

Morgan Park Jan^y 7. 1864


John D Rockefeller
My Dear Sir

We desire to found here a new University for the following reasons

- 1 We have not one first rate college in the West. Wisconsin Minn. & Neb. have none of any sort, and those in other states are in a condition of utter feebleness. A Baptist who wishes to give his children a good education must put them into colleges of other denominations, or send them East. We have no school of our own for them. We certainly need one - We
- 2 must have it, if we hope to keep hold of the intelligence of the West. Our Baptist youth must be educated somewhere, & they will be mightily influenced by their religious surroundings in College. If we neglect to provide for their education we shall lose them and the generations after them. We owe it to the un-
numbered thousands of our youth of coming years to give them the best opportunities of education
- 3 We need a first class College to aid in raising up an ^{educated} ministry. The seminary needs it - The Southern Theol. Sem. has a dozen col-
leges directly tributary to it. Since the death of our University our own seminary can hardly be said to have one. A good

College would be of inestimable value to it - & a first class Inst. - is certain to become the greatest in our denomination. Chicago is the commercial, political, social, religious Educational centre of a wide empire, it is the natural place for every one in the West to come to. The city will furnish large numbers of students and they will come from all over the West. Of all places in the world, this is the location plainly designated by nature for a great university for our people.

5 We cannot found an Institution in the City. It will cost too much. we ought not to if we could. a suburb is a far better place for many reasons. Thirty years ago the Methodists went twelve miles north of Chicago & planted their Coll. in the woods. It has now grown into the North Western University with 1200 students. Morgan Park is $12\frac{1}{2}$

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Standard Block,

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 21st 1886.

Mr. Wm. R. Harper,

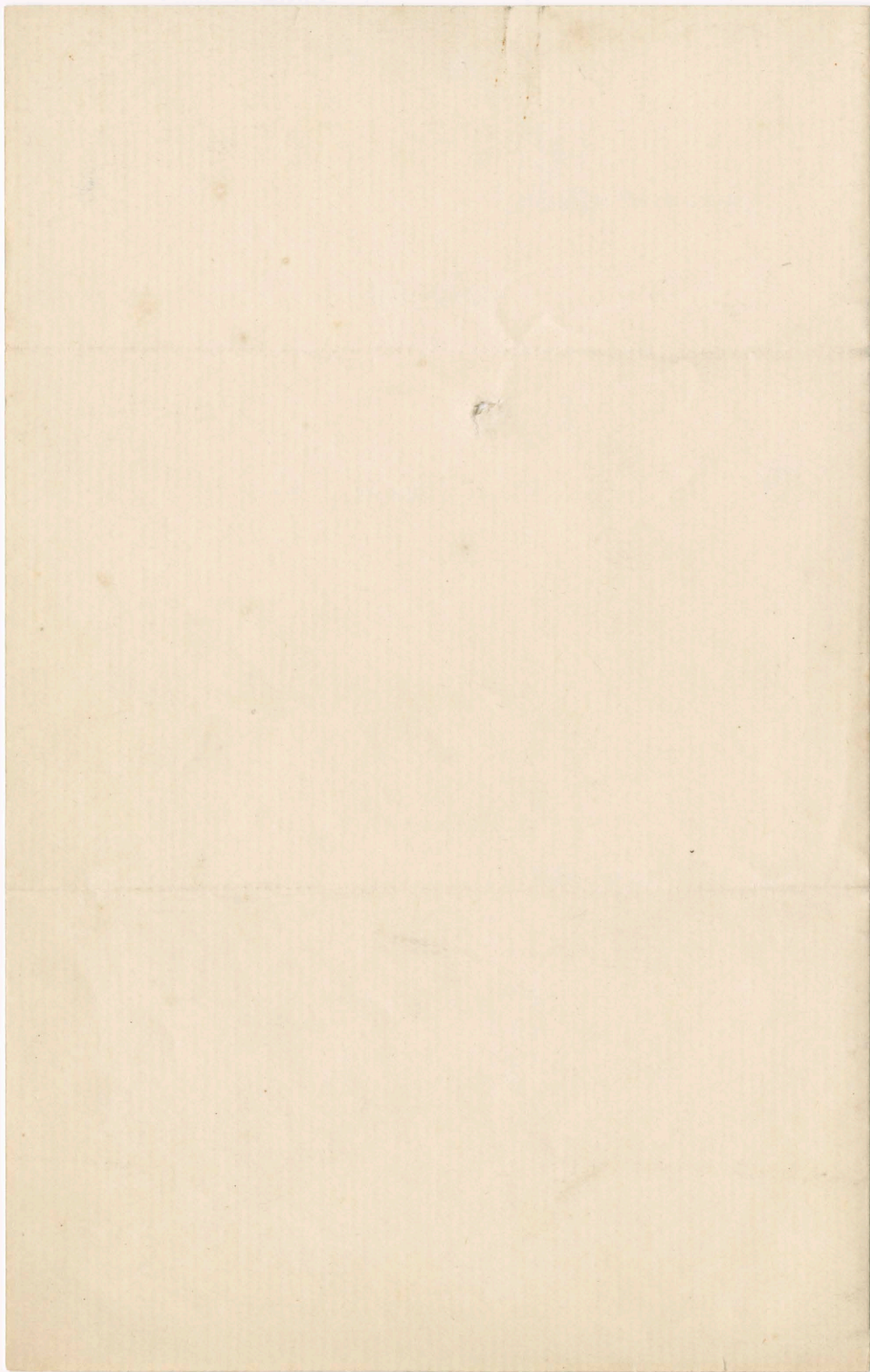
Drawer 15, New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter, 16th inst, received.
I inclose herein a check for \$100⁰⁰
on account of the \$1,200⁰⁰ shortage
in the fund to provide for the
Institute of Hebrew.

If you don't get through let me
know.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.



Am 11/19
M. M.

26 BROADWAY,

New York.

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November 17th 1886.

Dear Dr. Harper:

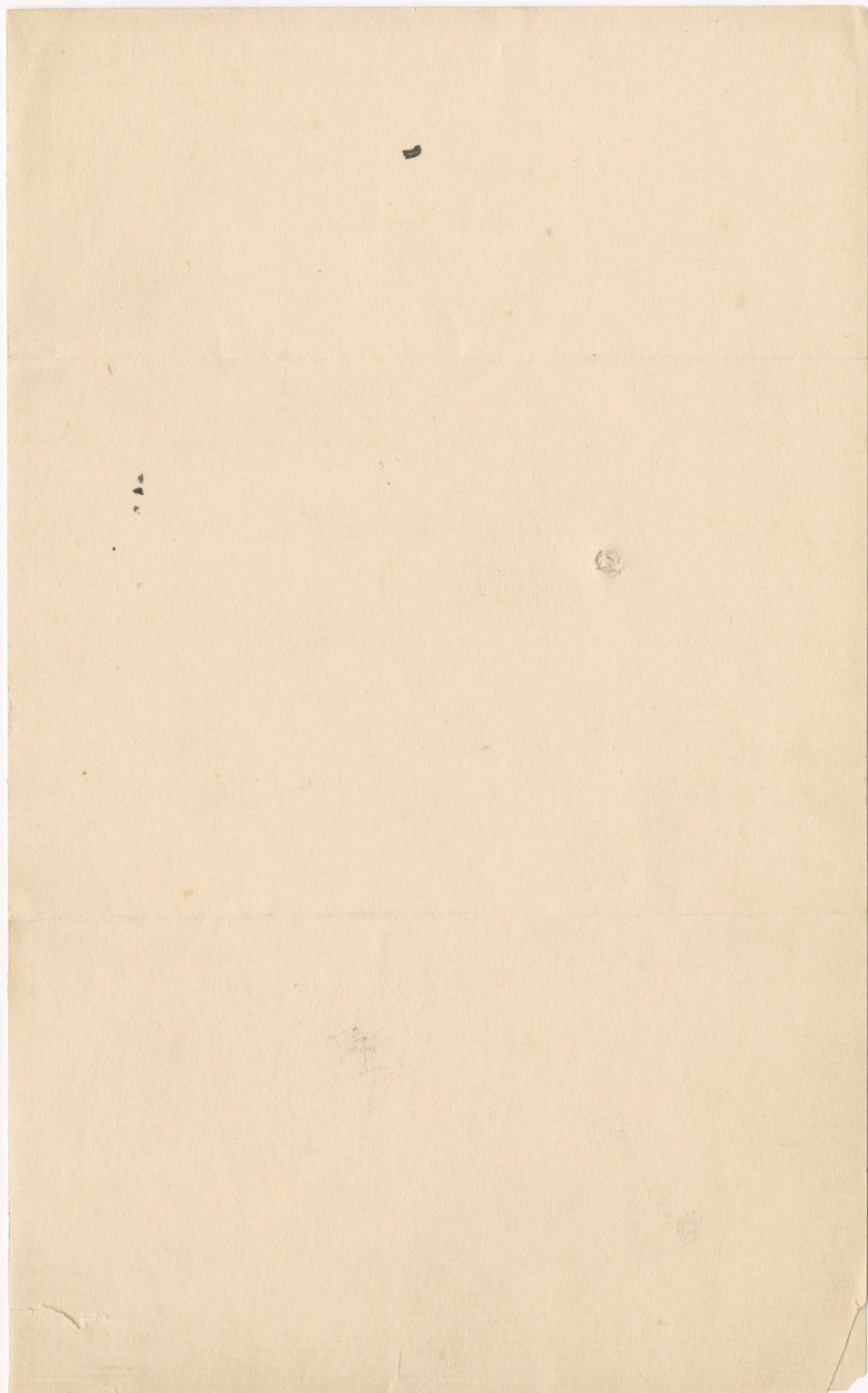
Yours of the 16th at hand.
Don't be troubled about what Mr.
Pratt said to you. I have already
talked to him; don't know what he
will do.

I inclose the \$100⁰⁰ last promised
on account of your summer work.
If you do not get through with the
other obligations, you need not
hesitate to speak to me again, with
the understanding that if I say you
"Nay" you will not be disappointed.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

SAWYER, J. W.

1870



12/28/86
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\$100.00
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26 Broadway,

NEW YORK, Dec. 24th 1886.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Sir:

Yours 20th at hand.

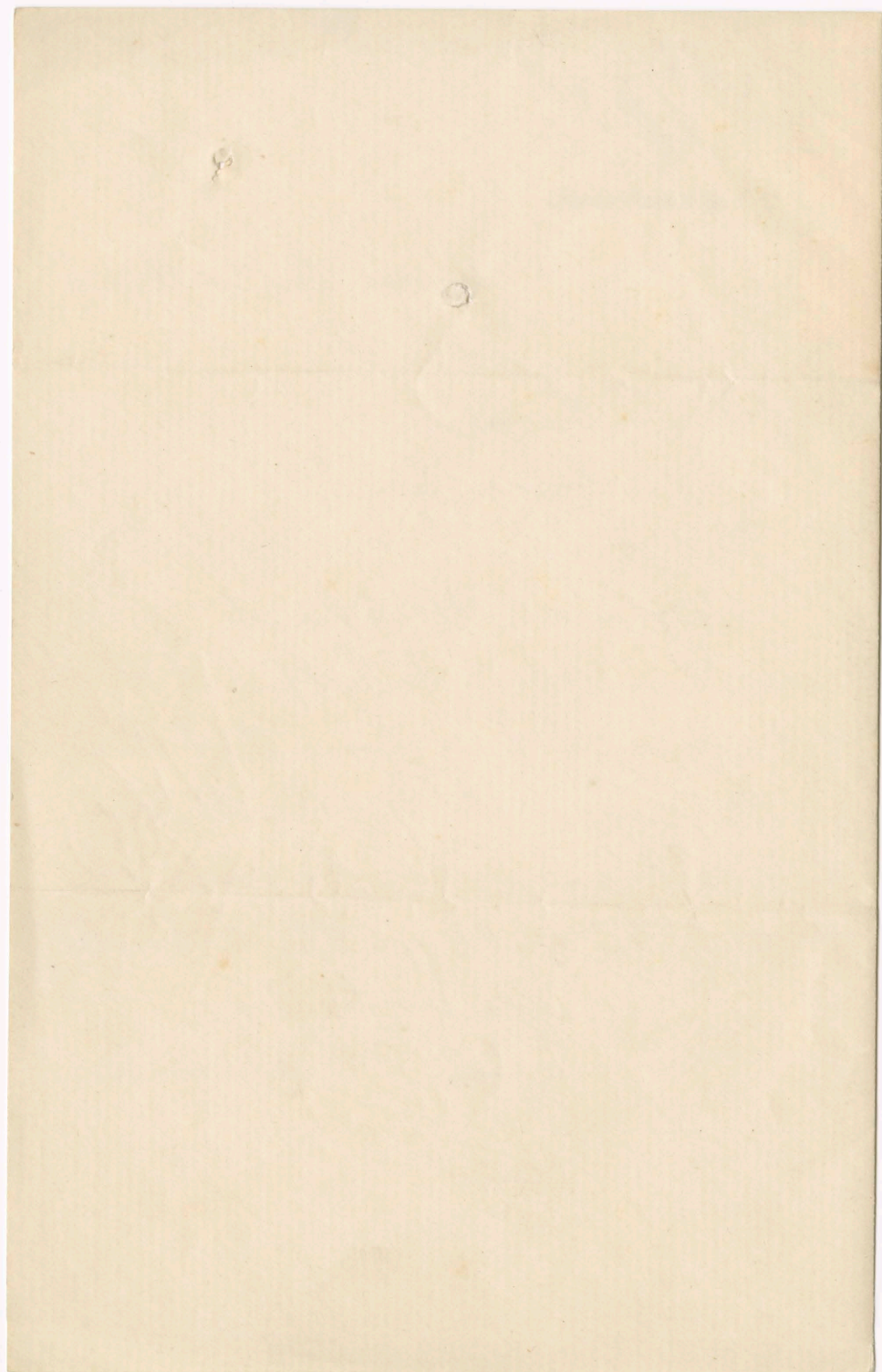
I inclose \$100.00 to help out on the deficit, and have presented the matter again to Mr. Pratt, but do not know what he will do. Hope you will get the balance.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 25th 1884

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the \$100.00 to be paid on the 1st of Jan. next. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John A. Rockefeller



New York.

Oct. 20th 1887.

Dear Dr. Harper:

If you are to be in New York within the next week or two I would be pleased to see you. I go out of town Friday night of this week and return next Friday morning, and should it suit your convenience just as well I would prefer the interview after my return.

Kindly advise me and much oblige.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

John L. Lusk

Oct 11 1867

Dear Mr. Lusk
I have not yet received the money for the
the amount of \$100.00 which I am
to send you. I am sorry to hear
that you are not well. I hope
you will soon be able to
resume your usual work.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Lusk



26 Broadway,

NEW YORK, Oct. 28th 1887.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I did not arrive in New York until today and my time is so much occupied would suggest next week Friday if agreeable to you at say 1.15 to lunch with me at 26 Broadway. This will give us opportunity for conversation. If this day is not convenient kindly advise me, otherwise I will expect you.

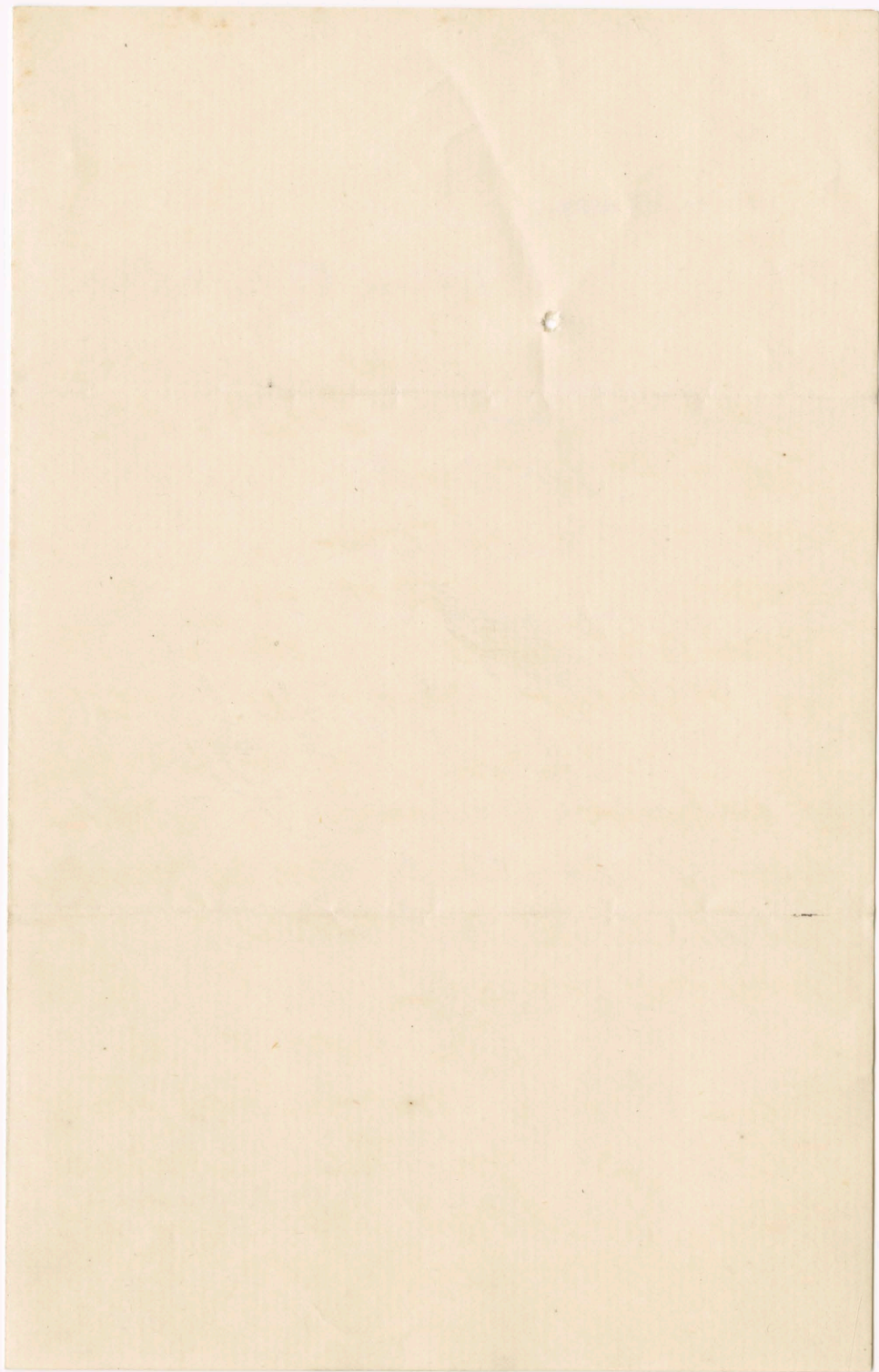
Yours, very truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

30 Greenwich

NEW YORK Oct 20th 1857

Dear Mr. Thompson
I did not receive in time
your letter of the 15th and was sorry
as much surprised would suggest
that with a view of opportunity to
you not say it to him with
me at 25 Broadway. This will
give us opportunity for conversation
if this day is not convenient
kindly advise me, otherwise I will
expect you.

Yours very truly
John A. Thompson



26 Broadway,

NEW YORK, Nov. 5th 1887.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 4th at hand.
Please permit me, on behalf of
Mrs. Rockefeller, to thank you for
your Journal. I am sure she will,
in common with myself, take great
pleasure in perusing it.

I am called out of the city the
early or middle of next week which
will probably prevent my arranging
for an interview during the week,
but I will try to write you again
before going in reference to a time
and place of meeting, agreeable

to your kind suggestion.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear friend and wife
I have just
received your letter
of the 11th inst.

and am glad to hear
that you are well
and happy.

New York.

November 10th 1887.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Referring further to yours of Nov. 4th; I am called out of town for a few days, and on my return have another engagement which may detain me away several days longer, so that I am unable at this writing (as I had hoped to do) to indicate anything definitely in regard to a time for further conversation on the same question we discussed when you were last with me in New York; but, I will hope to meet you at some early day and will write

7500 York

soon as can. Should you be
down town in New York before
hearing from me, if convenient,
please stop in my office.

Your visit gave us all great
pleasure.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

26 BROADWAY.

New York.

November 17th 1887.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 15th at hand.
Saturday is to be a very busy day
with me, but if you call at my
office at about quarter after one,
and agreeable to you, hope we can
steal a few moments to lunch together.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm. A. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

April 1874

26 Broadway,
New York.

November 30th 1887.

Dear Dr. Harper:

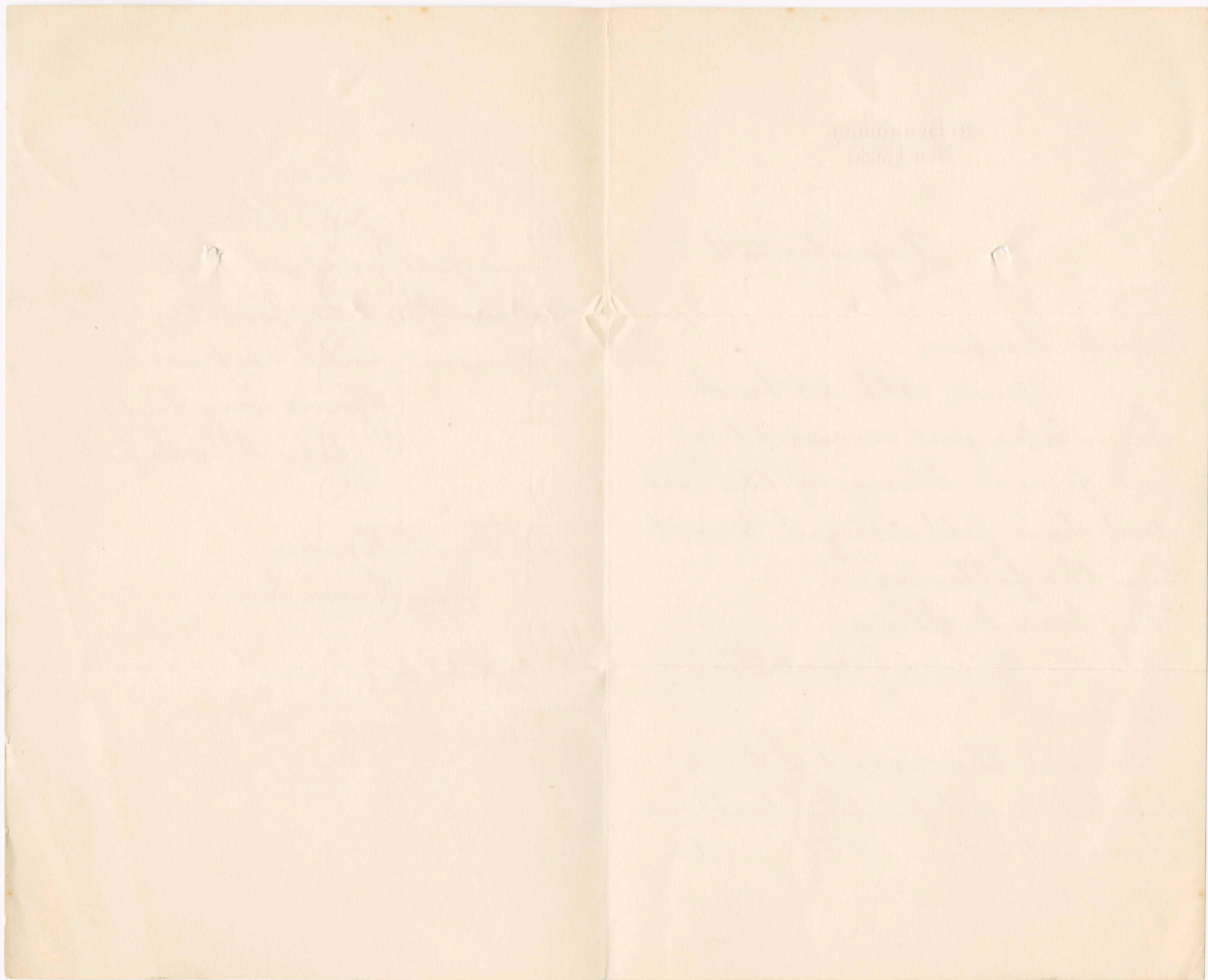
Yours, 29th, at hand.

I am also just in receipt of
one from Dr. Strong, of the 26th,
and have felt obliged to write
him the following:-

"My Dear Dr. Strong:

Yours of the 26th. at
hand.

For all the reasons, I have
decided to indefinitely postpone
the consideration of the question
of a University or Theological



Seminary in New York.

Very truly yours,

John D. Rockefeller."

I am just making preparations
to leave the city, probably this
afternoon, until next week.

Yours, very truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

Prof Wm. R. Harper,
New Haven, Conn.

26 Broadway,
New York.

December 16th 1887.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Yours, 15th, at hand.
I will be pleased to have you
lunch with me at my office next
Monday say about 1.20

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

10/10/1914
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26 Broadway,
New York.

RECD. DEC 22 1887

Amt. \$1000⁰⁰ ck Entd. ✓

Ans'd. _____ By lt.

December 21st 1887.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Yours, 20th, at hand, inclosing Ctf. No. 146 for 100 shares of the stock of the Society of the American Institute of Hebrew. I inclose herein my check for \$1,000 in payment.

It will do to send the statements as you suggest about January 1st.

If you refer to the University talked about for New York, think would not say much about it, more than that there has been more or less of talk about something of that kind for a number of years among different of our people, but nothing definite arrived at yet.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller

20 Broadway
New York

December 22nd 1857

Dear Mr. Thompson

Yours to the National Anti-Slavery Bazaar of the American Institute of Boston. I enclose my check for \$1,000 in payment of the same.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John W. Alden

26 Broadway,
New York.

February 15th 1888.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours
of the 14th.

Will be pleased to have you lunch
with me on Saturday at quarter
after one, 26 Broadway, if convenient
and agreeable to you.

Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

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Received at	5m		Feb 17 1888
Dated	New York 17		
To	Mr R Harper		
	Yale		

Shall be out of town
tomorrow regret Cannot keep
appointment
John D Rockefeller

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26 Broadway,
New York.

February 23rd 1888.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Yours, of 18th, at hand.
I have just returned after an
absence of several days, and
regret exceedingly that I have
not the time to make an
engagement for this week, but
should you be down the last
of the next week hope my
present rush will be over.

Very truly,
John D. Rockefeller.

10. 11. 1894

Standard Block,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sept 15/88

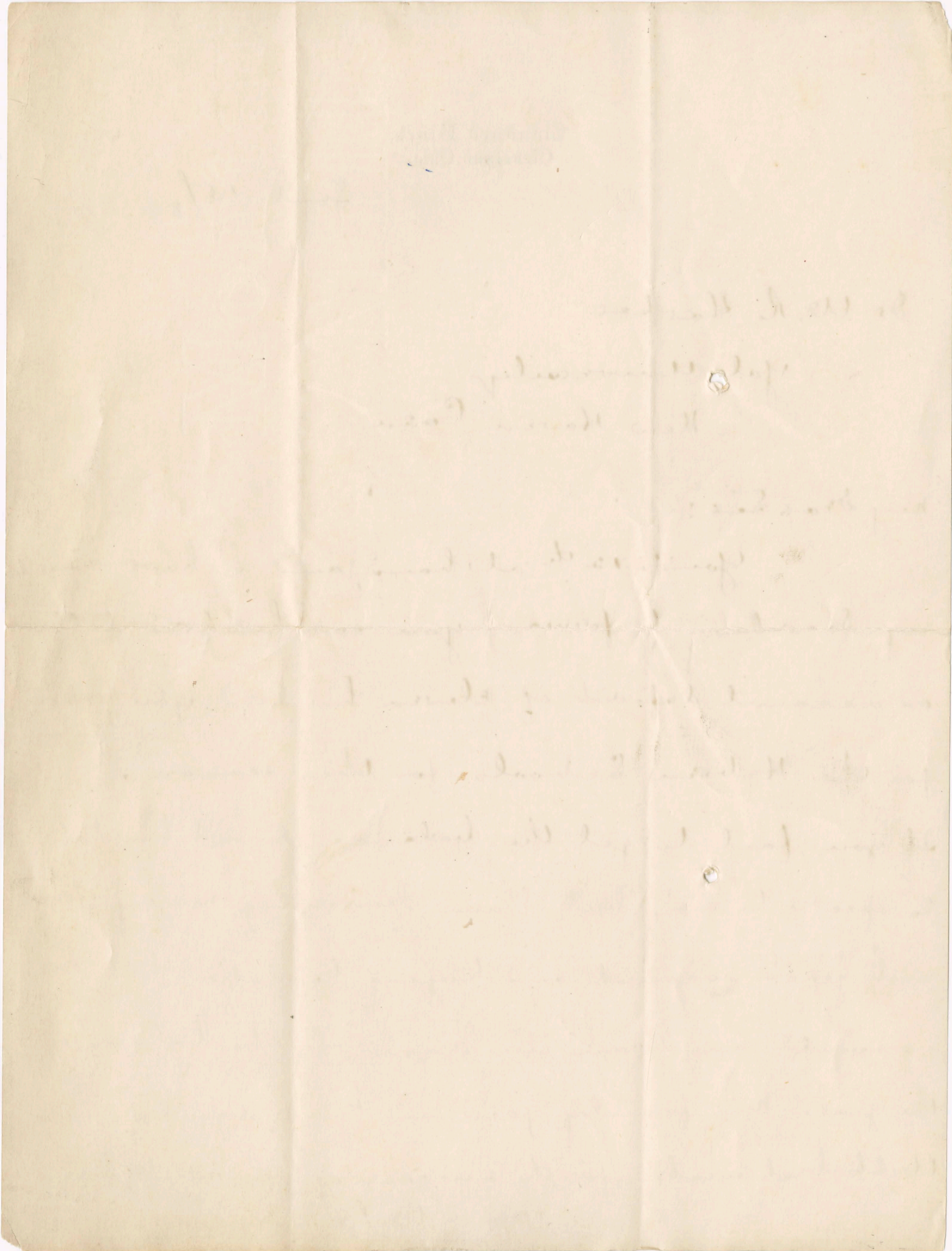
Dr W. R. Harper

Yale University

New Haven Conn.

My Dear Sir:

You're 12th at hand, and I have requested
my Secretary to forward you one hundred dollars
on account deficit of eleven hundred you report
for the Hebrew Schools for this season.
If you fail to get the balance, do not hesitate
to speak to me, but I am borrowing money from
next year's account and trying to make that loan
as small as I can in reason, for the balance of
the year. My family join in kind regards.
With best wishes for the success of your work, I am
yours truly
John D Rockefeller



26 Broadway,
New York.

October 30th, 1888.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter just reached me this morning. I did not return to my house until Friday last. When do you go up to Vassar again? I may spend a Sunday with you there, and have opportunity for conversation.

Yours very truly,

John D. Rockefeller.

Dr. W. R. Harper,

New Haven, Conn.

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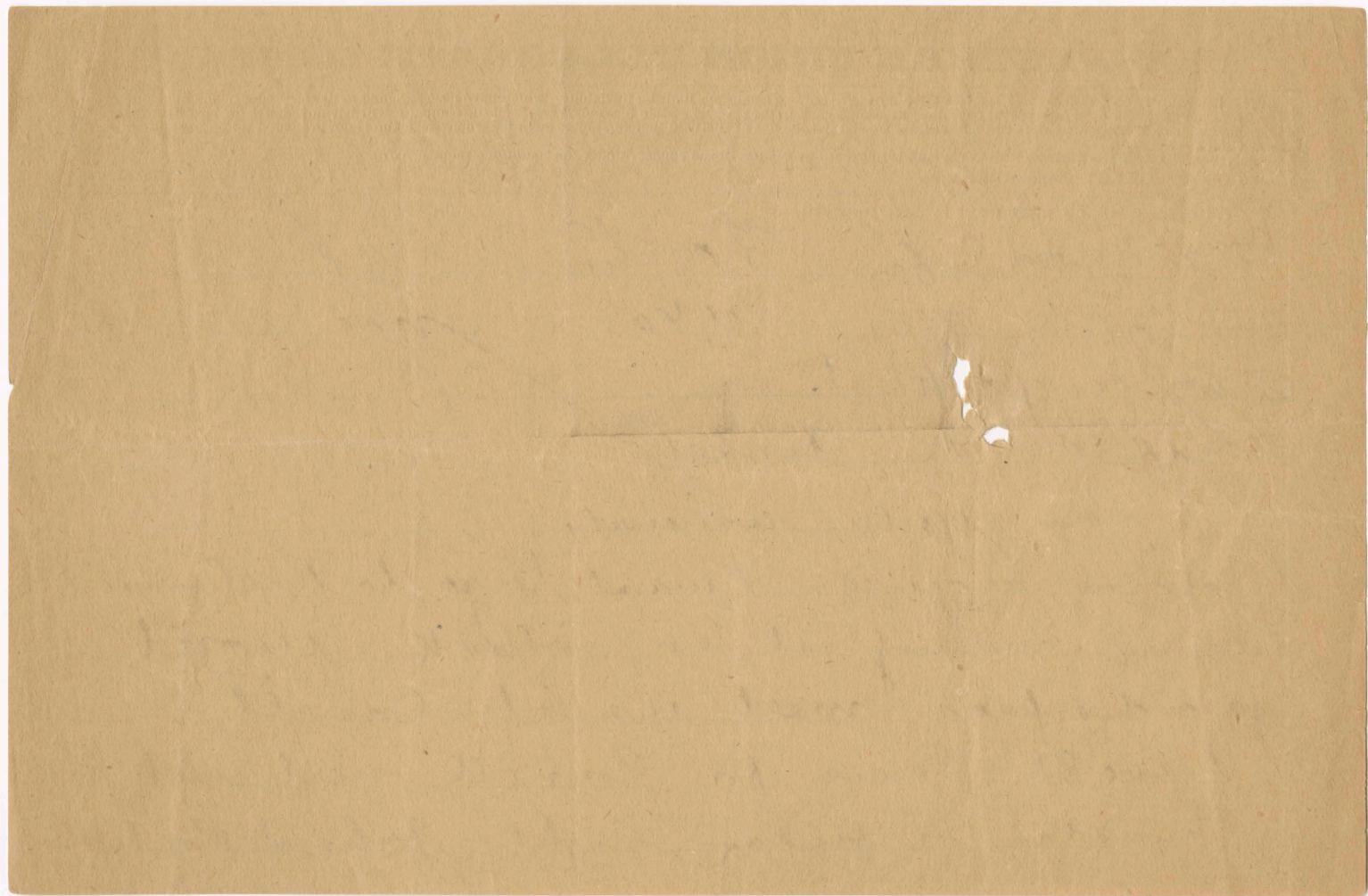
New York 8

To Prof Wm R Harper

Yale University

Telegram received. I want to go to Richmond
Saturday morning at ten o'clock want
goodspeed meet us at Cornell?

I will leave for Cornell next week
Thursday or Friday night John D Rockefeller



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NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Dated New York 7 Nov

To Prof Wm R. Harper

Yale university
I will be very glad if you can
make the engagement for some other night than
Friday night on account of another important
meeting
John A. Rockefeller



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NORVIN GREEN, President.

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87 my 6m	for	14 Paid	4175

Received at 11 45 no 188

Dated New York 15

To Drum R Harper

Yale university

We will not go to
Cornell. at present Mrs Rockefeller
has a bad cold

John D Rockefeller



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Dated New York 11/16

To Dr W R Harper Yale University Newhaven Ct

Confidential. was it the Pastor of the first Baptist Church newhaven you spoke to me about and does he preach tomorrow. I have arranged to go to Newhaven at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon and reluctantly withdraw the suggestion made this morning for dinner hoping to see you elsewhere



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NORVIN GREEN, President.

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To _____

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John D. Rockefeller



26 Broadway,
New York.

November 22nd, 1888.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:

Yours, 21st, at hand.

I found on returning home, Mrs. Rockefeller had met with an accident in the explosion of an alcohol lamp. Her hands and face were badly burned and she will require to be several weeks in bed. We hope she is improving, and trust she will entirely recover. This will prevent my going to Vassar, which I regret. Not prepared to say anything in reference to asking Dr. Strong to write about the University yet.

Yours truly,

John D. Rockefeller.

25 Broadway
New York

November 22nd, 1888.

Prof. Wm. B. Warner,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:

Yours, M. A. at hand.

I found on returning home, Mrs. Rockefeller had met with an
accident in the explosion of an alcohol lamp. Her hands and face
were badly burned and she will require to be several weeks in bed.
We hope she is improving, and trust she will entirely recover.
This will prevent my going to Vassar, which I regret. Not pro-
posed to say anything in reference to asking Dr. Strong to write
about the University yet.

Yours truly,
J. D. Rockefeller

26 Broadway.
New York.

November 27th, 1888.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Please accept
many thanks for yours of
the 26th, advising of your
interview with Dr. Robinson
of Brown.

Yours truly,

John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm R. Harper,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

20
1890

My dear Mr. [illegible]

I have the pleasure to inform you

that your letter of the 15th inst.

has been received and the same is being

forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours very truly,

[illegible signature]

[illegible text]

Very truly yours,

[illegible signature]

[illegible text]

26 Broadway.
New York.

November 30th, 1888.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Your favors of the 28th and 29th, duly received.

Regret I cannot go to Washington. Am no further along in
the consideration of the Chicago question. Cannot move in it
with reference to any local pressure in any way.

Excuse brevity. In great haste.

Yours truly,

John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,

Yale University,

New Haven, Conn.

26 Broadway,
New York.

RECD. DEC 13 1888

December 12th, 1888.

Amt. \$100⁰⁰ *CK* Entd. *[initials]*

Ans'd *MRH* By *[initials]*

Dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter of the 8th inst., is at hand.

I inclose my check for \$100⁰⁰ on account of the deficit for the Institute of Hebrew, and hope you will succeed in raising the whole amount.

Yours very truly,

John D. Rockefeller.

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,

Yale University,

New Haven, Conn.

December 12th, 1880.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter of the 8th inst., is at hand.
I inclose my check for \$100 on account of the balance for
the Institute of Hebrew, and hope you will accept it in relation to
whole amount.

Yours very truly,

Prof. Wm. R. Harper,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

also see

Hayes correspondence, Feb 20, 1897 WRH to M.A. Ryerson

Hayes 1894, 1904, 1905

Gifts

Distinguished Persons, letters of
Breasted, James H.

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gifts through 1896 & the legal restrictions thereon)

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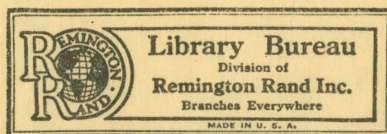
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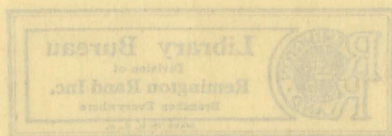
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26 Broadway,
New York.

May 15th 1889.

Rev. Fred T. Gates, Cor. Secy.,

American Baptist Education Society.

My dear Sir:

I will contribute six hundred thousand dollars, (\$600.000[#]) toward an endowment fund for a college to be established at Chicago, the income only of which may be used for current expenses, but not for land, buildings or repairs, providing four hundred thousand dollars, (\$400.000[#]) more is pledged by good and responsible parties, satisfactory to the Board of the American Baptist Education Society and myself, on or before June 1st 1890; said four hundred thousand dollars, or as much of it as shall be required,

Handwritten text, possibly a signature or date, located in the upper center of the page.

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26 Broadway,
New York.

to be used for the purpose of purchasing land and erecting buildings, the remainder of the same to be added to the above six hundred thousand dollars, as endowment.

I will pay the same to the American Baptist Education Society in five years, beginning within ninety days after completion of the subscription as above, and pay five per cent. each ninety days thereafter until all is paid; providing not less than a proportionate amount is so paid by the other subscribers to the four hundred thousand dollars; otherwise this pledge to be null and void.

Yours, very truly,
Jno. D. Rockefeller.

[From Comptroller's Office Endowment File, 6/23/73]

The within subscription is hereby as-
signed to The University of Chicago in
consideration of the agreement of said
University to establish a College in the
City of Chicago, Illinois,

AMERICAN BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,

Chicago, August.....1891

By