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To Pres Wm R Harper
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I think can come for
June fifteenth am making
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Alice Freeman Palmer

Palmer, AF

Guests

June twelfth, 1901.

My dear Mrs. Palmer:

Will you kindly come over to the President's house at a quarter before eleven Saturday morning, June fifteenth, and go from there, with Mrs. Rockefeller and other ladies, in a carriage, to points from which you will be able to hear the addfesses in connection with the corner-stone ceremonies? The carriage will take youto Foster Hall. A stand has been erected, from which your speech will be given. Mr. Small has been asked to escort you from the carriage to the stand and to attend you during the luncheon which follows.

Hoping that this arrangement will be satisfactory, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

To

Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer,

Care of Prof. W. G. Hale,

5757 Lexington Avenue.

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Kelley Hall. Palmer

Sunday Night.

No date

My dear Mr. Harper.

I do not know whether you can get received certain letters of mine answering two questions you had sent me, and asking, I am afraid, too many of my own in return. Mr. Scott said you had not heard, and if you have not, may I see you for a few min. if I can see you a few minutes in the morning, probably I can see Mr. Palmer afterwards.

into my room, as all my plans depend on decisions that must be made today and to-morrow.

I particularly wish to know about the invitations I suggested to Mrs. Patten Palmer, and the meeting of the Trustees and their wives with Mrs. Richards. If I do these little pieces of work the invitations should go out at once.

But I will not write out the other matters now.

Sincerely yours,
Alice H. Palmer.

there. I have great faith in what you can do if you can see him personally. Did Mr. Palmer ever tell you that he wished you could get Windelband, as Prof. of the History of Philosophy? That would place you at the head in that field. - If Mr. Mark would go, I should think Mr. Kittredge would. If you wanted him, they are great friends, and work together.

Sincerely yours,

Alice F. Palmer.

Monday Evening.

3 MASON ST.
CAMBRIDGE.

Am Nov 18 Dec 1

no date

My dear Miss Dr.

I hope to leave next Tuesday afternoon for Chicago. I had hoped to get off Monday, but it does not now seem possible, owing to a heavy cold. I hope you did not take one in the storm you encountered in Boston. It seems like a dream that you have been here. So many

things Mr. Palmer and I had planned for your coming! He can not be satisfied until you really do settle down with us a little while. Early Friday morning Mr. Palmer came, and could not believe you had gone. If he had believed you would be back in the home to the Calling dinner, he would have gone in to see you. Friday night came your letter announcing your coming!

Mr. Palmer says he is even more disappointed than he was at the Christmas tide although you promised. — I did not know you was able to travel & Mr. Shaw, and I was so sorry you missed seeing them, & sisters. The children have grown out of them the first we have seen Mr. Palmer and I are

Cambridge.
May 5, 1892.

Dear Dr Harper:

I cannot let this formal note of refusal go to you without a personal word to accompany it. You have been so generous & frank with me in all our dealings that I cannot content myself with the mere official forms in bringing our negotiations to a close.

I telegraphed you this afternoon that I felt myself obliged to make some announcement here on Saturday. You will believe that I wd gladly put myself of our going or staying.

The question of Mrs Palmer's giving you aid this year we will reserve for the present. You will come & stay with us soon, & we can talk over this & many other things. But you will understand that both you & I are now set entirely free. I strongly advise you to get another man - say President Hyde - in my place, & to drop all thoughts of us. We can give you no assurance that we would come at the close of another year.

to any inconvenience of further delay if by doing so I could strengthen your hands. But I find that by waiting longer I put not only myself but Harvard into great inconvenience. My Department cannot be left in longer uncertainty without sustaining permanent damage. I must decide at once, & I must let my decision be known. Mrs Palmer's return takes away my last excuse & I cannot put the matter off until your coming. I believe too that for your own university it wd be better that my decision should be announced before the return of Pres. Eliot on Sunday. It is well to remove all possibility of suggestion that he has been outbidding you in offers to me. I shall accordingly on Saturday morning send a brief note to the College papers stating that I have decided to remain here, but adding some explanation of my confidence in the strength of your undertaking. That will stop all that hideous newspaper controversy about the prospect

But you will do as you please. Whatever aid we can at any time give you, consistently with other duties, shall always be given. You cannot know, I think, how great a pleasure we shd have felt in working with a man of your spirit & purposes, & one so agreeable to us personally. I sincerely hope your advances to us have in no way injured your university & am glad to think that our long acquaintance with its noble plan may help

to make it more accurately understood in this part of the country. Thanking you for all the kindness & forbearance you have shown us both, I am

Sincerely & regretfully yours,

G. W. Palmer.

3 Mason St.
Cambridge.

May 28th 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper,

We are both very sorry that you find it impossible to come east. It would have been a great pleasure to see you here, and particularly of the greatest consequence to discuss possible plans of organizing the Oriental Department.

I am sure you know how very gladly I would assist you in your work next year, if I could see any possible way of doing

it. which would be likely to render both the University and myself any sort of justice. But I have no right for your sake or my own, to enter into an arrangement which I cannot see through, even though my sympathies are so deeply engaged, as in this case. I have had the matter in mind ever since you broached it on May 2nd, and I wish now that I had written you from time to time instead of waiting to talk at so late a date. But you are accustomed so overworked that I hesitate even now to discuss the matter on paper. Till I can

too much about your work to be willing to decline taking a share in it without stating the main difficulties which stand in my way.

1. The plan is, of course, a mere makeshift for you, for which you ought not to pay heavily or sacrifice much; to be entered into only until you can find suitable hands to take the fuller guidance of the girls' lives. Now if you wished me to come out occasionally to help in planning the Moneric Buildings, to advise about various problems of administration and arrangement, with no responsibility where in absence, that is one thing.

But I understand that I would be called "the Dean". That it would be understood that I was responsible under the President, to the public for the policy, the administration of the life, the management of the details, of the Financial Dept., whether I was in Chicago or in Cambridge at any given time. You must have some one who is entirely responsible, or the burden falls upon you and other officers. To do this with any degree of satisfaction, I must keep myself posted, and in touch with the girls' life, and any needs for advice or counsel to them where

to bring to me, at any moment by letter; I must be leaving from my assistant-in-charge, and be ready to take up the University life precisely when it is the hour I arrive in Chicago; in short I must be dean all the time, with the difficulties of absence two thirds of the time at least, to overcome as best I may by writing. You know that Mr. Salmon is very conservative about taking work without assured ability to do it well. He begs me not to undertake it, unless I resign my other work, and give your problems my best attention.

In case I do this, and I think he is right, I must resign my income from other sources of writing and speaking, because with so many absences from home, the time in Cambridge would be wholly occupied in domestic and social life. And this, with the financial obligations which we have taken upon ourselves for each year, I can hardly afford to do. If I was in Chicago ten or twelve weeks, it would be much more advantageous to you to have me there several times for two or three weeks scattered through the year; and this would be too

expensive a mode of carrying on the work either for me to meet out of a salary of about $1600 at the most, or for you to pay, with all your other demands. For neither you nor I want to enter upon this work unless we do it well, and add by it to the strength of the University.

And this brings me to the question of assistance.

2. I do not know how proper people can be secured to carry out the plans I should be responsible for inaugurating.

I mentioned certain Professors to you, but I have no idea whether they could be drawn from their present positions. It would be disastrous for me to try this plan without any

able women on the ground.
and these women are so
much prized that they
will not be allowed to go to
Chicago if it can possibly
be prevented. Mr. Irvine is
soon to go abroad for the
summer - about June 15. -
and it is late for Miss
Coman to leave her impor-
tant work for next year in
Wellesley. Miss Talbot, who could
carry the details better than
any one I know, has promised
to return to Wellesley. I suppose
you know we have never
discussed the positions and
salaries the other women
should have, and I can form
no judgment about the
probability of their taking
office, especially with a Dean

as much in absence.

I write at great length, but I do wish you to feel the situation in my mind. It is not that I am reluctant to help you in this work, or that I find it hard to trust you to make suitable provision. But I know from my whole experience among the different types of women's education, and in organizing a great college, how splendid is your opportunity, and how complicated your problem, and, hence, how sadly inadequate my work must be at its best under this arrangement. And we do not see how you can offer large enough salaries to get the two or three women who might be here from the beginning to give the standing to the Dept. which would be essen-

tile. Naturally Mr. Palmer is sensitive about having my name connected to an enterprise unless he is practically certain that both I and my friends, who must support me then, could make it a noble success, and he distrusts the possibility of getting them to go. We are both very reluctant to mark in upon our home life so seriously, as of course we must, and as we only could consent to do except with the conviction that I could powerfully increase ability for usefulness, and could really accomplish what you need in Chicago. He may be wrong, but it seems to me that taking every thing into consideration, I ought not to accept the very tempting and honorable

proposition which you make me. Of course we may be deciding under misconceptions which a fuller personal discussion of the possibilities for this department could have removed, but you should have an immediate answer, and we are both too much occupied to meet at present.

I hope you know how gladly I will render you any aid in my power at any time. I hope you will freely call upon me if you find any unofficial help I can give. It will be a tremendous loss to us all if your Woman's Dept. is not the best anywhere.

Next Saturday I go to Cleveland, and shall be in Ohio and Kentucky for a

work. After that I shall be among the schools & colleges of this vicinity. Yet even in the commencement season I shall be ready to help you persuade the best people I know to go to you if you want any word I can say.

Faithfully yours,

Alice Freeman Palmer.

find any time or way of helping you out myself. I have explained upon my difficulties but possibly we could arrange something until you could get competent women to come into the work. I wish you were here for a quiet day and could meet Mrs. Bonner, Miss Talbot and others. Mrs. Bonner is to be at Chillicothe until July 9th when she leaves for a summer in Alaska. Miss Talbot will go to Holderness, N. H. July 2nd but could easily come down.

Answ'd

Palmer

3 Mason St.
Cambridge.

June 25th. 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Your letter of June 22nd has reached me today. I agree with you entirely that something must be done without delay to provide leadership for the girls. You have so superior a chance for them it must not be lost for lack of suitable guidance. From time to time I have heard of the growing funds for the Women's buildings

with great satisfaction, and I had hoped you were on the track of a good Dean. It is now so late in the year that I do not see how you can take a professor from his present position, for your next year's work. In the summer Trustees cannot meet, and College Presidents are away. Thus the women who are important enough for your position are too much involved in plans for next year where they are to make their leaving during the summer va-cation an honorable

thing to do. It would surprise me very much if you had to wait a month longer before you could consider anything from me. I wish I could tell the new Secretary, and Trustees, and Dean, and Bishop Fowler, where we could secure people. A career lies before you in certainly as a very good place. One gave invitations to some each year; I see a part of the bishops between Chicago and Boston. I am wondering if I could go for you on the other Parnell consideration.

on the ground next year in some capacity, as lecturer, reader, friend or secretary. I know how so well that I am sure she could be of great assistance as adviser to the young women.

But I will not write more fully tonight. I hope with all my heart you can find some one suitable. Miss Comaris address I enclose. You can see her personally, and can judge whether she has enough of the qualities which you showed here. I cannot decide myself about this particular work. Very sincerely.

Alice F. Palmer.

Miss Comaris address is Mrs Pelleg Jasper 35 Brattle St Cambridge

if needed. Next Saturday Mr. Palmer and I go to our country home in Boxford, Mass. on the Boston and Maine R. R. an hour's ride from Boston. Then we shall be all summer except from July 18 to August 3, when we are to be at Martha's Vineyard.

I do not know that it is right to suggest that I might help out a little this first year, for I do not see myself how to carry out the suggestion, and you know Mr. Palmer's reluctance and my many

obligations here. But I am too much interested in your work, without doubt, to see your need without wishing to lend a hand. If I could arrange to spend October with you, I might do a little. But it would be necessary for some one else to be on hand during and after my stay. And whom can you now secure? Did you ever hear of Mrs. Martha Foote Crow, Ph. D. (Syracuse) now in Oxford, Eng.? She has many rare qualifications for University Extension work. Her field would be English and Comparative Literature. She is personally a beautiful and interesting woman of nearly forty, and is a rarely magnetic speaker. She resigned an instructorship in History in Illinois College to marry Prof. Crow of Grinnell College, where she was Lady Principal until her husband's death. I do not know whether you intend to employ women in your Extension work, and I should not advise you to appoint Mrs. Crow to a deanship without seeing her, and knowing well how you and she could agree in methods and spirit of work. If she could be

from a distance. Without some such experience and wisdom and special ability on the ground I could not return. If she accepts this special leadership of Patan Cottage she cannot be taken from Oakley this year. I know her so well that I can be sure she will not change plans once made as late as this, before College opens.

You see I am afraid

Curtis

Palmer

Roxford. Mass.
July 6th. 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

I wrote you from Cambridge upon receiving your letter of June 22nd. mentioning to you Mrs. Martha Foote Crow as a possible helper in Kansas fields, and of service the first year to the young women. I have just had a note from her written

from Oxford, England.
99 Holywell St. where she
is probably still to be
found by letter. Her
permanent address
is Care of Brown, Shipley
& Co. London. She writes
that she has two poi-
tions offered her for
next year, and that
she must soon come
to some decision. This
makes me feel that
you should know
the situation, though
I know you may

not wish to decide any other
for her. I hope I have not troubled
you. Confidence is a sacred trust
not to be abused. Please
write to me at Northfield. Our school
will be in session Tuesday oct
[illegible] Chicago. This year seems very
pleasant. If the war ends
I expect to change for more
[illegible] & hope some providence

the finest woman I know will be out of your reach for your first year when so much depends upon your having them. And your with Wellesley interests so close to my heart I can't help wanting you to get some of them for your Chicago girls.

The money is all secured before this I trust, so that that anxiety is a thing of

the past. You must be thoroughly tired with all the strain.

Mr. Hale was with us two days last week and spoke admirably for the University of Chicago at the Phi Beta Kappa dinner Thursday. He tells me you have engaged some rooms for girls the first year.

Sincerely yours,
Alice F. Palmer.

Palmer

Boxford, Mass.
July 16. 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Your letter of the twelfth, from Chautauqua, has just reached me here. By this same mail I send a note to Miss Talbot, begging her to delay her Chicago decision a few days, if she has not already sent it in, in order that she may hear from you. I know that she is pressed for an answer now, and I am very afraid she will decide before your proposition reaches her, - and then she cannot be secured for your work this year.

I hope you will relieve an "habitué" of my wife's entire satisfaction - S. H. P.

about a suitable and effective proposition to make to her. I am in some doubt myself. and, of course, with so many uncertainties, I have not felt free to discuss any possible terms with her. How often I have wished that in Chicago, I had gone over many details with you. - The salaries you could offer to women. The hours. the living. &c. &c.!

But knowing her position, her work, and opportunities in the East, I should say that anything less than an $2000. Professorship and $2000. would fail to touch her. And I am in the gravest doubt whether that would induce her to come. I mention this however in your interest, as you could make her this offer, now.

the year from me course, then hours weekly. Wednesday the years at Williams for $1000. Also has at times in Boston, the has charge of a section — families & lectures on her subjects and critic. She is full of zeal for her subject. So new, and accordingly so much in Psychology and in Greek. To the Dr. of Education in Boston. Science and Philosophy & which the Pedagogy. and the city of the great common home working work of women & a common place as a professor. The Chicago Commercial and Economic Congress with Harmony, and Laboratory Economics. Williams work I. i. This work would fit me in all

long talks Mr. Palmer and I have had over this subject during the last fortnight. He is hardly less reluctant than before, and makes some very strict conditions. But he will not utterly refuse consent if these conditions can be met. You know already how unsatisfactory for you I regard any such arrangement as I am able to make, and how much afraid I am that you will regret it. And now I must ask you to tell me frankly that you do not think it wise to make the arrangement in case it should ~~be to~~ disadvantageous to you. You know you will be conferring a great favor upon Mr. Palmer by refusing to take one away from him so much this year. But we do can so much to help you start your work that I agree to submit the following:

in the Hospitals. Perhaps some time you may want both these places. At present there is no free Professorship of Domestic Science, and there is so fast-spreading an interest, both for the sake of homes, and work among the poor, that it would be a capital thing for you to take the lead if you can afford to do it. If you have taken apartment homes, and begun domiciliary life for women this fall, you will wish Miss Talbot in her "in hall" will you not? And to take general charge of the halls, and their management? She is far better adapted to stand

as the student authority in hall than Mrs. Cook. I am now speaking of general housekeeping. direction of housekeeper. Some one must be at hand to know if the table is too extravagant or too meagre in this or that line. and to judge of a thousand other things from the point of view of a lady's comfort, and convenience as well as for the economy of the University. Training.

I do not know how you plan to carry on the dormitories for women this first year, whether people will have charge of the boarding and lodging of the women at their own houses and

with for which the University has no response, criticism, or whether the authorities take charge or the table for female students, who will occupy rooms, the latter case, will need a competent housekeeper, or housekeeper, and assistants, competent women, & have an eye to practical, for the women's comfort & the economy of an establishment. At the Black Hawk upon the university grounds Prairie people, the Dean of a great conservatory of Music & Elocution, & Mrs Tallcot have a very high order of talent, & has almost Parisian, Teacher.

Now in regard to myself, I write not many days with the Board and come to the

possible in direction of under officer and student in absence in fact to help in any way in my power, in my own Dept. or out of it.

Last, in regard to compensation.

I wish this was a time when we could afford to be generous to the point of extravagance, but it is a very bad time for us, on the contrary, when we cannot afford to add to our expenses or cut down our income, if we meet new obligations which we have assumed, involving many others. That is my chief point of reluctance, as I cannot afford to make all the changes necessary to taking this new responsibility for anything like what I should be worth to you. You must give a great deal for what you get, and I must serve back far more than I ought in order to be sure. Mr. Palmer makes his ultimatum of com-

First in regard to my title. that I should be called Temporary Dean, and that it should be understood that I was assisting ~~only~~ in the organization only of the Romanic Dept. If you prefer calling me "Advisory Dean in Non-residence", I should not object. and that describes the situation very well.

Second. in regard to length of residence that it should not be less than two weeks or more than twelve, and that the times should be decided upon between us with this understanding; there should be two longer periods and either one or two shorter as the exigencies of the University seemed to demand. That the longer should be the month of October, or if preferred the last week in Septem-

to, and the first time in October, and the month of February, or possibly the last week in January, and the first three in February. (I do not know yet when your short vacation falls.) If the break between the fall and the winter residence seemed too long, I would come out for a week in December, and I would come out also some time in the spring or early summer as seemed best. I choose the month of October because, of course, that time is essential to you, and I take said winter for the second long term of absence from Cambridge because as the examinations at Harvard occur at that time, Dr. Palmer can be with me in Chicago for a fortnight or more then. When I am not in Chicago I will hold myself in readiness at attend to any business of the University for which planning, has reference to time, and if necessary, my secretary (Germain Dorrance, esq.) Mr. Frank Spencer, and yet the business and interests which are very intimately and closely connected with the interests of the University, I shall then for the whole of the first year because I take it for granted that you would make arrangements for that time, or you cannot work with the people in the middle of the year, and yet work would not want a break in the management. If course in this case, all matters pertaining to Pres. Dennis's office, could be referred to me, and I would receive the salary as usually or

puration for me $3000. and travelling expenses. If I can practically finish my part of the work on the World's Fair Commission this summer — a non-paid service — so that I need not resign my post — as they are very anxious I should not do, even if I render no more service, it is probable that twice during the coming year I should come to Chicago at the expense of the State. These times might be made to also serve the University, and so save some expense to you.

But you see, dear Dr. Harper, the unhappy situation I am in. You might wish to pay me a Professor's salary. I am afraid for such help as I can give you under the circumstances unless you can afford to be more extravagant than we can.

of with your money, and your needs, both of which you understand better than I. you think this had better be done, I will accept the work, and do all I can for you, next year, present or absent; but my judgment for you is against it, and I shall think you careless and prudent if you answer that you can do better than this, or think another plan wiser for you to adopt.

I think we could begin, in case I come, with Miss Talbot and Mrs. Crow, - I am, I did not answer that question, and I have not said with what eagerness and pleasure I have watched for and welcomed the news of your growing wealth, & congratulate you on the wealth with all my heart.

Mr. Palmer sends his congratulations and warm regards with sincere yours faithfully, Alice F. Palmer

Palmer
Hyde

Boxford,

July 17, 1892.

Answ'd
W.R.H.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Did I not once recommend to you President Hyde to fill the place you so trustfully offered me ? Possibly enough you have in mind somebody better than he for the place. But if not, and you are thinking at all seriously of him, you ought to know that he has just been called to the presidency of the University of California. He loves study, and in his letter to me seems to be hesitating about accepting the place through fear that Philosophy would be interfered with. This makes me think you might get him. But I cannot say. He has no suspicion that I am writing you. But as he intends to go to California in August and look up the matter, I think you have no time to lose if you want him.

Very truly yours,

G. H. Palmer

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W. H. Hyde

Palmer

Iowa

Boxford. Mass.

July 16. 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

I have sent you a long letter to your office in Chicago, not knowing whether you were to be in Chautauqua long enough to receive it, and not daring to delay my answer by letting it follow you about, as there is great need of haste in writing Miss Talbot.

I advised not offering her less than an Asst. Professorship, with a salary of $2000.

~~not~~ for this engagement I should almost decide to get Miss Talbot and come to Chautauqua where, between lessons, or cared soon settle all these perplexing questions.

I hope they can soon be decided in any case.

Faithfully yours.

Alice F. Palmer.

in order to induce her to go. I hope she would accept it. Though I am not sure. As Asst. Prof. of Domestic Science & Economy she could do under large service in charge of halls and details of management which would be of great value and importance and save other expense to the University.

But I will not repeat my letter, which I have made much too long already. I am sorry to write out so much

I may receive and recommend to be very a woman. But this is just because for work coming to see me. and letting things run fully, as we can and praise. I see my other letter of yesterday. Tell Mr. Wheat Clark, Montreal, Miss Gale, & the Rev Chas Morrow Montreal Presbyterian. where I am can reach me at any time I will be glad to hear of it were

will be a growing obligation.

Sincerely yours,
Alice F. Palmer.

Boxford, Palmer
Aug. 27, 90.

(43)

Dear Dr. Harper.

Miss Talbot writes - "I have had a most kind and satisfactory letter from Prof. Harper". She is delighted to belong to Prof. Merrill's Dept. and every thing promises well.

I am receiving letters from many prominent people, congratulating Chicago on securing Miss

Talbot. The leading college woman are much impressed by her going.

I ought to say that I am refusing all invitations & lectures next winter, and they are coming in now from the West.. my time belonging to the University. But if there is any special thing of that sort you wish me to do for the sake of the University, when her

interest may be served, pin down Fairchild & hope time will be the kind. The work will have it & can be adapted to them, & many work on the committee.

Mr. Pearsons, our new president, is whom we already have, has in Portland. Charles Frank is President. Think you feel as if we are in train & sure, I think that

every opportunity to render you and your great new University every service in my power.

Faithfully yours.

Alice Freeman Palmer.

Palmer

Ans'd

July 30th. 1892.

President W. R. Harper.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of July 25th is received, notifying me of my appointment by the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago as "temporary, or advisory or acting Dean of women in the University College and Graduate School."

I will accept this appointment, according to the terms of my letter sent you the middle of July, in case Mrs. Talbot, and Mrs. Cox or some one else equally acceptable, can be secured to discharge the active and resident duties of care and oversight throughout the year, under my direction.

My preference is

for the title of Rectoress Dean, but I will gladly serve in any way in this institution.

I cannot the Pullan School Faculty Chancellorship, upon discussion of my Brotherhood, but I am confident I could work perfectly with you, for I know, that having come already known, that having come, and [illegible] to remove this misunderstanding I shall [illegible] Pullan [illegible]

finally whether Miss Talbot or Mr. Crane should take charge of the building with one hundred girls. I should rather discuss the matter with Miss Talbot. I will plan to be in Chicago Sept. 20th and attend to the details. In my note last week, I expressed a preference for "Advisory Dean" as my title, - the first of those you named. but if you have any special reason for preferring "Acting Dean", I will not be obstinate. I only reflected that in my

Rockford, Aug. 4 1892.

Palmer

My dear Dr. Harper.

I sent you a letter by return mail, upon receiving your note from Chicago, formally accepting the appointment of the Trustees of Chicago, in case we can secure Miss Talbot to be in residence, and carry out my plans. The note was sent to your office there, as I did not know how long you would be absent. I did not see

But Miss Talbot's address
is certain I can see no
company, as there is so much
need of haste. Once decided
upon I can I have taken
the liberty to write for
that the account book sent
formerly, be written
about a few days hence.
That the country would keep
true you. I thought you
at Chautauqua. Boston
Marion Talbot. The Pilgrim.
Baltimore. New Hampshire.
and I only hope the word
reached you in so delay.
for we are waiting Pox for
again Tuesday I

find a letter begging me to silence any
rumors connecting her name with
Chicago, as she feels herself placed in
a most unfortunate and compromising
position in regard to Wellesley. I
confess that her letter alarms me for
if she expects to go to Chicago I am
blasted in any place. The moment she
has heard from you definitely I wish
to send for her to come here & consult
fully with me. I shall do all I honorably
can to persuade her to go. Before deciding

absence from the University the other women must really be "Acting Dean" and that title had possibly better be held in reserve.

By the way what is your plan for the girls in the Academic College? Who is to be in charge specially of them? That is to be Miss Ruckleyie fields on her return from Europe I suppose but who is to be Dean this first year?

I do not object to your

discouraging as to have
at the University Torbes
water, if it will be
moderated that they
are not taken cold at
in two weeks. If I am
called Professor Sheldon
and Miss Walker are
needed, will there not
be some opportunity
that I can say a word
there concerning
I believe? I only wish
I could be the University
of Rochester and
entirely. and have as
soon as disappointed.
Can
such to later. Love can
direct a book Tri quickly

Shall I not also write to Mrs. Cook
urging her acceptance of your
proposition to her? She will be a
most attractive and charming
woman, especially for the younger
girls to write a sober Christian,
and a lovable companion.

Very sincerely yours.

Alice F. Palmer.

Will you just drop me a line telling
me your definite offer to Mrs. Cook and
Miss Talbot, as a basis for any writing from

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Dated Old Orchard Me 3.

To Prest W R Harper

Chaut N.Y.

Address Miss Marion Talbot

the paplars Haldenness New Hampshire

Alice J Palmer

hesitate. You see I am between two fires, for Miss Talbot has a thousand reasons for staying in Boston, and Mr. Palmer says I shall not undertake this work, unless she will go too! With such a condition of things I long to see her case well settled. You must let me know how I can help you upon Sept. 20.

Yours sincerely.

Alice F. Palmer.

Boxford. Mass.
Aug. 6th 1892.

Dr. Harper,

A note from Miss Talbot just received leads me to think that you may have expected me to write to her from Chicago, definitely what I have done. I have only told her that I thought you would invite her to Chicago, and that I hoped she

If you tell me just what you can offer her in the way of salary & time, I will try to see if I can secure her, and let you know if possible.

would go, and begged her not to tie herself up irrevocably in the east for next year, to stop making lecture engagements, Chautauqua plans, &c. But I have not felt at liberty to go any further, and have not broached the subject of title, salary, or specific duties, not knowing your intentions, and not wishing to assume to commit you to anything. Now she

writes that a Professor's wife, and a Professor herself as much children but surely in the dark as to what you and I mean by Professor Dennis, for. How then can I talk to Dean in the matter? What is what & with Dean, if I come, we may say, I am coming to Greek Dean when I know Lord Chandler, Jam are, but this is a Chauffeur as orient and as difficult, but I have not

Palmer

Boxford. Mass.
(1) Aug. 10th. 1892.
WMH

Dear Dr. Harper.

If you have not written me about Miss Talbot yet, don't take the trouble. She received your second letter Monday night, came here yesterday, and we go to Wellesley today to see what can be done. (Wellesley opens just four weeks from

today. and she is pledged there.) I think she will join us in Chicago, in spite of all the obstacles, but they must be overcome.

I had written you for instructions, and by this note only want to draw you a letter.

Yours not just before leaving Chautauqua has come.

Sincerely yours.

Alice F. Palmer.

in history?" "How many are to join" &c. And again. "You are announced to "preside for a time of at least three months." Which three months? And will your course run six weeks or longer?" &c. All this will injure the University quite as much as it will hurt me, and both will be greatly embarrassed by constantly repeated explanations. I am to have accepted positions which I have no intention of filling, and the University assume to promise what it cannot give. I am sure

Boxford, Mass.
August 13th, 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

You have failed to receive a letter from me, and have misinterpreted your answer, and some grave misunderstandings have arisen. Sorry as I am to write, I am forced to send you the situation, and beg you to order the correction necessary.

You wrote me July 25th "You are elected temporary, or advisory, or acting Dean

of Women in the University College and Graduate School. We can decide upon the exact title later." I replied at once, asking that I might be named "Advisory Dean". I had no objection and I therefore have acted on that understanding, and announced that title. I also explained my objection to being announced as Professor of History.

Tonight I received a Calendar "The Divinity School Edition No. 1" and find myself announced as "Acting Dean and Professor of History," with no intimation that I am not to be so fully identified in residence as any other appointment. The only other Woman Dean named is "absent in Europe" and I am to be taking her place in Chicago. Now at the very moment when I am most eager to throw myself into your work, I am sorry enough to be forced to a protest against this undue identification the Office has made. Already letters are pouring in, with enquiries. What are to be my courses

To whom shall I write for various items of information, for which I am asked? I must not trouble you, when that can be helped.

Some splendidly equipped women are writing me about work for a Ph. D. Our letter I must send you as she is about starting for Europe. Miss Calkins is one of the ablest teachers I have ever known. Mr. Palmer says we could have no better candidate. Tell me what to say.

Yours — E. F. Palmer,

to do any thing I can to aid your work, but I am in the position where I must constantly deny that I am to do what every one infers from the Chicago report, and even turn I placed in my hour life in a very unfortunate light.

Now I know you cannot control the Chicago press, and its exaggeration of my statement, but I know you can and will right this in the office and in the University

Calendars and circulars.
Do give me a list of the
correction to that of the
Chair, or place on the
position of writer having
charge of the home and
my housework, or of being
entirely unencumbered
to work the University, and
your affectionate friend,
And your humble & faithful
Cousin, Lucy Larcom.

The circulars & our list
all that work & charge & our
name work charge & our
hands & make clear
man in the beginning
where the line itinerary is.

I hope that before this you have heard from Miss Talbot, and can have her name in the next circular. It will carry great weight among our College women. Her full name and degrees are: Miss Marion Talbot, A. B. '80. Boston University; A. M. '82. — B. S. '88. Mass. Institute of Technology. Lecturer in Latter Seminary, '88-'92. and Instructor in Domestic Economy in Wellesley College, '90-'92.

We have discussed the work with her at great length, and took satisfactorily

applying for a Fellowship this year. So late.
She wants me to find her a cheaper place to live than "the Beatrice." Do you think I can do this for common decency & economy? I should be glad to manage the matter, as she is worth securing for our Graduate School. How promising the circular is!

I hope you have heard from Miss Talbot, and like her "Public Health" plan. She will enter into it with enthusiasm. She writes me that she suggested, for the sake of the

Boxford, Mass.
Aug. 24. 1892

3 Mason St.
Cambridge.

My dear Dr. Harper.

In Boston to-day I have met by appointment Miss Alice E. Pratt, B.A. of the University of California, class of '82, who wrote me for advice about getting her Ph.D. She comes east to attend the summer school at Clark University, and go to Yale afterwards for a year or two. Pres. Stanley Hall has invited her to stay at Clark to study

Psychology, promising to try to get the trustees to regularly admit her! He must have found her ability good, if he is willing to make his exceptional request on her case. But she wants to compare literature, and she reads only French and German besides English. I think she will come to Chicago, but I have suggested applying for an M.A. here said that a Ph.D. in Comp. literature would necessitate that, with knowledge of the Modern European languages as a basis, and probably a longer residence than she has money for now. I take it for granted that Chicago requirements for the Ph.D. will be otherwise.

She can make a beginning on her own accumulated savings, not large, and, perhaps, be found worthy a Fellowship some time, and a third degree. Tell me if you would put the case differently. Of course I told her there would probably be no use in

Department and its importance. That the title should be Associate Professor. I do not know how she stated the case to you, but I understood her to say that she would accept the Asst. Professorship, and I hope you are not troubled by this added request. You will find Miss Talbot fond of the dignity and consequence of her work, and urging its recognition at

proper time, but
now grasping for
herself, or small or
pretty. She will heartily
enter into the life of the
Practice, and will grow
in usefulness.

I am most sorry about
her delayed letter, and
so sorry to have written
you so often when you
are full of many great
matters. When we are
all on the ground, how
interestingly and swiftly
work will take its ad-
justment.

Sincerely yours,

Alice F. Palmer.

previous attainment.
Miss Calkins, whose
letter I send, is In-
structor in Psychology
at Wellesley. Last
year she took the
advanced seminary
work with Profs. James
and Royce, by
special vote of the
Harvard Corporation.
The first instance
of the kind. The Profs.
say she was superior
to the men in the
same work by far.

Boxford. Mass.
Aug. 17th. 1892.

Dear Dr. Harper.

The College
and Graduate Calendars
have come tonight
and we think them
superb documents.
Mr. Palmer wants to
send his congratu-
lations and you
have mine on

such an extremist.
I think much of Miss
Hayward's work in
Boston & country.
For very little writing,
particularly I remember
also. I might Miss
Hayward write an
article that she has applied
for a Fellowship & Bryn
Mawr or Thomas Chapel
might be thought Christy
that. but is not fair
for a student to make it wise
age & make it wise
for in Fellowships.

It cannot expect that a woman
so advanced as that, unless she
already has achieved much in
some line, will yet accomplish
the results which younger
students can hope for. Perhaps
Miss Hayward could render
some service there & partly
pay her way, until we
can test her power and

She has studied
in Leipzig & Athens
has read all Greek
Philosophy in the
Greek, knows French
& German as English.
in short is a
very unusual
young woman.
& which she would
come to Chicago. It
would be a good
thing for us among
Smith and Wellesley

Obituarists.

Sincerely yours.

Alice F. Palmer.

same fate as Miss Talbot. If you have not mind questioning as to my title, Miss Caldwell's letter about a Chicago Ph.D. - Miss Talbot tells for the Sept. Calendar. Please let me repeat them.

And do let me know whenever I can do any thing for you.

A large correspondence is coming in already about the University, and I am sending out many calendars and notes of advice.

Faithfully yours
Alice F. Palmer.

Palmer

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Boxford. ~~Mass.~~
Aug. 22nd. 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Your letter Aug. 19th comes tonight, and gives me great sympathy. A telegram will go to you from Boston at 9 A.M. tomorrow saying. "Miss Talbot and I wrote you two days ago fully, accepting, giving plans." I did not see in her letter, but know that she gave you a full outline of plans for her work, which

Mr Thurston will also write, giving details in the Business Office.

she wished you to write
and tell her how much
you thought me to
do this first year.
She left me Aug. 11th
obtained her release from
Shelbey that day. con-
sulted fully with Profs.
Brown and Richards,
experts in law Dept.
in the Institute of Technol-
ogy, and now you
at once. By this mail
I write her to speak
her last letter to you.
On my two days' con-
ference with her, I was
greatly pleased by her
good judgment and
the steady power she
will clearly throw into
her work with us.
Your news from Mr.
Cow is a great relief
to me. She and Miss
Talbot will supplement
each other very well
indeed.
I have written you
several notes touching
matters of more or less
immediate importance
but they may have
been involved in the

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Dated Ho Boston Mass 23

To Wm R Harper

1212 Chamber of Com

Talbot and I wrote fully

ten days ago accepting and

giveing plans Alice F Palmer

who are writing to me for positions in the University and its academies are stopped here and do not hasten you. I am telling them all that no more positions are open to women at present. Are I right? You intend to begin with Miss Talbot, Mrs. Cox and myself, beside the Fellows, Librarians, Dr. Foster and the Readers?

I have a plan for making use of the Fellows as advisers to the younger girls in friendly ways, very good for

(6)

Palmer

Boxford, Mass.
August 26th 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

Your letter of August 22nd has just come.

Yesterday I wrote you of Miss Scott's case, and spoke of Miss Talbot's suggestion of an Associate Professorship. She will accept your first offer & am confident. She could not have meant to make a condition, - only to express a wish. She will see

as I do that you are quite right in your position in regard to standing by the first arrangement for the present. She will want to have her course in the Calendar, and there will be time for enlargement later on. I am very glad that you approve her plans. They open up a leading work to the University.

About Miss Calkins, I have not heard from her again. I am glad to hear you say residence will be required for the Ph.D.

The candidate offered no, being here, will want a work in a fellowship equivalent to a scholarship. The best arrangement would be to nominate at once Miss Calkins for the scholarship, and then nominate another candidate for the fellowship. Harvard Ph.D. requires no residence. Harvard Ph.D. requires 2 courses in philosophic. Professor J. The Calendar does not say. Still it is the choice of J. should Professor be the only choice. I am in correspondence.

I hope that the members of Committee

your expert force. Man-
ifestly under that title I
cannot claim when I
cannot give corresponding-
ly. and I don't like to hold
an empty title. I thought
this first calendar's accounts
ment on page 17 under
Part II would make a
change simple and natural.
However, you, Dr. Harper,
have the responsibility,
and you know my
reasons. I leave it with
you, who, I know, will be
as careful of my individ-
ual as of the University
position. and we all
stand together now.

Sincerely yours,
Alice F. Palmer.

both. of which I want to
talk with you when I
come. I see you have
provided for calling
upon the Fellows for
service.

This covers all the points
I must speak of today
except the unhappy
"title" question. which I
am most sorry about.
It is all my fault.
for I ought to have
been more specific. But
it never occurred to me
that a foot note would
not go in, and so I

said nothing about it, which I might have done. Of course, you know that personally it is pleasant to have as close relations with the University as possible; and to be in a position to do anything I can for its highest advancement. To that end, I do wish to be in the rank of Professors, and to be active, if in another way, as Dean as anybody. And, of course, I am glad to have you wish to make my work as influential as may be.

Perhaps I should have left the matter there

although that is given Professorships each year, and I feel sure I should receive "Doctor of Philosophy", considering the excellent courses I have taken, I do not want to be selfish & take from the University the money which I believe it can do better with than I can. But I feel that from the University point of view, rather than from any other, I wish I could work through two years, but the Chicago Law School is a good one, and I can work in Law & Philosophy at the same time. So I think, with

Palmer

Boxford. Mass.

Aug. 31st 1898.

My dear President

Your letter of Aug. 26th is here, and I am glad enough to hear you say that things are looking brighter.— I, too, have good news for you. You can go to the Trustees with Mr. Lentz's name as soon as you like, for a friend has sent his note guaranteeing the amount in quarterly quarter of the salary in hand when the name is brought forward for appointment. I can arrange that, I am sure.* But I send on this statement at once, thinking it may desirable that the appointment should be made as early as possible, and supposing there may be a Trustees' meeting next Tuesday. You have two hundred

* I see Mr. Lentz is a Rep. "on sidewalk" here

payment beginning October 1st. I am not at liberty to send his name yet, but Mr. Palmer and I can guarantee his ability to meet this obligation. What we wish, if you see no objections, is that the matter should be stated about thus:—

"Three friends of the University of Chicago guarantee the payment of twelve hundred dollars in quarterly amounts beginning October 1st 1893, to meet the salary of an additional Instructor in English, Mr. R. M. Lovett, in said University, during the Academic year 1893-94."

I hope sincerely that this guarantee will meet your approval, and I may add further that if you think it more desirable to have the first

Palmer

Boxford. Mass.
Sept. 16th. 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Your very kind letter of the 13th has come. I had made no arrangement for living in Chicago, as I wished for that place most convenient, and when I called it most useful, and I did not know where it was. Thank

greatest service to her as a laboratory assistant.

Do you think there will be any chance, or can we make one by interesting some one else to give it to her?

If you think it the least better that I should be at the Beatrice, of course you will tell me.

Looking forward to the spring with pleasure,

Faithfully yours,

Alice F. Palmer.

you for your suggestion.
Miss Talbot and I
leave Boston at 2 P. M.
Monday, reaching Chi-
cago Tuesday P. M.
Mr. Hale will be on
the same train. He and
Mrs. Hale spent yester-
day here, and my
home was full of the
University. He shall
report them as early
as possible.

I want to consult you
at once about the possi-
bility of finding a
scholarship for Miss

Carey, who was a Freshman at Bellevue
last year. She is an older girl, and
wishes very much to study Teachers
Law work with Miss Talbot. She
would be a fine Freshman [illegible]
Jean at Michigan, but would not be
able to be there without a great
scholarship. Miss Talbot and I
have very earnest for her, but her
parents object to her leaving
home, and cannot be induced to

and learn to discriminate and choose.

I also send the new Harvard Directory, in which every person connected with the University is to be found alphabetically, within two weeks generally of the opening, and from the greater convenience some time we shall want something like it. But don't be bothered by all the documents I shall send. You know you need not read them!

Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 26, 1892.

Pattee

Rec'd

My dear President,

My husband sends back his thanks to you for obtaining him a wife in so good condition as he finds me! The home coming has been a simple delight, and none the less blissful that all our thoughts and talk are on Chicago. Every hour I wonder

how you are all going on, and what a Rain and Drizzle we now! Here is a clipping from the Boston Advertiser you will want to see, and I have already mailed you some Harvard Calendars.

Mr. Anderson told me he was still at work on the form of a Bulletin and you may get some suggestions from this long experience, in which the results have every year been better than the last. The announcement of Churches, and of full courses of lecture and concerts, has proved very useful. Students ought not to try to attend all lectures, or belong to many clubs and societies, as they are in great danger of scattering their forces already, and failing of the best scholarly work. But they can look over the whole field soon.

rooms are vacated? But don't ask any one to go away without consulting Miss Talbot, Mr. Jackson or Mr. Laughlin or all of them. They have good ideas and also sense and judgment, and they can arrange that company, or know when it ought to change. I did not mean to mention the house keeping to you in my first letter.

I had much good talk en route with Mr. Richards and Miss Cushing in regard to their impression of our beginning. I wish you could have had it all, for it would have given you solid ground for comfort in regard to the Beatrice, our last to be mentioned anxiety. They have both had wide experience in providing

meals for students.
and they declare
that they regard the
Beatrice table as "re-
markably good
and well cooked and
served for $3.00 a week"
that "they were sur-
prised at its quality".
They are experts in
this matter too! But
things can be rec-
ommended, and will be
were yet.
I know you think I
am over-anxious to
have the Professors
stay and be happy.
But the room ought
to be cooled, all of them
on every account, and
this is only temporary
discomfort. Big mouths
and Beatrice experiences
are all over! Social
people not connected
with the University,
women teachers and
others, want to come
there, for rooms and
board. Should that be
considered, if any

other as fully and frankly we differed and argued in fun and business as that night together should? I was simply happy and proud — and am always,

Yours faithfully,

Alice F. Palmer.

but I came away with a heartache that you were still anxious and I wanted you to share the comfort my friends gave me. They thought it simply astonishing that so much order and comfort had been wrought out for so large a family so soon. They knew what

it is to furnish a
great house, from
dish towels to pianos
and afternoon recep-
tions, with all the
thousand details
and they don't see
how it has been done
in the midst of all
the other work. So you
will take heart, won't
you?

Give my warm love
to Mrs. Harper. Do
tell her what a
charming woman
her dinner party
was. Oh all kept
saying to each
other the next day
that we had never
been at a pleasanter
dinner. And do you
know how much it
means, and will
mean, that your
Dearer has such
confidence in you
and in me another,
and trust each

enthusiasm for you. I hope if you call Mr. Manley, he will take an interest in this side of the English Dept., and not merely in Philology.

But you are too tired to read all I did not have time to say. and I shall soon be in Chicago.

I wish you success with all my heart tomorrow morning. I shall long to hear the result. Sincerely A. F. P.

Palmer

Noon & P.M. Thursday.

3 MASON ST.
CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I find this telegram on the table, and as the cook's brother is going into Boston I send it to you at the hotel on the chance of your needing it.

I am so glad for

this little visit, and
only long for more.
If you would
be proper enough,
you could make
him do anything!
Mr. Hill told me at
the door that he thought
he would go to Chicago.
I know they want
to keep him here. They
regard him as the
ablest and most
promising young
man coming into

the field, and have been determined
to hold him. But you have probably
conquered. I look Mr. Hancock
keeps he wants to write
"the article" shall be the
Gen. "the article" shall be the
the Democratic & the Republican
and Conservative for the Union
candidate, and be sure that they
leave it well, and it will
on investigation, & history, to be
take I the same with Thus

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Cambridge, Mass.
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My dear President,

Is it really only one month today since we had our first beginning in the University? Then it has been a great month's work and I hope you are as cheerful as you have a right to be! It would surely touch and surprise you to see the deep and friendly interest on all sides here in Cambridge in all our work. They agree that there has been no such important movement in education in this country before, and watch every step with the keenest attention. I wish I could have an hour with you now and then to report on all I see and hear! But I have just sent a most valuable document to

Mr. Conn. and have asked him to hand it to you, — the report of the official Committee on the English Dept. at Harvard. This is one of the Committee of which I told you, and you will see what a tonic to the Secondary Schools such a report as this will be, and how it will rouse the teachers. If you can make use of any more copies in any way, let me know and I will try to get them for you. I thought the English teachers would like to see what efforts are being put forth here to teach College students to use their own tongue clearly and effectively, and how deficient the schools everywhere are.

I hear that our friend Miss Marson is still all nerves. Don't let them disturb you. She would be happy in Heaven, and no one claims those perpetuations for the Beatitudes. I hope Miss Hayward is away. My love to all the family. Yours as always, Alice F. Freeman.

Phelps

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WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

Please return to W.R.H.

Cambridge, Mass.
~~CHICAGO~~ Nov. 4th, 1892.

Personal

My dear Dr. Harper.

This is an incomprehensible situation! I received the letter in which Mr. Brown refers, and answered him at once, not at length, but expressing interest in his plan, saying that you had spoken of it to me, and that I should be very glad to know more about it, that it seemed admirable on first reflection, and that I hoped he would call at the University or the Beacon and see me for further explanation and discussion. I have only a brief memorandum of the

letter I wrote him here, but I think I also suggested two or three times when I might soon surely be found and asked a question or two. I expected to see him or hear from him again, but heard nothing more whatever from him or about the place, and supposed that for some reason the matter had been dropped. I am sorry I did not speak to you of it at the time, for you might have had a solution of the mystery while I was still in Chicago. It is a most unhappy accident, and shakes my faith in the safety of Rancho Park mail. What can I do now to remedy this catastrophe? Or is it too late? Of course I shall send a note to Mr. Brown, telling him that I replied to his first letter, and did not receive his second, but can I assist him now? I hope that all public service is improved since the Dedication Monuments are over!

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Your Beatrice must make an
effort to take the first train to Chicago. I have written Miss Talbot fully,
begging her not to go on with
Miss Maddocks if she can find
any one to do the work better.
That everything possible should be
done under the circumstances is
the immediate necessity. Who shall
do it is a secondary matter, and
the fact that Miss Maddocks is
her must not stand in the way
of the work. I am sure Miss Talbot
will know what can be done, and
what cannot with the means pro-
vided, and will act freely. But I
wish I could take this burden from
you all. I write hastily to catch

the running mate. I hope soon to hear Miss Talbot's plans.

Always faithfully yours,

Alice Freeman Palmer

By the way, this fellow to reach Mr. Brown makes me wonder if Miss Harrison ever heard from me or from Prof. Knapp. Mr. Ellis telephoned your message to her, - the third met her on the subject of the old Spanish.

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Cambridge, Mass.
~~CHICAGO~~ Nov. 22nd, 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Your letter concerning the first University Convocation came last night. I went in town to see Mr. Phillips Brooks this morning, but found him out of the city, and not to return until next Thursday. I write him tonight, and shall also try to see him, and will say all I can to persuade him to come. This, I am sure, he will be glad to do unless his engagements as Bishop among the churches forbid his leaving. This is what I fear.

And do you think it important that I should be in Chicago then? If so, I must try to come. Of course you know well that I shall want

to be there badly enough. Mr. Palmer cannot join me there until (probably) the last week in January. The mid-year examinations always begin about that time. He can stay two or three weeks. I had thought of coming on perhaps a fortnight before him. Now that you tell me of a Convocation I am puzzled. What do you think is best? How can I serve you most?

I am having a great deal of pleasant news from and about Chicago. I envied the students your Friday night talk to them. They evidently took advice advisably, and our position on recent election has made a great impression here. Some of the strangest men express their joy at such an attitude.

I hope the reception Friday night was all you could wish, and that all goes well.

Faithfully yours,

Alice Freeman Palmer.

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December 1st 1892.

~~CHICAGO~~ Cambridge.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Have I not been considerate in sparing you writing you so much lately? I suddenly reflected how often I was taking your precious time by my long letters, and have been repressed but I must send an anniversary greeting! Two splendid months! How thankful we are for every day of them!

I was, and am, most disappointed that Dr. Brooks could not come. There is nothing I would not have done to accomplish it. Mr. Laughlin wrote begging me to get his prominent friends interested, and secure their influence, - and one of his College classmates, for whom he would do anything possible, earnestly took the matter up. But it was not necessary to urge him. He could not help himself, as we saw at once.

In replying to Mr. Laughlin, I mentioned several men who are making the best addresses on such occasions here, among President Eliot, Gilman, Stanley Hall, Gates of Amherst, Hyde of Bowdoin, Francis Walker, etc. Of course they are not brilliant

orators like Dr. Brooks, but they speak with dignity and power and expert educational knowledge. Among Professors here Francis Peabody, & W. W. Goodwin have lately made very strong addresses. Prof. Tucker of Andover is always noble and impressive, and has much to say. At Pilgrim we often have prominent ministers, but they are not likely to accept an invitation which takes them out of their pulpits the first Sunday of the year, and much of the Week of Prayer. How I wish I could do something for you about it! Command me to any extent.

I tried to do Chicago and your cause service last night at a great gathering in Boston, of which I send the programme and some newspaper remarks. Of course the reporters got nothing right or clear. Chicago's work in Sociology was greatly applauded, and the keenest interest taken in all the new University is doing.

By the way, I hope you are not too unhappy over the gossiping article some lady wrote from Chicago in October - the 22nd. I think about the woman student, Beatrice Mallon, &c. I lately saw it, to my honor and indignation. I may be very unjust in my suspicions, but when I return to

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Chicago. I shall investigate quietly, and hope to have that thing stopped.

I hope all the good news in the papers about gifts to the University is true. It is nothing more than Mr. Fielder, Mr. Reynolds and everybody else ought to do.

The letters from the Beatrice are really happy and gay. Things must be going better. I trust, dear Dr. Harper, it will all be a comfort and pride to you soon.

I myself am proud of the University Univ. It coming is like a greeting from a friend, and its spirit is excellent. How well the students seem to follow your guidance, with what activity and sympathy they spring to meet suggestions! I long to be in the middle of it. At least give me more to do for you!

Can nothing more be done to secure more for the Educational Exhibit at the World's Fair? Mr. Harry

of our Commission has just been
been disturbed by our private information
that the Liberal Arts Building which has
been promised us is not likely to be
forthcoming. He starts at once for Chicago
to make a final plea. Can you give any
advice about it, or is the case hopeless?
The space for Education in the great
building is now cut down below that
given in 76, and is impossible. Massa-
chusetts, and, I am told, many other
states will withdraw unless something
can be provided at once. That would
be a general misfortune. I have told
Mr. Dorr that you will have more in-
fluence upon the Directory than any
one else. Many of them know you
and the position of the University
should be considered by them.

But, of course, you will have said
and done what you think best.

Give my love to Mrs. Harper
and the children, and know that I am
always faithfully yours.

Alice F. Palmer.

Cambridge about Jan 21st
and be absent until Feb
13th probably. He has
been looking forward with
great anticipation to his
visit to Chicago, and he
wishes me to tell you
that he will be glad to
be of any service to you
if in any way he can
help you at all. I had
meant to come in a week
or ten days before he
does, or stay afterward
later in February, just
as you thought best,
but to make my stay
about as long or short.

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Mason St.
Cambridge, Mass.
Dec. 20th 1892.

My dear President:

I am out of
my room again after a
temporary illness, and
the first thing I think
of doing is to send a
message to you. I
must take a column
pledge of you, however,
that you will never
write me a word, simply
in reply to my letter.
Your heart will enough
how glad I am to hear

I can't get hold of that article yet, but will do it as soon as I get home.

I am delighted to think of Mr. Van Rensselaer's speaking at Commencement. Nothing could be better.

Yours not Pattison.

from you, but I know how busy you are, and I shall not wait for answers, or expect them. If I have anything to say, I shall simply say it, and leave it there.

Before I was ill, I was on the point of writing you rather a personal letter, and asking your advice, and an expression of your wishes in the circumstances.

It is in regard to my residence in Chicago the remainder of the year. It may be early to discuss the matter fully now, and when I come on, we can go over the ground, but it has occurred to me that possibly I could be of some special service for a longer stay in April when we must leave the Beatrice, and get established, I hope, in the new Hall.

I had planned a full month's stay with you this winter as you know; and am still looking forward to it, if that seems best to you.

Mr. Palmer can leave

the latter just now for an added reason. Mr. Palmer's brother's wife is at the point of death in Boston, - near the end of a long distressing illness, and in the midst of our anxiety about her our cousin in Roxbury, a man in the prime of life, is stricken down, and will probably not live a fortnight longer. You will see that I shrink from leaving home for a great length of time in this crisis, - and still I wish to come to you at the time which promises to be of most service to you. I am sure you will speak quite frankly about it.

Last night Stanley Hall was here, and we had a long talk about the University of Chicago. His enthusiasm is boundless. He declares your work "far and away the greatest educational force this country has ever seen." Says Johns Hopkins does not compare in power to what Chicago will do, and became

To how many people do I have to tell the story of this great beginning? Ten days ago I went to Newark, N. J. to speak to a great company on Higher Education, and, of course, Chicago had a large place.

I wish I knew in how what way I can serve your work when I come. Shall I accept these invitations that come for lectures near Chicago, or shall I stay all the time on the ground with the students? I do so wish to help on your work.

When your letter came suggesting that I should come on for Convocation, Jan. 2nd, I began to re-arrange my plans, but I am still in much difficulty. I could come on simply for Jan. 2nd, and return, still keeping the plan of spending a month at work with you later, or I could take my full month together in January, and Mr. Palmer could postpone his visit to some later time. I hesitate to plan

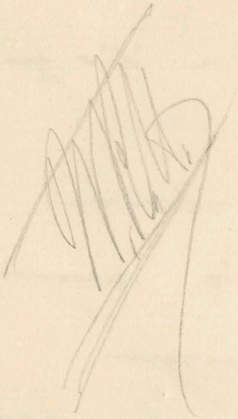
that I certainly shall talk of nothing but education. but do you need that?

Well, I have written too much! Give my love and a Merry Christmas to Mrs. Harper and to the children.

I read every word in the News about your receptions, and are sure they must be delightful. If I only could help you in them!

With my good Christmas wish, faithfully yours,

Alice F. Palmer.



Alice Freeman Palmer reports Pres. Eliot as saying: "Chicago is the only place where a Harvard instructor would care to go." The comment: "Pretty good for one year's work in the University world!

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Alice Freeman Palmer,

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WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

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Cambridge
~~CHICAGO~~ March 10th, 1893.

My dear President:

I am very sorry to be compelled to confess to another heavy cold which has incapacitated me for a few days; but now I can reply to your question which came yesterday concerning Mrs. Coon.

I should think it would be very proper to offer Mrs. Coon room and not board in return for her duties as Social Head of a Hall. The position of Proctor in the University here may offer some analogy, and room rent is the compensation for proctorship. Of course her interruptions and obligations would be probably many more than the Proctor's, but that is in the nature of the case. Of course the Dean's duties would be thoroughly done by others, and the housekeeping well attended to independently, so that her actual executive duties would be few.

the other day I wrote you that if the Woman's Memorial Hall was not done in October we could probably get in without employing another woman. If we should hear of a perfect candidate, however, for some department in need of more instruction it would be well to have one more, but certainly not unless she is just the woman and behalf than great influence in all the University.

I telegraphed you that the plastering had better go in the basement of Kelly and Beecher Halls. My data did not arrive until last night, and even now the foreman says the plans for the steam pipes are not made! This was a necessary item for us. From the sketches I brought, Mr. Richards and I think we can fairly well adapt our plans to these divisions of the space, and had better do it than have any delay on the ground.

We are working out the most complete estimates of the necessary cost of living. If you can get a minute ask Miss Talbot about them. We are

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sending her copies for criticism, and we hope to receive interesting and valuable results. When you come on they will be in shape, and will encourage you, I know. — On this subject, I send you today copies of an interesting pamphlet just out. Throwing some light on our problem of student self-help. I am anxious lest Mr. Ryerson should not come, and so many things are waiting to be talked over.

We are saddened by the death of our dear old Dr. Peabody last night. Blood by very our here. This is a very lonely neighborhood now! May Chicago long be spared such losses among her officers and supporters as this winter has brought us here. I do hope you and all the family are keeping well.

Mr. Palmer sends his warmest regards.

Faithfully yours. Alice F. Palmer.

the housekeeping is as bad as possible, and the condition of the building lamentable. They cannot imagine how students can live there next year with any degree of comfort, or how a well-built new building could have got into such a condition in one year. That it must have been very badly used, and shockingly cared for. Certainly such

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Boxford. Mass.
July 31st 1893.

My dear Mr. Harper.

I send you today the two publications of Clark University, of which we spoke, the President's report, and the Fifth Annual Register. They make very interesting reading, full of suggestions.

It is now a week since we left beautiful Chautauqua, full of

delightful memories.
I hope you are all
as well and happy
as possible.

Since I came home
I have had a letter
from the Collegiate Alum-
nae Association, formally
asking me to accept
the place on the Jury
on Higher Education
offered me, - "urging it
in behalf of important
interests," &c. &c. It is
all my embarrassing
time, and my refusal
goes with many in-
word congratulation.

We have had two
friends passing
Sunday with us, who
have just returned
from the World's Fair,
Mr. Lane, Head Librari-
an of the Boston
Athenaeum, and his
mother. They were there
more than a week
staying in the South
Dining Hall, and their
report goes me great
anxiety. They say that

live in the midst of college dormitories and know the good from the bad. To be sure they went to Chicago University expecting perfection! I do wish we could have the buildings cared for by strong servant women under Mr. Parker's direction. Their labor is much cheaper than men's, in the first place, and much more thorough. Irish and German immigrants taken away by hundreds of people from all parts of the country will hurt the University very much. It seems that their rooms were simply over run with vermin, cockroaches in such numbers that, with the rats, they were kept from sleep. Of course if those new buildings get infested with rats and mice they

and the valuable things in them will be seriously and permanently injured.

They report also a pile of garbage just behind Divinity Hall of a very unsightly and disagreeable character.

I am sorry to send a criticism of such unsightly objects into your sunny Chautauqua days.

but I know you will want me to tell you, since I have no knowledge of how to reach the matter otherwise. I have repeatedly heard unpleasant opinions of the management of the University building. This time I know the friends will enough to act them to be explicit, and I know they are not surprised by critics, or censorious. They have lived their

women past middle
life are the best. They
are very strong, and
well looked after, do
a great amount of
good work. No che-
dut should be
allowed in the
building who does not
have his room kept
thoroughly clean, not
more for his own
sake than for the
sake of others, and
the future of the build-
ing themselves.

If service is charged in the rent of the rooms, we can insist that he allow housekeeping of the rooms, and take care of it himself. As for the students who pay no rent, it certainly is hard that they should be so careless.

Ah! well, you will feel that you are a "hotel keeper" again, I am afraid. But I shall reply:- "From the nice work his edict of banishment before they will be expelled from the New University!" Such a responsibility is it to be the source of all authority."

I wish you might share the peace and beauty of this still place with me!

Our greetings to you and the wife and children when you see them. Sincerely yours,

Alice F. Palmer.

World's Columbian Exposition.
Massachusetts Board of Managers.
309 Sears Building.

Gen. John W. Corcoran, Chairman.
Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer.
Miss Anna L. Dawes.
Hon. Edward Burnett.
E. C. Hovey, Secretary.

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Cambridge, Mass

Boston, May 3rd 1893.

My dear President,

I think you will like to glance simply at the discussions going on in the Harvard Crimson in regard to the new dining hall. The Corporation have now decided to build a new hall, and there is the greatest interest among the students in having it available for men of very different means, so that rich and poor can alike be accommodated.

I think I gave you the pamphlet on "Student Expenses" just published by Mr. Rocen, in the early part of which he discusses ways of economy at Harvard, and on page 4 gives the price list of the Foxcroft Club. That is the sort of arrangement I wish we might have in the present Commons as soon as the Rest Commons are opened, - an à la carte system, whereby students could see their own judgment, and fit their food to their purses. In this way we could also furnish lunches to any number of students from the city, and with our new cooking plant could be sure that all

students had nourishing food at small prices.

Mr. Marsh was here last night and asked me if you had yet appointed a Head Professor in English. I told him I did not know. I wished then I had spoken more fully with you on the subject. I find that he urged Loretto going to Chicago very earnestly. How I wish you were here now to talk with him yourself, for he enters into our needs and hopes as if he was one of us, and want me "to have the best men who are sure to make great teachers."

I hope your cold is better, and the skies are better for you than for us.

We are in the midst of pouring rains.

My love to your wife. I trust you had as pleasant a dinner party as the last one I remember at your house.

Sincerely Yours.

Alice F. Palmer.

has told already on Mr. Lowth as on Mr. Hill. (You should see how glum Mr. Tanning is because you have captured Mr. Hill against his advice.) Perhaps I ought not to say it, – but Mr. Palmer and I think that Mr. Marsh might be won for Chicago. His interest in it all is so keen, he has done as much as any one in getting both Hill and Lowth for us against very great opposition, and his wife wishes it so much that certainly it does seem hopeful. Can't you come earlier than June? In case you do not appoint a Head Prof. of English now, he, as Prof. of Comparative

Cambridge, May 1. 1893.

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My dear Dr. Harper.

I reached home safely last night, and I only wish you were here to share the pleasure I feel at the way Chicago interests are progressing here!

In the first place Mr. Herrick is full of enthusiastic pleasure for his work next year, and Prof. Hill and Crandall with whom he has talked about his intended arrangements of work, are delighted with it all, and we owe you have won a man who

would have been of the greatest service here. They would have been generous in offering you one man. but at two from English They say out. as Mr. Palmer meant the struggle then has been over Mr. Lovett, I am both amused and delighted and frightened lest something hinder us now.

I did not at all realize how highly he was regarded by the English Dept. or how rapidly they meant to promote him. On the one hand they promise him a very speedy promotion, offering him $1600. in the College and the Chicago for next year. On the other hand Mr. Palmer, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Herrick all join in urging Chicago, until now he wants to help build up a noble rhetoric dept. for you more than anything else in the world. I lie night among the students and devote himself to their interests. Mr. Lovett's most intimate friend is Mr. Moore, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here. He has been in this morning very gloomy over the possibility of losing Lovett. He says Lovett's influence among the students is incalculable for good: "as great as any professor." You have won Mr. Herrick's heart completely, and it

can come to her pour it. She has had so much hard day in her life, we must not let her walk into another! She can do us the greatest service in extension. Do appeal to her to do it for us, and convince her to her best chance and pour a cause of failure. That was the object of my talk with her, and I hoped she would comment. I am most anxious, for Mr. Lovett will have to give a final answer to Harvard in a few days at the outside.

Among other things, Prof. Eliot said to Lovett - "Chicago is the only place where a Harvard instructor would care to go." Pretty good for a Yankee!

I wonder if each College Professor will be that enthusiastic for his own college. Yours. A. T. T.

literature could be of the greatest service to us with the advanced students in English as well as in the other modern literatures, as he is so widely read in them all.

But to come back to our English problem. I hope Mrs. Crane will willingly consent to the change at once to half her time in University Extension. On Friday both Mr. Judson and Mr. McClintock spoke of the impression her work had made in the University and I felt more strongly than ever that the *must* change now before any unhappiness

I want to add a word about a Dayton conversation.

I spent a few hours Saturday at Prof. Roberts'. He was formerly at Vassar, and is a prominent Baptist of his section. He asked me many questions about the number of the Faculty in Chicago, and told me that Prof. Hence in Biology had given him and others all through ohio the impression that the Chicago Faculty was materialists, agnostics, godless men, in great numbers. We had very plain talk on the subject, he quoting Prof. Hence's speech at

Granville making these
charges very distinct
as the reason he did not go to Chicago,
& going over the matter
in detail, and showing
him how absurd this
"scientific" charge was.
He said he quite understood the situation now,
and certainly seemed
very clear in defense
of our position. He was
so sure that Prof. Kenick
had done us great injury
all through Ohio that I
simply wanted to report
to you. Though you may
know all this already.
I shall have opportunities
then again, as I did in my
address, to make our
position clear, without
referring to him.

Faithfully
A. F. Palmer.

willingness to enter a new arrangement. Her failure to respond to your wishes is not only a serious thing in crippling the English work but it involves a complicated question concerning the Morris Hall, to which we must attend at the earliest possible time consistent.

Now that Barnard College is making such determined efforts to take Miss Talbot away from us, and offering her brilliant prospects

May 23rd 1893.

Palmer

3 Mason St.
Cambridge.

My dear Dr. Harper,

I am wondering very much whether you are going to be able to come east before June 1st as you once suggested you might do. As I wrote you a few days ago, there is to be a general exodus from Cambridge to Chicago early in June and I should be more sorry than I can say to have you miss

the people whom you want to see. Mr. Palmer and I must leave the evening of June 1st to speak at a commencement in Poughkeepsie, and I at one in New York June 2nd. From which we proceed at once to Chicago, reaching there late Saturday night probably.

Mr. Hart and his party leave a week from today, reaching Chicago June 1st late in the evening. They have engaged rooms at the University.

The President and Mrs. Rogers are to be there for Prize week in June. Notably Mr. Cooper & others will also be there in the evening. We will see you then.

At the Trade Sales, I am not here exclusively but record black Mr. Carson's lecture. Architecture I have to be work in the University has caused deep, since arriving a few nights ago. I am quite confident at the athletic, as I discussed conclusively with Dr. Frederick

announced. I hope the hard work of money raising goes hopefully, and that you keep well. You must let me help you all I can in June.

My love to Mrs. Harper and the children.

Faithfully yours,

Alice F. Palmer.

If you are on your way East, or on coming, do let me know. If you can come, and would rather have one here than there, do say so. I am at your service!

so near her own home, she must not feel any hopelessness or one chain about next year's plans. We must keep her. I know you will feel this as strongly as I do, and she must have some well really strong tie with the care of so many buildings and details with her. I have heard nothing from Mrs. Crow, and know only what you reported. Do you think Mrs. Crow will take me off the hands, and really take charge? Will she

3 Mason St.
Cambridge.

be then enough to be of substantial service, or will the essential responsibility fall upon Miss Talbot in all perplexing questions, and in emergencies? I can not judge from your letter what her spirit is, or how heartily she will enter upon other duties besides teaching next year. But unless she does change her attitude, I should much prefer that she should not live in the Women's halls at all. It would be of no advantage

whatever if another teacher at least were resident at the Oratorio. Dark Harbor Service, under Miss is conducting I can do no plans for coming, for I know far are to bring, and I cannot ask to take charge by taking all my associates from Mr. Mr. would be too exceptionally hard work well, no matter about because out perplexities.

Of course you know best. I am

Yours Ever. Rockefeller 9/16

paid in the summer he would subscribe a hundred. I will write him at once to see if his bank is sound enough for him to fulfill his promise, and I will also write to Allen immediately.

Now, my dear friend, I beg you not to object to my subscription, as you did before. I wish to do this, and I do not want anyone to know it. You alone need

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Boxford. Mass.
Aug. 14th 1892.

My dear President,

Your letter has just come, and I am full of anxiety. If I can do anything by coming at once to Chicago, I would start tomorrow, and we are so comfy and disappointed not to have you here! You would carry the rest of a week of these peaceful days

through the whole year.
But sometimes let us
hope to see you!
Now about the business.
When my salary did
not come this month,
I saw things must
be worse than you
anticipated when we
started in Chautauqua,
or was you so cheer-
ful simply out of
principle? I trust you
to let me know when-
ever I can help much
or little. Now I shall
see what I can do
immediately about

Lorette's salary. I had stuck it up as
well as the Western Rail Road would
permit, thinking that would be
a better location for success, and that
the result be enough in excess
of Mr. Fox's salary to cover
for (& shall see to it) expenses
Paul will pay & have always
collected & remitted to Lorette
and Tilly Collard, or a person this
Calendy Warrick is, and a friend

must be made early in order to have things in working order that they need to know early.

I intend now to be in Chicago by the middle of September. Do you need me earlier? Have you seen Mr. Kelley? He must do more for her Hall.

Mr. Palmer sends his greetings. You must know that he joins me very heartily in the money matters, and

know anything about this extra fund for the English Dept. this year. I only mention it because you seemed a little uncomfortable when we talked of it, and you must not. Please don't refer to it, or think of it again.

In a few days I hope to report progress.

I will write Mr. Remsen at once. I have not heard from Mr. Hale, and did not know that

Miss Van Vliet had been accepted. If she has been, I suppose Mrs. Ransome can send the money at an early date. But you shall have details.

Are you going to be able to carry out the plans with Mrs. Richards and Miss Daniel? Or does the money fail? Mrs. Richards says that the last contribution from Pennsylvania, and the report is work because of the magnificent entertainment and the magnificent work of Miss Scott & Cowles' society. They have contributed more than that the committee have collected, and they [illegible] more [illegible] - lack of [illegible] work. Do remember me to the Phillips before Oct. 1, in the very [illegible] and as earnestly [illegible]

want to help as
much as I do.

Write soon to Mr.
Harper and the
children.

Faithfully yours,
Alice F. Palmer

Miss Wallace & see Mr. Beecher? You know she is at the Mass. State Building and would gladly call on Mr. Beecher if that will help.

Write to Mr. Harper.

Faithfully yours,
Alice F. Palmer.

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we know. She intends to drive over here & report, and the very bad weather may account for the delay.

I also talked with her about the Students Aid Fund, and she will help us get subscribers. She thinks we shall succeed some time this fall.

I shall reach Chicago the morning of the 14th I hope, and will let you know at once.

I am sure we can get money for the students. You know the new ones must all pay their first quarter's tuition, and we can surely provide for last year's poor and first class ones. As soon as I arrive I will go to work for subscriptions and I have good confidence.

I saw Mr. Richards this week and he is in good spirits over the University. He wants to know whether I should have arrangements & directions for fitting up the kitchens as soon as possible. Perhaps Miss Talbot has written you, as any thing depends on getting that work through in time.

I will let you know the moment I hear from Mrs. Walker.

Do you think it would be wise for

to Beverly to see
Mrs. W. B. Walker,
to ask whether her
aunt, Mrs. Beecher,
would not help
us about fitting
up Beecher Hall.
She was most cordial,
said she would
subscribe, would
write to her aunt
and to others of the
family, would
talk with her hus-
band on his return
and would let

and fifty dollars in
hand, whenever you
choose to call for it
towards the salary;
so I hope you have
on that score is
past, and you will
not have any added
anxieties. I am very
happy, and when I
see you I hope to be
able to talk it over
fully.

I have not seen Mr.
L. but some time
ago when Mr. Warnick
spoke to me, I told

him that L.G. telegram did not reach you in time for the Trustees meeting the Tuesday when it was expected, and he would have to wait for the formal action. I do not think he has been harassed about it, as here, Trustees do not meet during the summer, and appointments are often made formal early in September. I expect he will expect it soon. No one suspects any trouble or delay, and the matter may end. I only hope you will enjoy and be proud of the English work next year.

Now for a second piece of news, unless Miss Talbot has written. I have waited two weeks hoping for something definite, which has not come. Miss Talbot and I went on Aug. 16th

New York City,
Nov. 26. 1893.

Palmer

Recd

3 MASON ST.
CAMBRIDGE.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Your letter reach-
ed here, forwarded to me
where I am unfortunately
laid up in the hands
of a doctor, with a bad
cold. You will, I am sure,
be forgiving if my report is
not as coherent as it will
be when I am out again.

I don't know whether you
have heard that Mrs. Otto
Sprague came to Boston a
few days after I left Chicago
was entrusted with drawing up the plan of organization, wrote me, and at the same time Mr. Sprague sent word of his distress that they were so late in starting, but promising immediate action. I personally know of four hundred dollars now sent in, and I have written Mr. Sprague suggesting that this sum should be obtained at once. If I am well enough I would come out at once, and try to hurry matters.

Very sincerely yours,
Alice H. Palmer.

and has been very ill for more than two weeks. Mrs. Albert Sprague came in, and was able to start back with her only a few days ago. - A note reached me today saying that they have reached home.) In the meantime Mr. Otho Sprague has been sick in bed, and Mr. Albert Sprague's daughter, and Mrs. Norman Williams - so they have all delayed getting organized - and the ladies who are simply waiting to raise the money until they can have the circulars

stating the main facts.

Below me, I have left nothing undone, which it seemed to me wise to do. If I had not tried to organize at all, I could have personally raised a little money now more speedily, but I am confident that in the end this movement will be infinitely more effective, and will reach in large things.

I have been more sorry than I can say to hear absolutely nothing about it until within a week when Mr. Williams who