

I send you a little pamphlet
from which you will get
some idea of the work I
propose to do with the class
in the Election in Theology. The
class will number about 30.
I have good reason to believe the
my will be interested & profited
by the work. You will see
that I incorporated your
suggestion as to the Index.

The brethren here think the
general plan first-rate. I think
I may mention today that it is
original. Shall be glad to hear
from you often - Kind regards to
Mrs. Harper. Yours sincerely G. W. Northrup.

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Sep. 17 1886.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter just

recd. As to the inquiries you make
I would say;

1. We have need 24 or 30 new students
in the English department. Several
more expected. The Scandinavian de-
partment does not open till Sep. 28
when we expect some 6 or 8 new
men for that department. So we
shall have at least 40 new
students this year. Of old students
50 will return, making 90 in
all. The new material is better

His class work is taking hold this week with great vigor in the lecture room. I think the repeated reflexion of dynamite beneath him has thoroughly worked him up.

3. We all think Prof. Price will be highly successful from the very start. He has made the most favorable impression upon us all - Faculty & Students. I believe he will be one of the most popular men in the Faculty.

My own health is good. I have fully recovered from my trouble.

than the average. 2 additions to the Senior class - ^{Curry} ~~Smith~~ & ~~Chapman~~. 4 to the Middle class - Julius, Marshall, Lewis & Matteson. I think Price will have a Junior class of 15.

2. The opening address of Dr. Page was noteworthy in two respects: He spoke extemporaneously - not having a scrap of paper before him. And he spoke with great ease & power. In the second place the address was A. I. in its conception, development & expression. It was in all respects 50 per cent better than anything he has done since leaving the Park.

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in a theological school, where you
 are, one needs to feel that he is
 standing on a sure foundation.

The Congregational Body is under-
 going disintegration - like that
 which took place in the rise of
 Unitarianism. When every Evangelical
 Church in Boston, but one, apostatized
 from the faith. There is an element
 of rationalism in the Congregational
 Churches ^{which} will work out similar
 results from time to time. I pray
 that the Lord may guide you with
 the true truth.

You will allow me to say that
 I think Yale is no place for students
 honoring the Baptist Ministry in view.
 They are almost certain to adopt
 views & modes of thought that will
 unfit them for efficient service
 in Baptist Churches. Yale is a very
 poor place for such students as
 Logie, Bonker, McLean & others

in a large city, where you
 are sure to find that the
 thing is a common occurrence
 the correspondence being in
 going to the office in the
 which took place in the
 business, when every day
 must be better, but not, especially
 from the point. There is no doubt
 of satisfaction in the correspondence
 Chicago, since we are not
 records from time to time. I hope
 that it has been explained to you
 the first time.

You will observe to say the
 thing is to be done for the
 having the best of everything in
 they are almost certain to be
 with a number of things that
 must be done for efficient service
 in better condition is a very
 good plan for the future and
 the best of everything.

like —

I doubt if we shall attempt to carry out our plan for an Institute. I do not see any way to incur the necessary expenses, & besides I fear that we may be demoralized to wobble the door of the year on account of the failure of the Ed. Soc. to meet its obligations.

As to the University of Ottawa, I think Mr. Simpson's name will be considered among others. Perhaps you would feel at liberty to say a good word for him as one whose claims should be taken into the account, after that of Mr. Burns, or in case Mr. B. should not desire the position.

I enclose a Schedule of Slotters in my department. Please tell me what you think of it, as it is open to modification. Suggest

3.11.11

Wm -

I don't if we shall attempt
to carry out our plan for the
present. But we are organizing
to meet the necessary expenses &
I have that our only hope
consequently to avoid the danger
of your so account of the future
of the B. & O. I want to express
my opinion.

As to the University of Illinois. I
think Mr. Thompson's name will
be considered among them. I hope
you would see at least the
way of good work for him as
our other claims should be
taken out the act, after the
Mr. Thompson. We can do it.
I don't think the position
of the University of Illinois
is a very important one.
It is for the University. I hope

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Some other topics. My design is
to teach two subjects - that is in
case they should be chosen - one
of them requiring one hour &
one two hours. It is very diffi-
cult for me to suggest a
scheme of studies that is sat-
isfying considering the com-
plex in your studies.

Mr. Rockefeller has repeated saying
that he does not yet see his way
to do anything for Chicago, but
adding that he has the matter
still in mind. I shall write
him this week.

Yours truly
G. W. Potter

I have often before. My change is
 to those that I have - that is to
 say the change in the - even
 of them requiring our hands &
 our two hands. It is a difficult
 with for me to suggest a
 change of thinking that is not
 important considering the com-
 munity of our interests.
 Mr. Root has been very interesting
 that he does not get into business
 to do anything for Chicago, but
 something that he has the interest
 that is in mind. I have not
 been this week.
 Yours truly,
 B. W. Whittier

I have arranged a lecture for
Every week in the year.

I am not at all certain about
the financial work in New York in
Dec. But an effort should be
made there if there is any prospect
of results.

Give my kindest regards to
Mrs. Harper.

Yours sincerely
G. W. Northrup

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Oct. 2nd. 1886.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I brought before
the Faculty the matter of having other
students than our own enter the course
in January. They were disposed to allow
you to act as you deemed best, but
thought that a good deal of care
should be exercised in determining as
to the men to be admitted. Having
stated the action of the Faculty I
will take the liberty of expressing
my own personal opinion which
is not altogether favorable to the

in the work. "I think we shall
start a Baptist University at the
Park, the report to get as a
proposition from the Land Co.:-

1. A Campus of 20 acres.
2. A Building.
3. The Building of the Ladies
College in two or three years
4. A certain interest in the sale
of 100 acres just West of the
proposed campus. The only
point of doubt is the second
one - the putting up a new
Building

The U. Academy in City
starts off with 40 students!!
Laddie is one of them

idea of admitting outsiders.
The principle reason for this opinion
is that the coming week is our
experiment & I would like to see
the experiment tried under the most
favorable circumstances. So I think
it would be best for you to let
our own students handle them here
for this year. Having gone through
the week in Jan. ¹⁸⁸⁷ you would be
in a better position to judge as to the
wisdom of admitting outsiders in
Jan. 1888.

The work in the Spring goes on just
about the same. Price is well spoken of by the
students - especially the best students like
Anderson. I have 35 in my
election. They seem greatly interested

By a vote of 35 out of 36.

There is no occasion for any disturbance of mind concerning the feelings of students or towards the work you contemplate doing in the coming three years. It will be thoroughly appreciated & highly valuable. You may trust me ~~now~~ to give you all information in which you are personally concerned. And please ask your reliable correspondent to consult me about any coming matters that he proposes to report to you. I feel more since the necessity of acting upon my own judgment in regard to a good many coming matters.

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Oct. 10 1886.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter of Oct. 7th rec'd yesterday. I am sorry to see that your mind has been somewhat disturbed by information communicated from this quarter. Please say to your reliable correspondent that he is off his base. I am not aware that any member of the Faculty thinks a mistake was made in arranging to have you here in January. As to myself my judgment has undergone no change whatever. I had no doubt at first & have no doubt now that the worth of

magnifying difficulties in relation
to any new departure. So he sees,
or thinks he sees, some difficulty
in the way of work in Jan; one
of which & the principal one I
think - is that some member of the
upper class may not need to do
work in your department & so will
need some special instruction
aside from the regular course.
But my opinion is that you will
have every man in the Middle &
Senior Classes in Feb. or Oct. Lat. &
Eng. or in both. I have no doubt
that if the question of your coming
here were submitted to the students
it would be decided in your favor.

Jan. will be as valuable as any
month of the year to the students as
a body. Dr. Sarge, as you know,
has no definite opinion upon
any subject. I doubt if he is
really more than you as to the
new this winter. Dr. Bain undoubtedly
likes you better at a distance than
near by; but I think he regards
this plan with favor, if for no other
reason, that it will enable him to
prolong his visit at the South. As
to Dr. Hulbert your kind heart
is disposed to regard any new measure.
You know that there is no person on
the face of this planet who can
beat him in multiplying &

Doct's notes a little. I never
begin to realize before how near
to nothing in value to theologic
students is the work which has been
done in the department yet in last
week in our series. It makes
one sick at heart to think of it.

But there is some satisfaction in
knowing that it cannot continue
much longer. Sager is doing
100 per cent. better than he did last
year. Dr. Bellant is doing
excellent work, though the black-
board business still continues.

There was ~~more~~ a little spent
intellectually & religiously in the series
than this year. Please destroy
this letter.

Yours letter of - dot recd &
am obliged for the information
in it relative to the Society. Think
the information correct. So far
as I can judge I need diss
any more satisfactory results with
Students than I am doing in
Rome. The interest is quite
beyond what I expected. And
I have no doubt that the work
is showing the class - the
superficiality - unprofitableness -
superficiality - inanity of the work
they have been doing in class Text
Greek. I have examined the

as
will venture to make. Do
much as you can in the
way of Exegesis, both in Heb.
& in Old Test. Eng. The
Students are hungry for
Exegetical work in the Old Test.
& the New.

I have told the students that
your work will begin im-
mediately after Christmas. It
cannot probably begin
before Tuesday - Jan. 4.

Mrs. N. is much better.
I am delighted with your
work. I hope ^{you} will
You must be taken to
the utmost.
Yours, G. W. Northrup

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Oct. 18, 1886

My dear Dr. Herper:

I am obliged
for your kind letter. I will
do my best to make
your week here in the highest
degree successful. My opinion
is based on seven years of obser-
vation and is not easily changed.
And if I see a disposition
in any quarter apparently un-
favorable to you or your work
I will take pains to empha-
size my opinion of you as
a teacher far more strongly

120 hours; 60 in Heb. & 60 in Old Test. Eng. This will give each student who takes two studies 60 hours in 20 days - 3 hours a day. Is this not too much? Would it not be better to arrange the work so that those who take two studies will run about the same time per week as during the rest of the year - viz. 12 hours? Possibly some of them may feel that 3 hours per day will require too much work of them.

Another suggestion I

then I did when you were a member of our Faculty.

Now I want every member of the two upper classes to do all their work in Jan. under

1. Some of them must do all their work in Old Test. English.

2. Some of them may do all their work in Hebrew.

3. Some of them will do work in both Heb. & Old Test. Eng.

According to the statement made to me in the letter you drew up, your arrangements for

I find that I know more about
 the way to build up a Society than
 all the members of the Society Board
 combined. I have reached the time
 of life & that degree of experience that I
 do not need to cypher a new
 measure all sent on the blockboard;
 I run all around it, & over it & under
 it & through it, in order to feel
 sure as to what it amounts to.
 And I propose to determine
 a good many things on my own
 responsibility - more than I have
 done heretofore - All this you
will bear in mind is written
in confidence & for your eye alone.

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Mrs. Northrup has been & still
is seriously ill - under the care
of a nurse & her Mother who has
come on from New York. Extraordinary
mental excitement rendering her
at times quite irresponsible. I
am in great fear as to the result.
I have been fearfully taxed for
two weeks. A few weeks more
of the same thing will quite wear
me up.

I should like to find how
you are starting off in your
work at New York.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. Northrup

As soon as you send back
the printed topics, I will see
that the election is made in
two or three days. Prof. P. Dwyer
will leave nothing ^{standing} ~~undone~~
in giving the work a first meeting.
After it is once under way it
will increase in momentum
in a geometric ratio.

Yours sincerely

G. W. Northrup.

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Oct. 23, 1886.

My dear Dr. Herpin

Your letter recd.

The work outlined in your plan
is magnificent. The classes cannot
fail to take hold of it with
major enthusiasm.

In regard to change I suggest
three minor ones.

1. I think it would be better to
begin work Jan. 4. 9. A. M.

I fear some will find it im-
practicable to get down in time for

is quite different.

3. I see a difficulty in the 7th point
under the Remarks,

The Eng. Juniors must go
on with the regular Juniors in
Theol. Hon. & Ch. Hist. - 6 hours
a week. I have them do one hour
in ~~both~~ ^{both} classes. If you
shrink from this in the 5th
course 'ten hours would be added
to their work = 17 hours. I think
you had better require them to
~~take~~ take but one course.

Better indicate strict. This will
give them 12 hours - all that
they can do.

my work on Monday the 3rd.

2. I think it not well to have the
^{regular} ~~English~~ Juniors meet in Old

Test. Eng. My reason is this.

The other members of the Faculty
will have nothing to do with the
Month of Jan. but the ~~other~~ ^{other} members
of the Junior class & so the class
should not take up my new work.

I know the Catalogue gives the class
some work in Old. Test. Eng
as required. But I know the
Programme of the Catalogue was
made out and expected to
go right on as a Faculty through
the year, but the actual Programme

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G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Oct. 24, 1886.

My dear Dr. Hervey,

I am sorry that you
feel disappointed in not having
the Junior Class (B.D.) in the
Old Test. work. I made the sugges-
tion I did in order to avoid what
would be a ^{source} source of criticism
a irritation on the part of some
members of the Faculty. Personally
I have no objection to the arrange-
ment which you suggested. But
that part of their regular work
would they give up?

It will not be so. And if
you take them in Hebrew you
will practically run the Club
during the month.

I write this line knowing
that any disappointment in
your plan is something
rather hard for you to bear.

I have the deepest interest in
the success of your work & believe
I am working most efficiently
for that result.

Yours sincerely,
J. M. Chubbuck.

Of course you have the B. Th. Juniors.

The regular Juniors have 11 or
12 hours per week; they certainly
could not add to this 5 hours
per week - which they would be
required to do in country schools
one of your members.

Would you be willing that the
Juniors should substitute Old Test.
Eng. for Hebrew in Jan?

When you send me the printed
copies I will take pains to see
if anything can be done in
arranging them the Junior
takes one of your courses.

But I think you are mistaken
in supposing that the parents to
have the Juniors will be un-
willing to give you a few hours.

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G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Nov. 1, 1885

My dear Dr. Butler,

The B. D. Juniors
have 12 hours work per week;
Hab. 3; Gr. 3; Theol. 2; Hist.
2; Hom. 2. Just what
arrangement would you sug-
gest that would enable you
to get in 5 hours per week
in Old Test. Ling? Does work
not often get suspended? You
know very well that some
members of the Faculty would

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G. W. Northrup, President

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not yield on honor of their
Term. It seems to me that
you will see, upon considering
all the facts of the case, that your
plan as regards the B. D. Juniors
is impracticable. I want you
plain of work to be prepared
everything that might suggest
a provoke criticism.

Yours truly,
G. W. Northrup

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Nov. 13, 1886.

My dear Dr. Herper's

I suppose you

will send you the list
of the students who have chosen
your studies. I think every man
in the two upper classes has chosen
two or three courses. The Eng. Sem.
have also made their choice. It looks
as if you would have but
4 classes - the Student - Choosing
Class the I. III. IV. & V. classes
with the exception of two or three
who selected the II. I should think

Middle Series - one large
sit will be difficult to get
through the year a sermon
from each one, unless we
use Jon. in the way suggested.

I have not brought the
matter up in the Faculty Meeting
not wishing to know it decided
till I had your consent.

I do not think Dr. Boer
will go South this winter,
Especially will be in the Park
the rest of the session. There
is no likelihood that Dr. Hult
will be our Jon.

Yours sincerely
E. M. Northrup.

it would be more satisfactory
to you to have your charges then
Dinner. I think occasion
to say a strong word to to each
of the doers in my own lecture
room. The feeling relative to
the Jon. text is just - right -
all that you could desire.

Would you sum my ob-
jection to a preaching service
in the morning over a week? It
could be, say at 9 A.M. The
preachers could have the benefit
of preparation all out of the
way before Jon. And the other
students would be there only
the hour of the service. The doors

though met in the support of Mr.
Gregory, for he is clearly in the
wrong. Possibly he might be
induced to have an assistant.
Though I seriously doubt if
he would.

I write this in the strictest
confidence with the request that
you destroy this letter at once.

Yours very sincerely,

G. W. N.

Baptist Union Theological Seminary.

G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Mar 20 1886.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Yesterday Mr. Gregory,

the Senior, failed in his Greek
recitation. Dr. B. said, "Mr. G. do
you know how many times you
have failed this year?" Mr. G.

replied that ^{he} did not know, & ^{you}
as a reason ~~for~~ ^{his} repeated failures ^{the}
he had no interest in the department.

Whereupon Dr. dismissed him from
the class. Of course Mr. G's
remark was discourteous &
altogether out of place. ^I ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~

of closing his work. What can
be done? It will not do for
me to be involved in any action
securing his resignation. And
desires his age & long service
should be taken into con-
sideration. But it is a serious
matter to go on in this way much
longer. Perhaps you can make
some suggestion that may be
helpful in this direction. Few
are in a position to get infor-
mation which it would be
difficult or impossible for
me to secure. I think it
quite likely that the Senior
Class might take some action.

him that he would like to
make an apology to the Professor
& take his position in the class or
he could not graduate. But
the fact is that some of the very
best men in the class have told
him that he had their fullest
sympathy & that they would
much prefer to spend the hours
of recitation in their ~~own~~ rooms.
All this is in accordance with
what you indicated in your recent
letter.

The question is what can be done
to solve this problem? Dr. B,
has passed the time of his usefulness
in the Sem. But he has no thought

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G. W. Northrup, President.

Morgan Park, Ill., Nov. 18, 1888.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter just received.

I am glad that the prospect for the
You. work is satisfactory. It seems
to me of first rate. I have no doubt that
the result will be highly gratifying.

Mr. N. is very much better in
general health - apparently as well as
men. But I am afraid that there is
some mental trouble that may
have to be of a serious nature.
This is strictly "inter nos";
You did not ask for my inquiry

must ³ have the mode you
might have the same
in some Old Test. work
in Jan. I have not proposed
the matter to either of my colleagues
yet - but I am sure that
I can carry the plan through
if I desired to do so. Please
do not speak of the matter
in any paper conversations
with the living men. I fear
Dr. G. is yettingist to him
His changed state is that he
was most glad you. Little
Congress is being made
financial matters.
your truly. G. W. Nottingham.

about the ² preaching service in Jan.
I hope you will make no objection.
What about the work in
New York at the Polytechnic in behalf
of the King? You know that you
suggested that I should meet
you then so I am now with
you in helping Dr. Goodspeed in
meeting Mr. Rockefeller's proposition
Are you still of the same mind?
I made a suggestion to Dr. G.
yesterday which greatly interested
him. It was that Dr. Hullcutt
& I and myself ~~would~~ would
spend the month of Jan. in finan-
cial work if a plan could
be devised that would get
results. If such an arrange-

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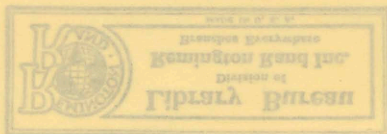
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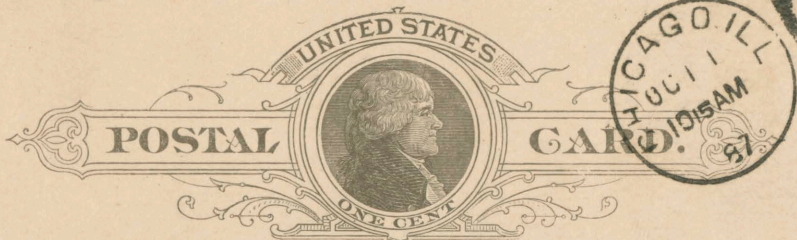
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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

M. R. Harper Ph. D.

New Haven.

P.O. Drawer 15.

Conn.

U. S. C. History
9-29-'82.

Dear Dr. Cooper,

I hope
you will let me
know the nature of the
matter about which Dr.
S. wished to consult
you - that is, unless
the interview is regarded
as confidential - Attended
two ordinations - McKees
& Linton - Both A. I.

G. W. N.

Chicago, Nov. 6th. 1887.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. recd. The inquiries which you make lead me to reply at once. You want to be informed as to the progress of matters in regard to the proposed new University. Considerable progress has been made in one direction, in the expression of a deep & wide & spread interest in the project. The Alumni of the Old U. of the Army in some 6 or 8 of the surrounding States have taken action in connection with the meeting of their several State Conventions strongly indorsing the plan to found a new University. The City Fathers are all heartily in favor of the movement. — But — there comes in what seems to me an insuperable — fatal difficulty in the way of success. There is no man that stands ready to give our cause that will at all justify a beginning.

It is understood here — at least by Dr. Goodspeed myself — that Mr. R. will do nothing. Prof.

Giffen says that you wrote him to that effect a few days ago after a personal interview with Mr. R. Oh course he never said that he never help us; but the fact that he did not refuse to consider the subject &

& allowed it to remain before his mind
for months, & would hope. But he now un-
derstands that the new project which you & I
strongly have in mind has rendered it impossible
for him to consider the establishment of a Uni-
versity at Chicago. You have not assured us
of this fact but we assume it to be a fact
all the same & one that renders hope well-nigh
impossible. After the disastrous history of
25 years it will be next to a miracle
if men will ever forward in these parts &
give money in any form that will render
possible the existence of a denominational
U in the near future. In my judgment
such an institution will not be seen in Chicago
in 25 years, if the beginning is to be made
by the Baptist laymen of the West. So that
if your plan for the future is to be de-
termined at all by the course of educational
affairs at this point you can at once
dismiss this element of the problem from your
mind. I say this with deep & bitter regret

Chicago,

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But I say it because I can see things in
 no other light - I suggested to Dr. S. that if
 Mr. R. would give \$1,000,000 on condition
 that Chicago ^{would} ~~should~~ add an ^{equal} ~~equal~~ sum the
 condition would be met at once. I am pleased
 with this suggestion the idea that you & Dr. S.
 should be at the head of the New U. But of
 course this scheme - at least the financial
 part of it - would be regarded as chimerical.

Relying upon my ^{own} a priori intuitions -
 the source of a large part of history -
~~contained in books~~ as well as of prophecy - I
 have concluded that the three men whose names
 I have just mentioned are maturing the project
 of a great Baptist University to be located
 in or near New York City. The denomination
 certainly greatly needs a first-class university.
 My only regret is that the location is not to
 be Chicago which is destined to be the great
 educational center of the continent.

You speak of writing matters
 requiring a little more information. Well
 I expect you will keep to yourself what I say
 as secretly as you ^{have} the affairs entrusted
 to you by Dr. Strong. It seems to me as

Certain as anything connected with the
future of the Society that the present is Dr.
Sayre's last year of work as Prof. of Homiletics. It
has required all my power of persuasion
to prevent a rebellion in the Middle Class.
A series of most damaging resolutions were
drawn up & resolved have been signed by
every member of the class (with possibly one
exception) have I not succeeded in getting
a postponement of the action till next Term.
The resolutions said in effect that his work
was N. G. requested the Board to secure
right away a competent man. They will
come up early next term since he is endorsed
by every member of the class. I think the Junior
class will take similar action.

So please cast about in your mind
if you can suggest the name of
a new man for the position.

Chicago, 188

Is there any doubt about your doing
the work Ed. Temple has in you? The suggestion
has been made - I hardly know on what ground -
that there is some doubt about your coming.
We intend to issue the Catalogue as soon
as possible after the holidays.

I think the number of students will be
about 95 - 25 in the Academic department.

Mr. Simpson has been seriously sick but
is now much better. He had no fair chance
at the East as the chances that he would have
been General Auditor were a no can-
dition to hear a new man.

Price is doing highly satisfactory work
as far as I can learn. Let not hear a
word of dissatisfaction with Dr. Price. Every
man in the two upper classes who is taking
the B. D. Course is in his electric class.
Dr. H. is doing as usual first-rate.

George is not well. The head man of
his firm - Mr. Grant - died after an illness
of 48 hours. George has been under a
tremendous strain from the work of the
Office. I am troubled about him.

The Goddard boys are most satisfied
with Dr. D. I think they will not
return after the holidays - I propose to
conjugate my plan of an Institute in
Connecticut with the next Anniversary,
dedicating the new Hall at the same time.
My own health is good.

Please do not mention to Mr. R. the
preposterous proposition which I made
to Dr. Strong. I would not like to
have him think that I took such liberty
in the use of his name.

The years fly apace. I reached Oct. 15th
my 62nd birth day. If any man in
a similar condition has undertaken harder
conditions than I have during these 31 years
I am sorry for him.

Yours truly

G. W. C.

Abraham Park, Ills.

2-20-'88.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter rec'd to-day.

I have not much to communicate in
the way of news. The City Posters are con-
sidering seriously the question of ^a new
University at the Park. But the undertaking
involves formidable difficulties & my
hope is not strong. Some steps have
been taken in the Sage Matter - the
result of which is a notification from

unless he thoroughly ² believes such views
to be true. And still further, - say that
you may, - the public will regard
you as expressing your own con-
victions in relation to the question at hand.
And ~~that~~ only this, - the discussion -
or rather the part you each take in it -
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will tend to confirm - already sufficiently
resonance - in the direction of the
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consistent with the position which you
occupy among Aled. Lect. Scholars.
If it were a matter of College debate
such a ~~position~~ might be allowed,
but not when the questions involved are
those of life & death. The opinions of all
other prominent Aled Lect. Scholars—
Gunn, Esigp, Smith, Becker,
Olsgood, Bissell — are well known.

But your opinions are not known; while
there are hundreds of minutes I should
attach greater weight to your opinions

them to those of either of the men ob-
 mentioned. You are in danger of
 doing yourself a real injustice - crea-
 ting the impression that you have no con-
 victions on these burning questions, or
 that you have very positive convictions,
 but in some respects you decline to
 avow them. You cannot expect to
 occupy longer this anomalous position.
 There are only numbers of people who
 will impute to you other than the highest
 motives for such a course - I

conceive it to be a duty which you
owe to yourself & to the Christian public,
to avow or disavow the views ad-
vanced. Then let Dr. Green handle
the matter as he may see fit.

I have never been at all sure of the
position you would ultimately oc-
cupy in regard to these new theories
touching the Old Test. - but I have always
had a fear that you would come to
identify yourself thoroughly with
the Millenary School. And I am

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sorry to learn that the impression is
growing among the students in Yale,
that you are coming to adopt more
and more fully the conclusions of that
School. — I have very little faith in the
results of the "Higher Criticism". My
study of Church History has shown
me that some of the most disastrous
errors that have ever cursed the Church
men
have originated with ^a occupying
high positions within the Church
treas. I know your place — ^a — now

light": "freedom of discussion" Truth
is mighty & will prevail, "etc." - but they
do not avail with me. The fact is that
Truth never has prevailed & does not now
prevail to any great extent in this
world. Truth has a hard battle to
fight - contending with ignorance & pre-
judices, errors, ~~that~~ the world, the
flesh & the devil. Rationalism, in-
fidelity has prevailed with disastrous
effects in large sections of the Church
& for long periods of time. Under the

leadership of men occupying the position
of Christian Teachers. An illustration
consider German Nationalism, English
Disunion & New England Unitarianism.
I think the "Higher Criticism" is likely
to bring in a form of infidelity
more destructive to the interests of
pure Christianity than either of those
mentioned above. - I have no doubt
that the discussion will weaken the
faith of ten men where it will
strengthen that of one & thus doing believing

the truth to be substantially with Dr
Green. But you can state in ten
lines an objection which he cannot
dispose of in ten pages. Mr. Ingalls
can throw out more objections against
City than in one hour, than a hundred
men could satisfactorily meet in
a year. But I might as well
stop here. I have indicated my
view of the situation, though fully
persuaded that my opinion in these
matters will have no more weight

with you ⁴ ~~in these matters~~ than would
that of Mr. Aborn. - Men like in-
stitutions go, in the long run, according
to their tendencies. Your tendencies
are of the radical order, - you over-
estimate the new & under-estimate the
old. The Biblical Scholarship of the past
is "uncritical", "unhistorical", "mechanical",
"traditional", etc. etc. As the Old Test.
Scholars of the last quarter of the 19th
Century will describe the Scholarship of
the English Critics in the last quarter of the
18th.

You must know that I have been moved
in writing this letter by personal motives.

For Prof. Harper whom I have known for
the past nine years, — capable, scholarly,
heroic, inspiring — a born leader
of men — I have a profound regard &
genuine affection; but as to the Prof.
Harper of the future — I mean as to his
influence for good & ill, to the Church,
the least that I can say is that I am
not far from your misgivings.
You have become a recognized leader

in a great department of biblical
learning, You have a strong influence
over a large body of capable & scholarly
young men in the Ministry or preparing
for it; — accepting such a position
you could not fail, I should you
adopt the principles of the radical &
revolutionary School, the most serious dis-
astrous influence upon the cause of
evangelical religion in this country.
And yet knowing this I am profoundly
convinced that it is your duty to do so,

in position & consequences terms,
open our convictions on the questions
in debate relative to the Old Test.,
whether among the consequences to
be ascribed to the General Public, even
though it should relegate you to the second-
hand quiet room of the higher Critics of
the Baptist persuasion.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. Northrup.

V of C.
History

Morgan Park Ill.

3 - 31 - '88.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter of the 27 ult. recd.

Your decision was precisely what I anticipated but I regretted it all the more. However I have not lived 60 years without becoming convinced that this world is not likely to go on to any great extent according to my ideas. The day I wrote you last I recd a confidential letter inquiring as to the truth of certain charges against Prof. Harper. (I should have said it was the day after I wrote) Some of the charges were that "he is unsound in his views," "belongs to the school of advanced German thought," "is doing his real

of on the Homiletical Professor.

If a suitable name occurs to you
please send it on. Bear in mind
that he must be:-

1. A first-class preacher.
2. A first-class poet.
3. A first-class teacher.
4. A first-class scholar.
5. Do first-class work in \$2000 salary.

I think George Goodspeed has
made a good decision in planning
to pursue his studies at Yale. He
is better fitted for the work of teaching
than for that of preaching. I wish Mr.
Simpson could do something of

the same kind. I think he will have
to try his ~~hand~~ hand at teaching.
But he needs be mostly helped by the
degree of Ph.D. He has however, so
many babies (three now) that I fear
he will never be able to take the
necessary graduate course. Baby
No. 3, is named Walter Stupen.

I do not think I shall go East
this summer unless the Board should
desist to send me in search of the
needed Professor.

We are to give one afternoon of Con-
ferencing week to the dedication of
"Blake Hall" & one to a Conference
on University Affairs. Dinner & dancing to
be held. I am sure, G. W. D.

Vot C
History

Morgan Park Ill.

4-13-88.

My dear Dr. Herper;

Your welcome letter
came a few moments ago. Allow
me to say that I was very much
affected by it - especially by the
evident mental perplexity which it
discloses. I write to assure you at
once that I have never withdrawn
from you one iota of confidence
or esteem; never for a moment doubted
your sincerity or the purity of ^{motives} ~~motives~~
which prompted you to my ^{course} ~~course~~
which you thought best to pursue.
The letter which I sent you the last

of Schuyler was written under the
mendacious nervous pressure after a
night of utter sleeplessness. Please
do not allow yourself to imagine that
people are beginning to hold you
in doubt. For I believe such a suspicion
would be almost just quite absolutely
groundless. I have heard no word of the sort
except in the case of the one letter to which
I referred & that was from a source which
can be regarded as in no sense & rep-
resenting the class concerned in the
inquiries which you have in hand.
And the other letters which come to the Park
(two of them) were from the same source.
You may rest assured that no word
has been sent from the Park to you to the contrary.

You say there was in my former
 letter a sorrowful, regretful, semi-
 reproachful element. "Possibly such
 an element found its way into that letter,
 for my feelings towards you are quite
 peculiar, - very much such as they
 are towards my own ~~loves~~ - & I suppose
^{my} feelings were somewhat like that they
 would have been if I had written
 to George with a distinct fear in my
 heart that my great hopes regarding
 him would possibly go out in
 darkness. There are not very many
 things that are certain as regards
 the future especially in matters
 that concern the conduct of men.

But of one thing you may
be positively certain & that is
that the lost two men in this
world that will go back on
you are Dr. Goodspeed & myself -
the two men who have given you
their confidence unreservedly; I do
know you thoroughly, have the
highest appreciation of your abilities
& genius I do have never seen one
thing from first to last to justify
the least suspicion of your sincerity
& manliness.

Now I want you to be very
careful what you do - I mean
in regard to announcing Anna -

Truly your views under the im-
 pression that some people think you
 ought to come off the fence. Your
 duty as I now see it is to go
 right on with the proposed discussion
 with Dr. Green & when you get through,
 if you see the way clearly, define
 your position upon such aspects
 of the Potlatch question as have
 assumed a clear & positive ^{shape} ~~aspects~~
 in your mind. It was never my
 wish or thought that you should
 state any opinions except such
 as you had definitely settled
 as the result of your own thought
 & investigation. I have not given you

up & have no thought of despair.
And I don't believe the Lord has
raised you up & guided you in such
a wonderful way & given you such
a measure of ^x confidence & influence
among Churches of all denominations
with the purpose to allow you to
pass over to the leadership of the
enemies of the Faith that you
have done so much to build
up — Please excuse this somewhat
rambling letter. I write it
simply to allow, if possible,
in some little degree your discom-
fort of mind. Perhaps you can get
a little sense out of it.

My Aunt has been lying for
 a week at the point of death -
 Encumbers most of the time. My
 own health is very much as it
 was 4 years ago - I have not done
 one half of my work for three
 weeks. Mrs. C. is ~~now~~ in a somewhat
 disturbed state of mind. I want to
 go to De Louche as soon as
 possible after ^{an} ~~the~~ anniversary.
 George is considerably broken
 up in health. Alice is with me
 with her three children. All the
 destruction of the last week of
 the year are upon me. So
 you can judge somewhat

(Chas. J. P. & Co.)

of the state of mind in which I
write. I have had several
letters from Dr. Strong. I think
he will tell you that he has
rec'd from me material help
in regard to his plan. He
insists that I shall spend three
days with him in R. right
after the anniversary. I shall
try to do so.

Yours affly.

G. W. C.

Please send me any statement of opinion
before you give it to the public. That
will tend to keep you from doing
anything needlessly. G. W. C.

Friday A. M.

The positions which I take in the foregoing letter are not inconsistent with those taken Feb. 27. In then I write first;—

1. My chief purpose was to prevent you from going on with the discussion with Dr. Green which I feared would put you in a false light. But that discussion is irrevocably settled.
2. Then I supposed when I wrote that you had a body of definite opinions on the Pentateuch questions which you could formulate & give to the public in one month. But I soon learned that I was ~~was~~ mistaken on this point. That

your friends were for the most
not unsettled. Of course I do
not desire mean derived ^{but}
that you should harmonize, under pres-
ure, hastily & ill-considered views
on such critical & vital ^{Subjects} ~~issues~~
3 But while I say all this I think
still
the large & intelligent body of
Abol. Test. Abolers who look up to you
as a leader will not be satisfied
to see you go on indefinitely
declining to define your positions
I think within 5 years the public
ought to know just where you
stand on all these important
Abol. Test. questions G. W. W.

I will be responsible for the charge to your reputation during the 5 years

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History

Morgan Park Ill.

4 - 16 - '88.

Dear Dr. Herpes,

Your letter of the 14th. just recd.

The answer to your inquiry is that Prof. Griffen
is "monkeying" with the reorganization of the
U. of C.

Yours affly

G. W. Northrup

