

MEADVILLE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

22nd. February, 1911.

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You will be interested to know that at the meeting of our Board of Trustees, February 13th. last, a Committee was appointed to consider the practicability and desirability of removing the School to the city of Chicago. This plan of course, involves in our minds co-operation with the University along lines which I have considered with you and President Judson. The Committee appointed consists of Mr. Hull, Mr. Edgar Huidekoper, ^{The Treasurer,} Dean Fenn, Secretary Wilson of the American Unitarian Association and myself. The Committee met in Boston, Saturday, and decided to bring the matter before the Alumni at their meeting on May 26th. next. In order that the Alumni may be informed of what is contemplated, it was thought best to send out to them a statement of what was proposed, including in a broad and general way the co-operation of the University of Chicago. It was decided however, that we should keep the matter out of the denominational papers for the present.

I should like to know whether you see any objection to sending this kind of statement to the Alumni. It is of course, not our intention to commit the University of Chicago further than they are already committed by the statement of the plan of co-operation which is now operating between the University and the Disciples Theological School.

Since the annual meeting of our Board at which the Committee is to report is to be held May 31st., it is perhaps desirable that there should be some preliminary negotiations with the University before the Alumni have met, and before that time it is likely to be necessary to print something in ^{our} ~~the~~ denominational papers; otherwise there will be no proper way of getting the matter before the persons interested. I should be glad to be advised by you however, as to

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You will readily understand that the bare suggestion of removal has aroused strenuous opposition at this end of the line. I can only say that the Faculty and I think nearly all the non-resident members of the Board are likely to be strongly in favor of the removal, and under these conditions it looks as if there ought to be some way of accomplishing it. I shall doubtless, have to call upon you for advice more than once, and for any assistance you can render in the premises, I shall be truly grateful. It occurs to me that you might be able and willing to give me now a brief statement which I might quote, if necessary, at the proper time, as to your own opinion concerning the desirability of cooperating with the University. It is understood, of course, that such an opinion will embody your own experience in cooperation as a Divinity School with the University of Chicago, and in removing from another location in order to secure University advantages.

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What is now contemplated is to include some material with regard to the proposed removal in the forth-coming Quarterly Bulletin of our School. It goes out to the Alumni and to about four hundred other ministers, and is sent to the Theological Schools of the country. The committee is not proposing any further publicity at present, and I hasten to consult you ^{as to the foregoing sentences} in order that I may not in any way compromise you by publishing this much. You understand, of course, that the matter is only at present in its preliminary stages. I look for a favorable verdict on the part of the Alumni, and in general on the part of the churches, by which the School has been supported. It is to be expected, however, that there will be vigorous local opposition and it remains to be seen whether that can be overcome. It will be obviously necessary for me to take up more explicitly with you the terms of the proposed affiliation before any definite steps can be taken.

I received your letter stating that it would be impossible for you to accept our invitation to give the Commencement Address June 1st. I am sorry that this is so, but I avail myself now of your permission to seek your cooperation in securing some other member of the University of Chicago Faculty. The name of Dean Matthews has occurred to me as one whom we should probably like to hear and also that of Professor Henderson who has visited the School before. The date of the Ballou lecture on the day before Commencement is coincident with that of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. It is conceivable that questions may arise in the minds of some members

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If you will kindly advise me on both of these points, I shall be very grateful.

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March 23, 1911

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Your favor of the 9th of March was duly received. I have held it in order to consult with some of the friends on the matter. I am not prepared at this time to give any details, but should be glad to meet your committee or any members of it to talk the matter over. As you know, the general plan suggested in our previous conversation meets my entire approval, and I have no doubt that we could easily reach a basis. On the suggestion that you make I would only venture the following comments:

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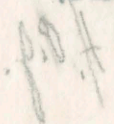
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March 28, 1911.

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

Dec. 6, 1923.

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President E. D. Burton,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Burton:

I take this my first opportunity to notify you that our Board of Trustees at their meeting last week voted by a large majority to move the School to Chicago, the removal to take place in the Autumn of 1924, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable. You of course understand that to vote to remove the School is not to remove it and that there are liable to be legal tangles to straighten out before the removal is actually effected, indeed it is possible that insuperable difficulties may be found. Competent legal advice, however, is to the effect that the removal is possible, even though it may be delayed.

Thanking you again for the light you have thrown on our problem and for your friendly attitude, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

G. C. Southworth

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 13, 1923.

F. C. Southworth,
Meadville, Pa./

Can ~~myself~~ see your Committee my office
ten thirty Tuesday? ~~Conference with~~
~~Divinity Faculty could be arranged for~~
~~afternoon.~~

Ernest D. Burton.

Dean Matthews occupied.

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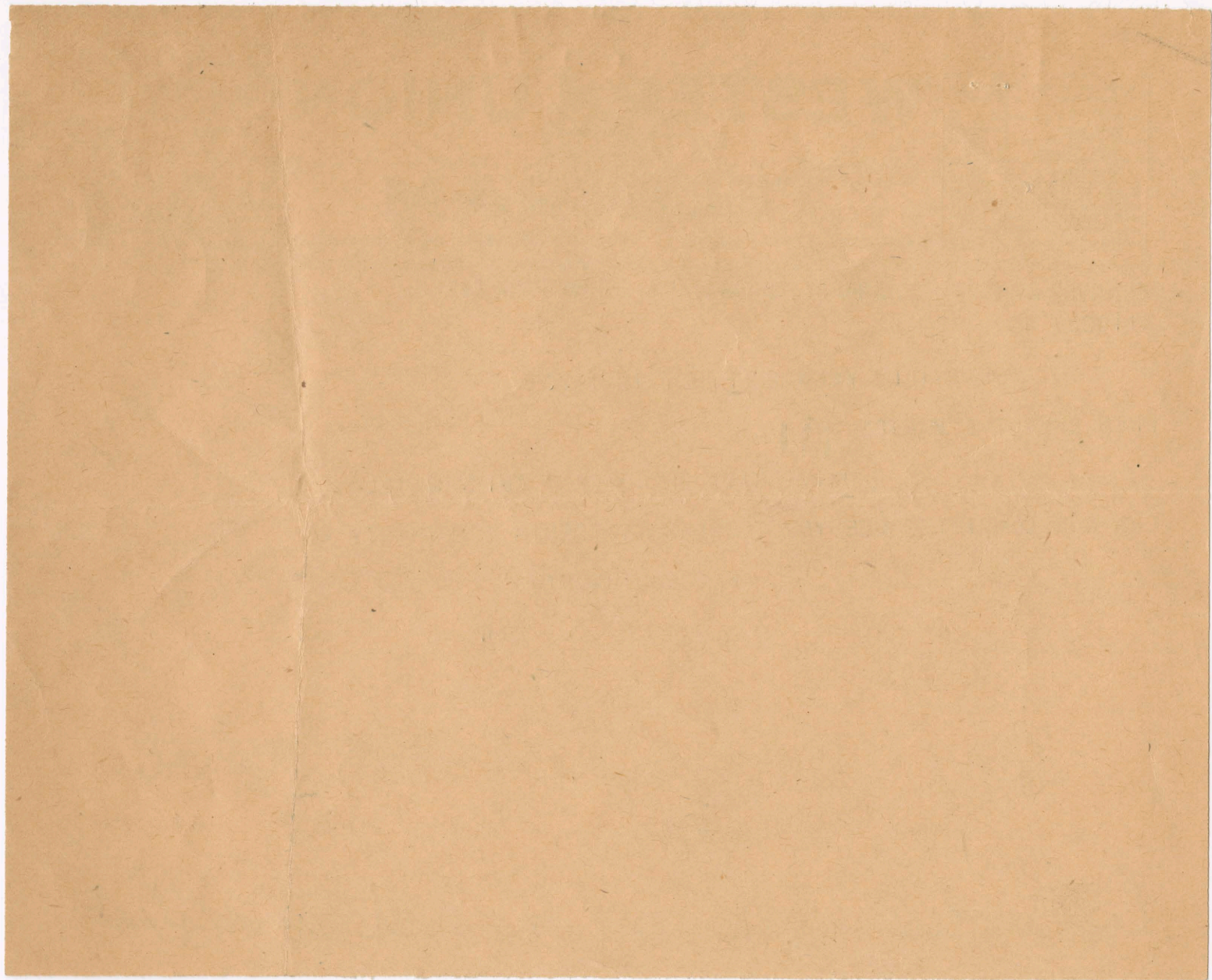
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*Day of Lloyd George's arrival
in Chicago.*

Look at letter of Am on L.G. - Will this conflict

*Mathew Canyon
I have a class
10-11, 11-12.*

*We have a
meeting of the
Com. 12:30.*



October 8, 1923

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3. Your location in the immediate vicinity of the University will make membership in the Quadrangle Club practicable for the members of your faculty, and though members of the University have precedence in eligibility, the constitution providing that 65 per cent of the members of the Club must always be from the members of the University, yet residents of the neighborhood, when elected, have the same privileges in the Club as members of the University Faculty. I am confident that those of you who have spent a summer at Chicago will agree with me that the opportunities of association with scholarly men

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Students of the Meadville Divinity School desiring to take a degree from the University would receive credit for work done in the Meadville School on the same terms on which credit is given to students coming to us, as they frequently do, from other institutions.

It will be, of course, evident to you from the preceding statement that what ^{I have} ~~the University has~~ in mind is not formal affiliation or a contractual relation, but a friendly relationship between the two institutions - especially between the Faculty of the Divinity School of the University and the Meadville Theological Seminary Faculty of the Meadville Theological School. Such an arrangement by which each institution would maintain its own corporate independence and gain the advantage of juxtaposition and the sixteenth and the seventeenth and as I am a member of the Committee to receive him, it will perhaps be better to avoid these two days for your visit.

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I am assuming that if your removal to Chicago should take place, the present arrangement between the Divinity School and the Meadville School would automatically terminate, the presupposition of it being the location of the Meadville School in another city.

I should be glad to correspond with you further about this matter, or to discuss it with you and the representatives of your School in Chicago on the fifteenth or the sixteenth, as you may desire.

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The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Office of the President

October 6, 1955

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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Chicago, Ill.

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Sincerely yours,

F. C. Santhworth

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 EITHER IN CHICAGO OR SOME PLACE IN THE EAST NEAR NEWYORK OR BOSTON
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September
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Taft House, New Haven

That the representation Meadville
School ^{here} preferably after - October
first, when Dr. Mather
returns, but ~~can be earlier~~
if preferred any day before
Sept ~~21~~ twenty fourth.

Ernest D. Burton

Wm. S. Hall

Left Home, Dec 2nd

Had no correspondence in
School, ^{here} ~~preferably~~ after - October
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Wm. S. Hall

September 20 1971.

Dear Shailer Mathews day letter
Monson, Maine.

Morton D. Hull wires interview with
representative Meadville School
urgently as desired within next few
days. Replying see him here his
commence, but preferably after-
Oct first. Please wire any suggestion.
SBL - Inmanuel Church matter - ~~propos~~
progressing Trustees authorized
Queret Committee - Wire me your
general attitude and any sug-
gestion -

Ernest S. Burton

September 20, 1900

My dear

Franklin

Dear

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Yours

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The University of Chicago

Office of the President

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gone to Dean Shaler
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I then stated the obstacles to affiliation with Meadville were: (a) the fear on our part that the class of students which the school would wish us to accept under terms of affiliation would be below the grade of those we would be willing to take; (b) that the consequence of this would be, that inasmuch as they have few students now the application of our restrictions would still further reduce the number to a point where affiliation would be, from the sheer size of the school, inadvisable. I pointed out what had happened in the case of the Ryder Divinity School in which there were now no professors and no students. I said that we did not wish to repeat this experience. (c) I indicated that this very situation would tend to create administrative difficulties, and stated that that had actually been the case already. When asked specifically as to what I meant by this, I said that there was constant pressure upon us to receive students whom we could not receive under our standards.

I did not specifically mention our unwillingness to receive members of their faculty into ours as one of the obstacles to affiliation, but it was made perfectly clear that they would not be so received.

When asked whether there was some other form of arrangement which might be entered into, I suggested an arrangement similar to that ~~if~~ made by the Y.M.C.A. College. Mr. Reese evidently regarded this as not a particularly happy example, and asked if some other school might be named. I mentioned McCormick and Garrett.

More specifically, I suggested that there was no obstacle to their proceeding to remove their school to Chicago and erecting it in the vicinity of the University; that the very contiguity of location would carry with it certain advantages. As citizens of Chicago and members of an adjacent school their faculties, ^{and} students would have the use of our libraries and easy attendance upon our public lectures; that their faculty would stand on their own footing as individuals - conceivably they might, as individuals, become members of our faculty, but not by virtue of membership in their school; that their students, in applying for credit with us would be treated as students from any other school, namely would be given credit if the school maintained sufficiently high standards. It would therefore be up to them to determine what credit they would give our students, and indirectly what credit we would give theirs.

In reply to the question whether these professors would feel themselves outclassed, I said I thought there was no reason for that, but made it clear that they could not expect faculty standing with us, and that their students would get no credits with us except as individuals. He asked if there could be some sort of contract of affiliation. I said, "Not of affiliation." But suggested that there might of course be a memorandum of the privileges which their school would enjoy.

In reply to the question whether their students would have free tuition with us, I said that I thought not, but that that might be considered.

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My dear Burton,

I have just wired you to the general effect that I heartily favored the Inman proposal but did not favor the Meadville.

I had a long talk over this matter with Foot, Pres. Elliot & H. Babcock. I also talked with Southworth. (You will recall that ^{before so doing} I consulted you and you agreed with me that it was not advisable to enter into any further affiliation. Furthermore I wrote a careful letter to Southworth about the matter saying that no action could be taken until the Faculty of the Div. Sch. could consider it after Oct 1. I also wrote Davis to get his reaction. He agreed with us.

There is no reason for their trying to hurry matters now. I can see no reason for changing our decision. After fully explaining matters to Pres. Elliot, I got the impression that he saw me looking at one not theological but admin-

istration. My points were about these.

1. There is no question of teaching involved. ^{Some} members of our Faculty are verbally more radical than theirs. Nor was there any question as to the quality of their teachers or of the existing arrangement. (I had, however, notified Southworth that we could no longer let their students elect at pleasure from non-Divinity courses. He acceded.)
2. We felt that no school should be affiliated that was not on a graduate basis. Elliot, Peabody & Southworth agreed. But they said Medville would be on a grad. basis. I said I did not see how they could ever have more than 20 students. Southworth agreed.
3. We did not want to multiply small theological schools in affiliation with us. Elliot secured the importance of this, especially when I instanced his own policy.
4. I drew the distinction between the intimacies of affiliation, such as we have with Chicago Theol. Sem. and cooperation such as we have with McCornick, Garrett & especially YMCA College. I compared the situation to the relation ^{of} between Harvard Div. Sch. & Andover.

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anti-orthodoxy which is by its very nature
belligerent and critical.

Of course I couldn't say just this to the
Madville people. The other friends are sufficient.
But ~~we~~ must have unity of attitude and spirit if
we are to do our best.

Let them know this if we have to. ^{Let them} Is rather
be damned as illiberal by the Unitarians than
boycotted by other denominations as Unitarian. The
more the Unitarians criticize our evangelicism
the better it will be for us. But I hope they will
see things without forcing us to say this!

And still deeper between ourselves - these people
are polite - but they are persistent to get something
from us. So far as I know the Congregationalists are
anxious to give us all they can.

And finally, we don't want to delude the Div. Sch
with ~~new~~ teachers whom we don't elect and control.

So let's beware the pressure they are exerting
under the ~~pressure~~ ^{because of their committee} re. Let them make
such decision as they want to without any promise

of any greater intimacy than now exists between
McC. Garrett &c.

I shall be on duty Oct 1, but if they can't
wait till then, I suppose I could cut my vacation
short - except I have to preach at Wellesley last 30.
But I might arrange that, I suppose. But I
devoutly hope it won't be necessary! But even
if Wellesley are less important than the
Dev Tch. and a certain President whom I have
as well as they!

Sincerely
Charles Matthews

How I wish you could be here the next two weeks.
Can't you slip over by the C.P.R. to Greenville?
I'll not talk shop and I'll rest you up!

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the one hand and with Cambridge (Epis) or Newton on the other. Elliot agreed.

5. I said we should welcome Meadville students as individuals (subject to our regulations)
6. I also talked rather freely with Footh & Elliot as to the danger of psychological inhibitions and so of possible friction (in spirit at least) between Mead. & us in the intimate cooperation which works so admirably with C.T.S. But I have come to see how easy it would be for friction to arise even the common hubbub less pronounced. But here is ^a ~~the~~ real consideration. E.g. Southworth doesn't like our Doxology. Should we change it?

7. The more I study the situation the more I am convinced that we shall hurt our School if ^{teaching from} it should come to be regarded as a mixture of faculties of different institutions. In other words, I am very cautious about ^{any} further affiliation with theological schools. The College of Ministers would be different, for it would be

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an addition to a special field.

8. I told Foot that if Meadville came it would be in the same position as any independent, unaffiliated school (like those mentioned above). So he understood it.

9. And now as "man to man", I don't think it would help us to have Meadville affiliates. They will exploit the relation and it will hurt our connections, just at this critical time with the evangelical forces ^{in Baptists}. A modernist is one thing. A Unitarian is another. The Meadville people are all possessed of a denominational - even sectarian - consciousness and (in some cases) ~~a~~ mission. There is no future for them. They can't get first rate men except from disaffected evangelicals. They have hardly a college graduate in their number. To add them to our cloudy ~~costs~~ co-working group will be a real injury. And this is shared strongly by Davis who thinks such affiliation would injure his position while raising money. The future lies with one type of evangelicalism not with an

Medville

MORTON D. HULL
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President Emma D. Barton
University of Chicago
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Perhaps he will have done
so before this letter reaches you.
Thanking you for your courtesy
in this matter I am

Yours very truly

Morton D. Hull

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Wendell

Carleton B. B. B. B.
University of Chicago
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make this latest correspondence of
your telephone address to me
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of the Wendell volume is of
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to call on you in regard to it.
Perhaps the matter has been
so important to you as to be
threatening you for your country
in the matter. I am
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Wendell