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Auditorium Hotel. Chicago.

October 27th. 1902.

President W. R. Harper.
Chicago University.

My dear Dr Harper,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the courtesy of your reply. I wish that some of you men, whose influence is almost unbounded, would try to give us in each of the American cities at least one paper that stands for truth. The sting is taken from your statement by the counter-balancing part of it.

I hold no brief for a certain kind of theology which is undoubtedly taught in connection with the Bible Institute, neither do I care to defend what seem to me the vagaries of some of those who have been most intimately associated with its work. I nevertheless believe that it would be quite easy to demonstrate that the amount of good done by the Institute far outweighs the harm. Of course personally, and just between ourselves, I am inclined to think that what many would call, yourself included I expect, the scientific conception of the Bible, for which the University of Chicago stands, has done incalculably more harm to Christianity than all the narrowness of the Bible Institute position. Of course personally I should hardly be prepared to call your method the scientific one. I should rather call it the method of the hypothesis. I know I am not an expert, but I venture to claim that I am a juror, who has given what attention has been possible to the testimony on two sides, of a great question; and I do not feel prepared to accept many of the conclusions of the so-called scientific method, while yet I am perfectly prepared to give up anything in the interests of truth.

If you will allow me, without the slightest feeling of bitterness, and without presuming to think that I have the right to dictate to you, I should like to say that the objectionable part of your statement in public is that an Institute was named. I know to my sorrow, that this method has been adopted by certain who have

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Apologizing for the length of this communication.

I am,

My dear Dr Harper,

Yours sincerely,

G. Campbell Morgan.

Dictated.

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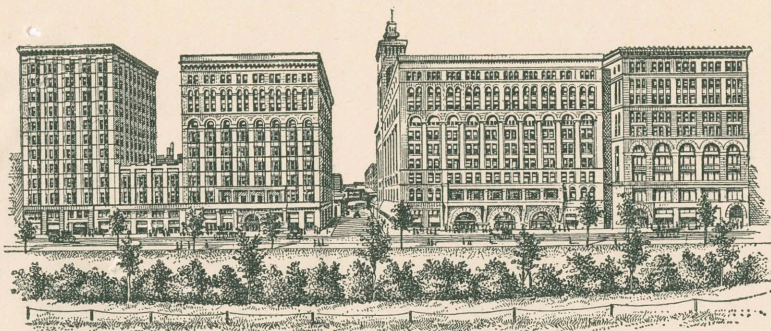
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R. H. Southgate, President

Chicago, 27th Oct. 1902.

My dear President Harper,

I was not able to be present at the afternoon meeting yesterday as I hoped to be. The paper this morning reports you as having said, among other things, that "The Moody Institute and similar institutions are doing incalculable injury to the cause of Christianity."

Having suffered many things at the hands of the American Press, I write to you asking if this is indeed a correct report, before making any public reference to the statement.

Thanking you in anticipation for the courtesy of a reply,

I am my dear D^r Harper

Sincerely yours

Campbell Morgan.

October 24th, 1902.

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Rev. G. Campbell Morgan,

Auditorium Hotel, Chicago.

My dear Dr. Morgan:-

W. L. G.

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