Smith

Mr. Abraham
Please report on
this afternoon
W. R. H.

Chicago Ill.,
July 27, 1895

Corning Hotel
Corner Clark &
Madison Sts.

Pres. Wm. R. Harper,
University Chicago.

Dear Sir: On returning from the Baltimore Convention I fondly planned to visit a few days at the Summer School, at the University.

On applying to the Registrar at the University for a room as visitor for a few days, I was flatly refused, no reasons being given. I come prepared to pay the usual rates.

A kindly gentleman now studying there offered me his room over Sunday. Of course after the Registrar's refusal I went to a hotel.

You have sent out invitations to the Morgan Park Alumni to come ~~to come~~ to Convocation. Here is my answer: I expect to come in 100 years.

I promise too, to urge my friends of the Morgan Park Alumni to come in the same delightfully indefinite time.

The plan to draw the old Alumni closer to the Divinity school has already worked in one case — in an opposite direction.

I would not feel thus had I not been informed that there was an abundance of room in the dormitories of the Divinity School. I regret the occurrence, and the conditions that led to it.

Very Truly
F. M. Smith,
Morgan Park alumnus
of '80. Address,
Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Shall return home very soon.

Old Alumni

(72)

Patt

215 W. Church St.
Newark, Ohio

President Wm. R. Harper:

Dear Dr,

As an alumnus of the Old University I am glad to hear of the action of the Trustees of the University, I believe it will create a deeper interest on the part of the Alumni of the Old, in all that pertains to the New University.

It will be impossible to be present at this Convocation. If my presence is not a necessity to receive the diploma, I will gladly remit at once the sum necessary to meet the expense, otherwise I shall hope to be present at some future time.

Yours very truly
B. H. Patt

June. 22-96.

Wealthy Avenue
Baptist Church
Corner Wealthy Avenue and East Street,
O. W. Van Osdel, D. D., Pastor.

Old Alumnus

Van Osdel

HD

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 8. 1896

My Dear Dr. Harper:

A young man here is thinking about entering the University. He is a graduate of the High School. What credit do you give High school students from Grand Rapids? Or what would be his standing at the University?

I understand you are giving students from the Old University duplicate degrees, or a license from the New University. I received the A. M. from Old U. Does the new proposition mean anything for me? Baby is at home and in good health. He has not yet found anything to do, and the way times are it will be difficult to secure employment for him not having any practical experience. If I were settled at Evanston or Englewood he could live at home and go on with his work at the University.

Sincerely

O. W. Van Osdel.

E. FLETCHER INGALS, M. D.
JOHN EDWIN RHODES, M. D.
34 & 36 WASHINGTON STREET.
HOURS, 10 A. M. TO 2 P. M.

Rhodes

(9) ~~Sh Scouts~~ Expect Cons.

CHICAGO, Ill. Nov. 23, 1895.

My Dear Dr. Harper:-

As an Alumnus of the old University of Chicago it has been peculiarly gratifying to me to be classed among the sons of the University. I think the Alumni as a body appreciate to the fullest extent the relations which exist between the present university and those who graduated from the old institution. The action of the athorities in re-enacting the degrees we obtained from the university has been the means of drawing us into such close and intimate relationship that we consider ourselves in fact the sons of the University of Chicago. It has suggested itself to me that material evidence of the re-enaction of those degrees, in the form of a diploma or suitable statement of the fact would be highly appreciated by all of us. I have consulted a number of the old Alumni with reference to this and the feeling has been universal that such an act on your part would be very acceptable. Undoubtedly the Alumni would be willing, as I am, to bear their proportion of whatever expenses might be attached to the issuing of such a diploma. If such a thing can be accomplished it will, I am sure, serve to bring us into a ~~freer~~ stiee, more cordial and intimate relationship with the University of to-day, than exists now. Can not the matter be presented to the Board of Trustees? If it can be accomplished it will be very much appreciated. I am

Yours sincerely,

John Edwin Rhodes, M. D.
Class '76.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 25, 1895.

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Alumni Alumnae, 74. 77
Class '76

Wood

NATHAN E. WOOD,
PASTOR.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,

BOSTON, April 20 1897

Prest. Wm R. Harper

(78)

Dear Dr Harper,

I shall accept your very courteous invitation to the July convocation. It is a disarrangement of my summer plans, but as the Convocation marks the twenty fifth Anniversary of my graduation from the Old University, some motives of sentiment, as well as an unwillingness to decline so courteous an invitation, incline me to be present.

You may rely on my presence. (D.V.)

Some very sincere lines

Nathan E. Wood

Yale avenue.

There is a movement under way to form a new University of Chicago Alumni association, and a meeting of graduates of the institution is to be held in the near future, when an organization will be perfected.

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Rhodes

Alumni (old + new)

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CHICAGO, Dec 1/97

My Dear Buggell:

I clipped this from the Journal today. Is such a move on foot. I believe something should be done for the old alumni to have representation if such a thing is done. I am rather inclined to the opinion now that as there are enough of the new Alumni to form such an association it would be best to have them have the active management of affairs, and at the same time the Alumni of the old University should be recognized as a component part of the Institution. What do you think?

Very truly

John Edwin Rhodes

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Cable Address "Holden Chicago."

WILLIAM H. HOLDEN.
EDGAR A. BUZZELL.

Chicago, December 11, 1897

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Pres. Wm. R. Harper,
Chicago.

Dear Sir:--

I see by the University Weekly that there is a movement on foot for the organization of a new University of Chicago Alumni Associatio. I have also received from the President of the Collegiate Alumni Association the clipping which I enclose in this. I concur with Dr. Rhodes in the opinion that the new alumni are now enough in number to take the active management of the alumni association, and I think that the old alumni generally will concur in this opinion and that by the time the next annual meeting comes around, we would all be very willing to turn over to the new alumni the management of the Association, but how the new alumni, or any body of the new alumni can change the existing order of things and ignore either the old alumni or the organized Collegiate Alumni Association, I do not quite see. I understand that there is a feeling among certain of the new alumni to do this thing, that is, ignore the old alumni and the old association, and I imagine that that is the class of graduates that is behind this movement. I have never felt, however, that such was the general feeling of the new alumni and have certainly felt that as far as the administrative bodies of the University were concerned the old alumni were recognized as a component part of the Institution. If any movement is on foot to re-organize the Association or to form a new Association that shall have the support of the University, I believe with Dr. Rhodes that the old alumni should have representation and should be recognized in the matter of such organization as a component part of the alumni body and of the Institution, as in fact, they are.

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Yours truly,

E. A. Buzzell

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801-810 PEOPLES BANK BLDG.
DENVER.

Old Alumnus

Board of Trustees

yes. his a graduate of class of 1881 P.M.

Will Dr Goodspeed see if there is a response to this letter? P.M.

Denver, Colo. Dec. 12th, 1899.

Mr. Peter Van Schaack,

37 22nd. Street,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Father:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th inst. and take this opportunity of conveying to Professor and Mrs. Young my appreciation of the very kind interest which they have taken in the matter of my obtaining a Degree from the new University of Chicago.

In 1877 I entered the regular Classical course in the old University of Chicago, graduating in 1881; later, graduating from the Union College of Law in Chicago, 1883.

I was on the Board of Trustees of the University, I think, during the years '82, '83 and '84, under the Presidency of Dr. Galusha Anderson.

It was a physical impossibility for me to go to Chicago to receive my new Degree on account of my health.

I was compelled to leave Chicago in 1891, by reason of chronic asthma, having ever since made my home in Denver.

Since 1891, I tried to make two visits to Chicago, but both resulted disastrously, and during the few days that I was in the City was confined to my bed with a most aggravated and protracted attack

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of my disease, and on both occasions was urged by my physician to leave town without further delay.

My not being present at any of the University convocations was not due to any lack of interest on my part in the matter of my Degree, but was simply because that even the Presidency of the College would not be a sufficient temptation for me to risk a repetion of my former experiences in Chicago.

I have three sons, all of whom aspire to take a Degree at the Chicago University.

Hoping that President Harper can consistently give my application for a Degree his favorable consideration, I remain,

Your affectionate Son,

Henry.

Coat of Arms

Note

UNIVERSITY CLUB
CHICAGO.

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Dec. 22, 1899.

Dr. W. R. Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. would say that we have called a meeting of the old graduates, who have discussed the question of the new coat of arms for the new University of Chicago. They are all of the opinion, on account of the courtesies extended by you, that the new coat of arms is preferable. If you will get

by such a design and forward to me at the University Club, I will see that it is put in the proper place.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

Henry A. Knott

Reports this morning

The main portion of these files covers President Harper's Administration and the earlier part of President Judson's, 1906-12.

This blue sheet indicates that the letter to which it is attached belongs in the period 1912-1923 of President Judson's Administration, or in President Burton's Administration, 1923-1925.

The University of Chicago
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

The Board of Trustees

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

Alumnus

December 6, 1916.

Dear President Judson:

The name of the alumnus of whom I spoke to you yesterday is George W. Thomas. He is believed to be the oldest living graduate of the old University. Mr. Schenk of the Law School library believes that he could be interested in this new movement for medical education and might be induced to give from five to ten thousand dollars.

Yours very truly,

J S Dickerson

President Harry Pratt Judson.

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Yours very truly,

President Harry Pratt Judson.

Chicago, December 7, 1916

Dear Mr. Dickerson:

Thanks for your note of the 6th inst. with regard to Mr. Thomas. I shall keep the matter in hand until the right time comes.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. J. S. Dickerson
The University of Chicago

Chicago, December 7, 1916

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Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. J. S. Dickerson
The University of Chicago

4029 Lake Park Ave
Chicago Jan 25. 1917.

My dear Prof. Judson

I have your favor of the 18th inst.

I could not at present join in the movement as you suggest.

Yours sincerely
Geo. W. Thomas,

Francis

June 12th, 1902.

Mr. S. J. Winegar,

3614 South Hamilton avenue, Chicago.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to President Harper is at hand, and I am glad to know that you are planning to come to the convocation. I do not understand the enclosure of ten dollars for the Master's degree. I inquired of Dean Mathews, of the divinity school, and he does not know of any correspondence with you. The University does not give the degree of Master except after at least one year of residence and the completion of certain requirements as to special study, thesis, etcetera. It occurs to me that you may have thought that the University works under the old plan by which the degree was conferred on graduates of a certain number of years' standing. If you have had correspondence with some administrative office in regard to taking the degree, under our rules, please excuse me for calling your attention to it, and let me know the facts. I hold the ten dollars awaiting your reply.

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#3614 So. Hamilton Ave.
Chicago, Ill.
June 10-'02.

Answered JUN 11 1902
Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President.

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Wm R. Harper, L.L.D.
University of Chicago.

My Dear President:

With pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of enclosed, accepted invitations.

Find within $10.00 fee for parchment announcing degree, A.M.

I am exceedingly anxious to begin on studies required in securing degree Ph.D.

Please put me in communication with proper officials.

Very Truly, S. J. Winegar.

Answered JUN 11 1902
Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President

3614 So. Hamilton Ave.
Chicago,
June 13 1902.

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Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President.

Alumni

Money refd
A. B. 1902
June 14

Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President,
University of Chicago,

Dear Sir:

I had been informed, some years since, and I think by circular letter from the President, that the new University had voted to extend to the graduates of the Old University the Masters' degree upon application under the customary conditions, viz, "The continuance in literary studies for a period of three years, and the payment of parchment fee."

Boston, Massachusetts, Dec. 14, 1901.

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Secretary to the President.

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University of Chicago,

Dear Sir:

I had been informed, some years since, and within the last twelve months, by a gentleman who was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, that a certain contribution was to be made to the University by a member of the Board, under the conditions specified, "if the contributor is satisfied that a person of the right character is elected President of the University."

Several of my classmates in University and Seminary have taken the Master's Degree without the year's residence. That I know.

I refer to the classes of '79 U. of Le. '82 Union Theological Seminary.

Of course I do not ask any special favors; simply the usual. If you will kindly refer the matter to Dr. Harper or Dean Hulbert they will recall the facts, if my impressions are correct.

If I am wrong advise me and return the $100.

Very truly,

S. J. W. Finegan.