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CHICAGO May 6, 1905.

The President.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I am obliged for the opportunity of seeing the letter of Mr. George B. Harris, President of the C.B.& Q. Railway Company, enclosed with his check for \$500. subscription as promised. I think that we can congratulate ourselves upon having converted Mr. Harris to some appreciation of the work that is being done by the University in this direction, inasmuch as in his letter of April 24th. he states that "We feel well disposed towards it". You will probably remember sufficient of the earlier correspondence with Mr. Harris to recollect that his position in relation to the movement was distinctly non-committal. I enclose a copy of his letter of Dec. 22nd.

I feel safe in saying that Mr. Harris should have every reason to feel "well disposed" towards the work, as it has undoubtedly been a great stimulus to many of the Burlington employees in attendance. These men not only constitute one of the most enthusiastic and successful elements of the classes, but, under the stimulus of the latter, have formed among themselves a little club which already has met several times, so I am informed, for the consideration and discussion of matters appertaining to railroad work.

Should Mr. Harris insist upon his refusal to subscribe for next year, it would cause considerable disappointment to a number of our Burlington students who are looking forward to the Company enabling them to continue their studies.

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The President.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I herewith send you copy of the report as revised by action of the Advisory Board. This is now the report of the Board, by unanimous vote, and I have noted this in the title.

I am not displeased at the elimination of the Railway Training or Station Agents' School from the recommendations, though this will probably come in time. When it does I hope it will be in the form of a separately organized school under departmental supervision, forming a kind of preparatory school to the Railway College proper. To my mind, it is not desirable to include an elementary school of this kind within the proposed Railway College, which should be a professional school ranking alongside of the various Colleges of the University. Even when signing my name to the previous report I was of this opinion.

My opinion is that if the \$9,000. can be guaranteed, the University ought to go ahead with the scheme as set forth in the report of the Board. A College should be constituted with special one and two and regular four year courses at the Quadrangles, and the evening railway classes at University College should be considered as part of and under the care of the Railway College. The mere use of the name will probably attract to the University scores of additional students both day and evening. Inasmuch as the special instructors have to be secured for the evening work and they will naturally require full salaries, there can be no real objection to making use of their services in similar work during the day time.

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The above makes no provision for further financial recognition of the additional responsibility and work falling upon my shoulders, but I am interested enough in the development of the plan to forego, for the present, any matter of this kind.

In view of developments elsewhere, the University can hardly afford to lose the prestige and substantial advantage attaching to first possession of the field, and delay is almost sure to injure us in this respect. At the dinner you mentioned that the McGill scheme was practically an engineering one. One of the prominent Grand Trunk officials, in discussing the possibilities at Montreal, assured me that every side of railway education (of collegiate rank) was to be covered.

I wish that you could find time to canvass the situation in personal conference before I go abroad. Trusting to hear from you soon, I beg to remain

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- 2. Railway Geography.
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- 13. Railway Auditing and Finance.
- (14. Station Accounts .-- elective.)
- 15. Railway Rates.
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All of these electives are now offered at the University.

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- 1. The means to this end are to be found in five ways:
 - a) The evening classes of the University College now held in the Studebaker Building.
 - b) Station Agents school at the same place.
 - o) Day classes of collegiate standing in railway subjects and in general studies, mathematics, science, economics, etc.
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- a) A railway laboratory for exhibiting and testing appliances, and teaching by object lessons. This can be placed on cheap land in the suburbs within easy reach.
- b) A reilway museum, historical and applied.
- c) In connection with the Railway Department, and the School of Engineering, a place for the Railway Exhibit of the Field Columbian Museum, soon to be offered us.
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- 1. The establishment of a Department of Railway Transportation in charge of the development of all railway courses and their teachers also in charge of the work in Railway Correspondence Thition, and of the arrangements for special lectures at suitable centers for the education of the public on matters of railway management and policy.
- 2. The organization of a Station Agents' School, and of degree and speial courses in railway management and working, both day and evening, all to be grouped under a Railway College.

The Railway College.

Station Agents' School.

Admission Requirements: The candidates must pass examinations in English, writing, arithmetic, geography. eleximizer for example of the condition of the condit

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Telegraphy and Signeling
Mechanical Drawing
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English Composition & Correspondence.
Commercial Geography
Algebra and Geometry.

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(Major - 4 or 5 hrs., for 3 mths.; Minor - 2 hrs. a wk. for 3 mths.)

The student who has successfully passed the examinations in this course of two years will receive a certificate. It can be safely said that possessors of this certificate can be placed in positions on the railways with a comfortable salary at once. While good students, after two years' work can be fitted to earn a fair living, they are advised to carry their railway studies further.

B. Regular Course.

Admission Requirements: The work usually done in high schools, or that generally required for admission to college, will be accepted, according to the rules of the University.

Those who have passed the Station Agents' Course can be admitted on completing the additional requirements for admission, and some of the courses taken in the school will be credited to their advanced standing.

Curriculum.

For those thus qualified, the following day courses will be offered in the College by the Department of Railway Transportation.

These are prescribed for students preparing for a degree: students entering the day courses from the evening classes will be allowed credit for work done. Special students who are able to devote but a limited time to study, or who desire to give attention to certain special courses

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- Railway Development in the United States. Railway Development abroad. 3.
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- 5. Freight Service.
- Passenger Service. 6.
- 7* Railway Terminals.
- Signaling and Train Service. 8.
- 9. Track Conditions.
- Motive Power Equipment. 10.
 - 11. Car Equipment.
 - 13. Economics of Railway Location.
 - 13. Reilway Auditing and Finance.
 - 14. Railway Rates.
 - 15. Railway Law.

It may be found advisable and practicable to offer other railway courses, which might be either prescribed or elective.

Electives. To constitute a well rounded out course, the regular student would be required to elect certain other courses from the following:-

> Economics and Finance. Political Economy: Commercial Geography: Modern Business Methods and Principles of Commercial Law: Modern Industries: Commercial Orises: Trusts: Money: Agriculture: Labor and Capital: Taxation: Trade Unions: Financial History of the United States: Industrial Achievements of the State in Europe: American Competition: Banking: Accounting: Statistics.

> Mathematics: Surveying: Mechanical Drawing: Physics: Chemistry: English: Gorman: French.

All of these electives are now offered at the University.

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My dear Dr. Harper:

CHICAGO June 19, 1905. 6548 Woodlander. Feliphone Hyde Dark 907

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Mr. McKenna, Mr. Banks and myself were present, both Mr. Laughlin and Mr. Mac Clintock being out of the city. Certain modifications were made in the report by unanimous consent, and the document now sent you represents the results of that meeting. The drift of the alterations made is towards the more ample recognition of the present and future importance of railway educational work in the University. The railway representatives upon the committee felt that both the nature of the work and the financial part they were called upon to play in the matter justified them in making such recommendations, and, in this, I concur with them.

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In accord with my request, Mr. Chandler sent out special invitations to the presidents of the following railways: - Penna., B & O., G.T., Nickel Plate, Pere Marquette, Wisconsin Central and C.G.W., inviting each one to have his road represented at Tuesday's meeting. This was done in your absence, and, I trust, with your approval.

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October 9th., 1905.

The President.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Referring to the work of the railway courses. The following railways

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Mr. McKenna and myself are still expecting to hear from the executives of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific and of the Grand Trunk, both of whom have been corresponding favorably. I have also issued certificates to 27 private students whose fees for this Quarter will add at least \$250, and, should they all continue for the three Quarters, \$750 = we can certainly count upon the great majority of the Grand Trunk; so that we may consider ourselves certain of an income for this year of \$5000, excluding any amounts to come from the U.P. and the Grand Trunk; also excluding surplus balance from the \$4200 plus tuition fees collected Jan. - June, 1905. When registrations are completed, our enrollment will be somewhere about 200, about 60 of these being in the second year.

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Oct. 9th., 1905.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

PROF. E. R. DEWSNUP

During the past month, I would have written to you on several occasions concerning the railway work, but felt that, under the conditions of your health at the time, it was desirable to trouble you with as little business as possible. I trust that you are rapidly recovering strength and that we shall soon have the pleasure of having you among us in person. The past year's experience has enabled me to realize how ill we can afford to have you away from us. A couple of days ago, I was with Mr. McKenna and I am sure that would have appreciated the sympathy and interest shown in your health, and his respect and admiration for you as a man. You have certainly made some warm friends among the members of the Advisory Board.

Again wishing your speedy recovery and continued happiness,
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Very sincerely yours,

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Faculty Exchange.

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