought to be some sort of technic in the running of the department; that is to say that the student should be asked to choose in what field he would specialize, then he should be referred to Case if it be a matter of his interest, and Goodspeed should not undertake to organize his courses. Let Case organize the courses and report to him as Chairman. This is exactly the way that G. B. Smith and I get along, and I know it is practicable.

You have been able to handle all the field, but there is only one you. I am very sure that this arrangement will go far to adjust matters. I think that the question of Votaw's courses should be adjusted by the other two, for his work is largely supplementary to both sides. But, in any case, the prospective candidate for a degree should be given the option of choosing an adviser for his work. If he chooses Votaw, well and good. Let the Chairman of the department, therefore, not be counted as your successor in the field of direction of courses, but only the general administration. That was the original plan, I am sure, in the change. No man ought to be at the mercy in his courses of others' decision in the case of students who wish to work with him.

Very truly yours

SM F d

Shailer Mathews

