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Sundays telegram received on present information we are

unable to commit Mr Rockefeller to meeting severe  
conditions of proposed Hitchcock gift . would avoid

announcement if possible but if not possible then we will  
cooperate with the trustees in endeavoring find some way  
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If the terms of Mr. Rockefeller's pledge of \$2,000,000, as extended to April 1st., 1900, are so far fulfilled as to make it possible for this fund of \$225,000 to be paid out of the \$2,000,000 fund, consistently also with the other obligations assumed by Mr. Rockefeller herein, then this fund of \$225,000 is to be taken from the \$2,000,000 fund; otherwise, this pledge or so much of it as may be found necessary shall be in the nature of a new gift to the University.

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Dr. *University of Chicago* *was pledged Oct 30 1895* in account with *Mr. John S. Rockefeller* Cr.

Date.	Amount.	Days.	Interest.	Date.	Amount.	Days.	Interest.
1897				1898			
June 17	Pay <sup>ty</sup> Morgan Park Prop <sup>ty</sup>	45000		Dec 30	Contributions of others		
1897	" " Current expenses	50000			as against my pledge		
1898	" " " "	100000			of Oct 30/95 for \$1,000,000		
1899	" " Marshall Field Prop <sup>ty</sup>	200000			as per statement No 1, 569,855 <sup>25</sup>		
Jan 16	" " Current expenses	25000			" " sup <sup>d</sup> " No 2, 31,105	600960.35	
Feb 2							
Dec 30/98	Endorsement on notes						
	300,000# due Jan 1/99						
	as payment on account	180960.35					
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Geo. J. E.

New York April 7 1899.







Dr. Barker

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AGREEMENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

5. IN CONFERENCE, JANUARY 6th., 1900. any monies re-

ceived from the estate of -----, up to \$500.00,

of John Quincy Adams, up to \$10,000.00, during the

1. Referring to Sheet 15. It is agreed that the

total amount due from Mr. Rockefeller January 1st., 1900,

to continuing the arrangement during the following year

under his conditional pledge of \$2,000,000, is as follows:-

should the same not be received during 1900.

(a) Cash to be invested as endowment  
funds of the University - - - - \$206,057.07

(b) Cash representing accrued income  
on payments previously due and  
unpaid - - - - - 25,466.36

1900: (c) Cancellation of advances, bills  
payable and interest up to Janu-  
ary 1st., 1900 - - - - - 472,698.57

South Side Academy, Total \$ 800.00 \$704,222.00

Wells B. Linn,

The above amounts represent Mr. Rockefeller's dupli-

Mrs. A. C. Baralata,

cation of all cash and securities, and appraised proper-

M. A. Ryerson,

ties, received by the University on or before January 1st.,

Total \$2,550.00

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7. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate the following

2. It is further agreed, on account of his pledge

pledges if paid during the year 1900:

of \$2,000,000., Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate all the cash

NAME.

payments, not hitherto made, by Mrs. Emmons Blaine, on her

Fred W. Peak,

pledge of \$27,000.00 to the University, up to and inclusive

of July 1st., 1903.

3. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate the gift of

Henry I. Cobb,

Jacob L. Rosenberg during the year 1900 amounting to

Willas B. Cobb,

\$120.00

O. S. A. Sprague,

E. M. Barton,

4. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate any gift from the

Chas. Miller,

estate of Mrs. C. E. Haskell during the year 1900 up to

H. B. Donaldson,

\$10,000. If nothing should be received from the estate

during 1900 the matter will be open for further considera-



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 \$10,000. It is further agreed to be received from the estate  
 estate of Mrs. C. E. Hackett during the year 1900 as to  
 4. Mr. Hockett will distribute and bill from the

\$180.00

1. Hockett during the year 1900 amounting to  
 2. Mr. Hockett will distribute the bill of

of July 1st, 1902.

Balance of \$21,000.00 to the University, as to and the balance  
 balance, not interest made, by Mrs. Hackett, on her  
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then, received by the University on or before January 1st,  
 action of all cash and securities, and approved by the  
 the above amounts represent Mr. Hockett's bill-

	1901	\$109,222.00
July 1st, 1900 - - - - -		\$18,888.24
Balance and interest as to term- (a) cancellation of advances, bills		
July 1st - - - - -		\$2,488.28
on balance previously due and (b) cash representing accrued income		
July 1st of the University - - - - -		\$200,000.00
(c) Cash to be invested as endowment		

under the conditions of \$2,000,000, as follows:-  
 total amount due from Mr. Hockett January 1st, 1902

1. Referring to the 1st. It is agreed that the

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, January 1st, 1900.

WITNESSES WITH SIGNATURES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

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5. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate any monies received from the estate of A. E. Scammon, up to \$500.00, or of John Quincy Adams, up to \$10,000.00, during the year 1900 and is favorably disposed, without committal, to continuing the arrangement during the following year should the same not be received during 1900.

6. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate the following pledges to the University of Chicago during the year 1900:

NAME.	AMOUNT.
South Side Academy,	\$ 800.00
Nellie B. Linn,	1,000.00
Mrs. A. C. Bartlett,	250.00
M. A. Ryerson,	500.00
Total	\$2,550.00

7. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate the following pledges if paid during the year 1900:

NAME.	AMOUNT.
Fred W. Peck,	\$5,100.00
Henry C. Lytton,	3,000.00
D. G. Hamilton,	1,100.00
Geo. C. Walker,	100.00
Henry I. Cobb,	100.00
Silas B. Cobb,	100.00
O. S. A. Sprague,	100.00
E. M. Barton,	3,100.00
Chas. Miller,	400.00
H. H. Donaldson,	400.00
Forward	\$13,500.00



NAME	AMOUNT
H. H. Thompson	400.00
CHAS. MITCHELL	400.00
E. H. Wilson	2,100.00
W. O. S. V. Sibley	100.00
WALTER B. Carr	100.00
HELEN I. Carr	100.00
Geo. G. Mather	100.00
D. G. Hamilton	1,100.00
HELEN G. Tasson	2,000.00
ALAN M. Beck	2,100.00
<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>

Ordered to be paid during the year 1900:

A. Mr. Rockefeller will distribute the following

NAME	AMOUNT
M. V. Bickson	200.00
Mrs. V. O. Bickson	320.00
METITE B. TWIN	1,000.00
WALTER B. TWIN	800.00
<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>

1900:

Ordered to the undersigned of interest during the year

B. Mr. Rockefeller will distribute the following

amounts the same not be received during 1900.

to continuing the settlement during the following year.  
 Year 1900 and is hereby assigned, without commitment,  
 of of term bonds of value, as to \$10,000.00, during the  
 period from the date of A. H. Hamilton, as to \$200.00.

C. Mr. Rockefeller will distribute and mount re-



Forward \$13,500.00

Morris Selz,	5,000.00
Albert G. Beaunisne,	50.00
Andrew McLeish,	3,000.00
O. S. Lyford,	100.00
Nancy Foster,	20,000.00
Jesse A. Baldwin's gift of \$300,000,	200.00
H. R. Clissold,	60.00
J. L. Laughlin, the \$2,000 per annum	25.00
Total	\$41,935.00

to Mrs. Hitchcock during her life. The \$41,935.00 be based upon the average life of a person of Mrs. Hitchcock's age and an annual interest rate of four per-cent.

8. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate the cash payments of C. R. Crane on his pledge of \$10,200.00 to be paid as follows:- \$2,200 to be paid during the year 1900 and \$2,000 to be paid each year in the years 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904.

9. Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate the pledge of Berthold Loewenthal of \$10,000.00 if paid during the year 1900.

10. It is agreed that the proposed gift of Mrs. Chas. Hitchcock shall be accepted by the University. This gift consists of a deed to the University of a one-half interest in Chicago real estate, the interest valued at \$250,000 less a mortgage of \$40,000 and less \$10,000 cash to be repaid to Mrs. Hitchcock, making the net gift \$200,000.

The conditions of this gift are that the University shall pay Mrs. Hitchcock, who is about 60 years of age, an income of \$9,000 per annum so long as she shall live; also that the University shall erect upon its campus a dormitory







at a cost of not exceeding \$100,000, to be called the "Hitchcock Dormitory". It is understood in this memorandum that the University will secure Mrs. Hitchcocks consent to use the balance of the fund in some form of endowment. It is agreed that Mr. Rockefeller will, from the

It is agreed that from the \$2,000,000 fund, Mr. Rockefeller will duplicate this gift of \$200,000, less such sum as shall be mutually agreed upon under the advice of an actuary as representing the \$9,000 per annum to be returned to Mrs. Hitchcock during her life, the figuration to be based upon the average life of a person of Mrs. Hitchcock's age and an annual interest rate of four per-cent.

It is agreed that from the new "Rockefeller Fund 'F'", arranged for in the settlement of January 1, 1900, as above, \$50,000 shall be invested in the purchase and cancellation of the mortgage on the Hitchcock property and in paying Mrs. Hitchcock \$10,000 cash required, and \$100,000 shall be used in the erection of a dormitory building on the campus to be called the Hitchcock Building.

11. Plans, in rough, were presented for three buildings, grouped as follows:- An Assembly Hall, University Commons, and Students Club, the whole group of buildings estimated to cost from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

It is agreed that if funds for these buildings, or any one or two of them, shall be subscribed before April 1st., 1900, the sum so subscribed will be duplicated by Mr. Rockefeller up to the exhaustion of the \$2,000,000 fund, provided the same be paid in on or before July 1st., 1902.

It is understood that Mr. Mandel has already subscribed \$50,000 to one of the groups referred to.



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12. It is agreed that Mr. Rockefeller will contribute  
from the \$2,000,000 <sup>fund</sup> \$50,000 to match the contribution made  
by Prof. Gurley in the Gurley Paleontological Collection.

13. It is agreed that Mr. Rockefeller will, from the  
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and for the year 1901 guaranteed by George C. Walker

Memorandum,

January 6th., 1900.

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*Dr. Harper*

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26 Broadway,  
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February 15, 1900.

J.D.R. Jr.  
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I think it is Johnson Meyers. He has been spoken of as a  
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A number of the gentlemen on our Committee have spoken  
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My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Your letter of February fifteenth was received Saturday. In reply, I would say that Mr. Johnston Meyers is at present pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church. He is a man whose greatest characteristic is his ability to organize. He is not a preacher of much consequence, but he has succeeded most wonderfully in securing a splendid organization, and in persuading people to work. He is a good deal of an autocrat, but has good nature, and people like him. His earnestness is something very striking. He has succeeded in building up large numbers, and they come to hear him preach, although they get very little from him when he preaches.

I do not quite see how we could consent to Dr. Henderson's removal from the University. He is the chaplain. If any company of men in the universe need an exceptional man as their spiritual leader, it is the body of men that make up a university. It is universally agreed that Dr. Henderson has fulfilled this duty most admirably since the opening of the University. It is difficult, as you know, to find men who are strong intellectually and at the same time possessed of a distinct and aggressive interest in christian work. It is also difficult to get men in



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Of course I appreciate the fact that all that I have said, if communicated to your trustees, would make them feel the more certain that they ought to have him. I agree with them and with you that he is probably as strong a man for the Fifth Avenue pulpit as any one who could be found, but I hope that you will not press the case.

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OR

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Chicago, Ills.



26 Broadway,  
New York.

February 26, 1900.

Mr. Andrew Mc Leish,  
Care Messrs. Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. McLeish:

Your favor of February 23rd enclosing letter from  
Dr. Goodspeed, was duly received. Mr. Gates and I approve the  
appropriations made from the contingent fund for the current year  
aggregating \$1,400 which were made by the Board of Trustees at their  
meeting on February 21st.

Very truly,

*John D. Rockefeller Jr.*



26 Broadway  
New York

February 26, 1900.

Mr. Andrew Mc Leish,  
Care Messrs. Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. McLeish:

Your favor of February 23rd enclosing letter from  
Dr. Goodspeed, was duly received. Mr. Gates and I approve the  
appropriations made from the contingent fund for the current year  
aggregating \$1,400 which were made by the Board of Trustees at their  
meeting on February 21st.

Very truly,

John D. Rockefeller



26 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

March 19th., 1900.

Mr. Andrew McLeish,

State and Washington Streets,

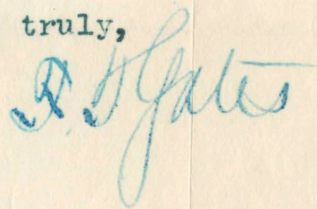
C h i c a g o, I l l.

Dear Mr. McLeish:-

Yours of March 12th. to Mr. J. D. Rockefeller,  
jr. comes to my desk for answer.

Mr. Rockefeller and myself will approve the appropriation  
of the balances remaining unexpended in the appropriations to the  
several departments on June 30th., 1899, same to be charged to  
the Contingent Fund, the balances being according to the schedule  
from Dr. Goodspeed, enclosed by you, of even date with your let-  
ter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. D. Rockefeller", is written over the typed name.



26 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

March 18th, 1900.

Mr. Andrew McLean,

State and Washington Streets,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

Yours of March 18th. to Mr. J. D. Rockefeller,

is. comes to my desk for answer.

Mr. Rockefeller and myself will approve the appropriation  
of the balance remaining unexpended in the appropriations to the  
several departments on June 30th., 1899, same to be charged to  
the Contingent Fund, the balance being according to the schedule  
from Dr. Goodspeed, enclosed by you, of even date with your let-

Sr.

Yours very truly,

*W. D. Gates*

*Gates*



26 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

April 16th., 1900.

Mr. Andrew McLeish,

Chairman, Board of Trustees

University of Chicago, Chicago.

Dear Mr. McLeish:-

I have your letter of April 5th.

I am at the present time only able to reply to the postscript in which you ask the concurrence of the New York trustees in authorizing expenditures for fencing the athletic field and the extra advertising for Morgan Park; also \$500 for equipment of manual training at Morgan Park. Mr. Rockefeller, jr. and myself approve of these items as described in Dr. Goodspeed's letters to you of March 28th. and April 4th., respectively.

Yours very truly,

*F. T. Gates*



26 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

April 18th., 1900.

Mr. Andrew McLaughlin,

Chairman, Board of Trustees

University of Chicago, Chicago.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:-

I have your letter of April 5th.

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script in which you ask the concurrence of the New York trustees  
in authorizing expenditures for fencing the athletic field and  
the extra advertising for Morgan Park; also \$500 for equipment  
of manual training at Morgan Park. Mr. Rockefeller, Jr. and  
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letters to you of March 28th. and April 4th., respectively.  
Yours very truly,



*H. P. Academy.*

26 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

June 5th., 1900.

Mr. Andrew McLeish, V. P.,

Board of Trustees, University of Chicago,

C h i c a g o, I l l.

Dear Mr. McLeish:-

Returning from a little vacation, I find your letter of May 10th. If the \$9,000.00 bequeathed to the University, to which you refer, can be used for the building of the Gymnasium, Mr. Rockefeller authorizes me to say that \$11,000.00 from the \$2,000,000.00 fund contributed by him may be employed to complete a Gymnasium at Morgan Park to cost \$20,000.00.

Yours very truly,

*D. D. Gates*



36 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

June 5th., 1900.

Mr. Andrew McJannet, V. P.,  
Board of Trustees, University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Yours very truly,

J. D. Rockefeller



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330 P.M.

Newyork July 10

Andrew McLeiss,

Care Carson Pirie Scott and Co.

State and Washns. Sts.

Replying to your recent favor please wire me how much in addition to Mr Bartletts gift Mr Rockefeller should guarantee also whether this must be a new gift or whether it May be appropriated from any undesignated portion of previous gifts.

F T Gates.

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Approximately 60 thousand more than Bartlett's gift  
needed if modified plan is adopted.  
Sum required should be designated by founder  
from unpaid portion Two Million Pledge.

Wm. H. Lusk



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57 CH DG QN 27 Paid.

Newyork July 11.

Andrew McLeish, Care Carson Pirie Scott and Co., State and Washington.

Mr. Rockefeller will approve appropriation sixty thousand dollars to supplement Mr. Bartletts gift for gymnasium to be taken from any undesignated funds of two million dollars<sup>4</sup> pledge.

F. T. Gates.

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*Recd 11/15 A.M.*  
*Ward W.R.H. Cleveland*  
*4:30 P.M.*



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August 10th, 1900.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,  
26 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

I am sure that we are all glad to greet you again, and I hope that you have had a very pleasant visit. I am expecting to be in New York some time about the first of September, and shall hope to see you.

It may interest you to know that Mrs. Harper, Vida, and the other members of the family are going abroad to spend a few months.

The immediate purpose of this letter is to ask what would be the proper steps to present a request for the very valuable representation of the oil interests, from a geological point of view, prepared for exhibit at Paris and forming part of that exhibit. Mr. Day, who has had charge of the Standard Oil exhibit, and who also is a representative of the government, was good enough to show me this piece of work and to tell me the details of it. It is



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all interested, from a practical point of view, pre-  
pared for exhibit at Paris and forming part of their  
exhibit. Mr. Dyer, who has had charge of the World's  
and Old exhibits, and who also is a representative of  
the government, has been chosen to represent the place  
of work and to tell us the details of it. It is



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so valuable that it ought to be placed where it can be used educationally, and I am quite confident that there is no place more advantageous than the geological department of the University of Chicago. At all events, I take the liberty of asking you to consider the matter and to give me any views upon the subject which may occur to you.

Hoping that you are all well, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper



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W. H. Harper



., August 1871 2900.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

My Dear Sir:- 26 Broadway, New York City.

Your letter of August 16th has been received.  
Please accept my thanks for your consent to take up  
the consideration of the Standard Oil Company's Exhibit in  
Paris. I am sure that it would be greatly appreciated  
at the University of Chicago.

I am hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing  
you within the next two or three weeks.

Yours very truly,







Forest Hill.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1900.

2000  
J.R.  
Dear Doctor Harper:

Our Euclid Avenue Church  
is looking for a Pastor. Can  
you give me any information  
about Rev J W Anley of  
Oak Park Ill. and Rev Henson  
of Indiana.

Sincerely yours.

John D. Rockefeller.

Past. W R Harper D.D.

Chicago, Ill.



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26 Broadway,  
New York.

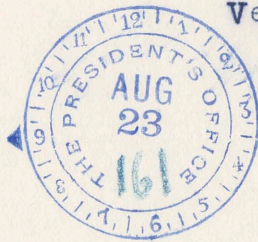
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Dear Doctor Harper:

As instructed by Mr. John D. Rockefeller I enclose  
herein check to your order for \$1,000.

Very truly,



*George D. Rogers.*

Dr. William R. Harper,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.



26 Broadway,  
New York.

August 21st, 1900.

*Harper*

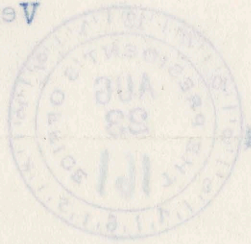
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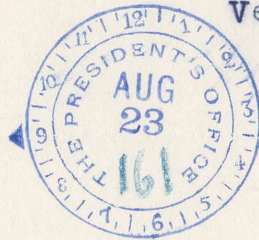
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August 21st, 1900.

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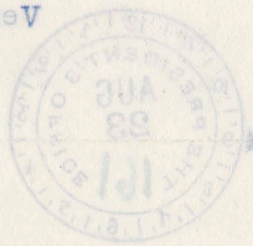
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Dr. William R. Harper,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.



Forest Hill.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Dear Doctor Harper:

I duly received your valued  
favor of the sixteenth - Our visit  
abroad was very pleasant but home  
seems more delightful than ever.

We hope Mrs Harper and Vida  
and Paul will have a delightful  
and profitable time in their visit  
to Europe. Mr Rogers will enclose  
you a check for one thousand  
dollars, which we trust will  
add to their comfort and pleasure.  
Please accept with our very best  
wishes -

We thank you for the invitation

to be present at the celebration of  
the Decennial - We remember with  
greatest pleasure our former visit  
and it would be very delightful  
to be with you next year, but we  
can hardly decide so far in advance.

When will you pay us a visit  
at Forest Hill. We want you to  
come when most convenient to you  
and have at least a week of quiet  
and rest. We still practice riding  
the wheel at night and I fell off  
only five times Saturday night.

Sincerely yours.

John D. Rockefeller.

Pres. W. R. Harper D.D.

Chicago  
Ills.



London 1861  
October 10th

My dear Mr. Stowe

I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst.

and am very glad to hear from you. I am  
very busy at present but will try to  
reply to you as soon as possible. I am  
very interested in the cause of the  
colored people and will do all in my  
power to help them.

I am very truly yours  
Elizabeth C. Stowe

My dear Mr. Stowe

I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst.

I am very busy at present but will try to  
reply to you as soon as possible. I am  
very interested in the cause of the  
colored people and will do all in my  
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August 24th, 1900.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller,  
Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Your kind letter of the twentieth instant has been received. I can assure you that your interest in the comfort and pleasure of Mrs. Harper, Vida and Paul, is greatly appreciated by all of us. The check was duly received and has been deposited by us for the purpose you have so kindly designated. For myself, I thank you most heartily for this very substantial indication of your interest in the family. Mrs. Harper will herself write to you.

I appreciated the fact that it was very early to reach a decision in reference to your visit to us at the decennial, but I thought that it would ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~arm~~ <sup>arm</sup> to begin thinking about it.

I appreciate your courtesy in inviting me to visit you at Forest Hill, and very gladly accept the invitation. I cannot just now indicate when I shall be able to come; it will be necessary



August 28th, 1900.

Mr. John H. Rosenkeller,

1000-1011, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rosenkeller:

I am very glad to hear of the interest

which has been manifested in the

your interest in the matter and please

trust, with me, in the result.

All of us. The check was duly received and has

been deposited by an authorized person.

Very respectfully, I think you will

be satisfied with the very substantial

your interest in the family. Mrs. Meyer will

be glad to write to you.

I appreciate the fact that it was very

early to reach a decision in reference to your visit.

It is so in the country, but I thought that it

would be better to have decided about it.

I appreciate your courtesy in writing.

as to visit you at Forest Hill, and very gladly

accept the invitation. I cannot just now indicate

when I shall be able to come, it will be necessary



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for me to wait until after the family has started away. The exact date of their sailing has not yet been fixed. I shall enjoy very greatly the wheel-ride at night, and I suppose that by this time you have become an accomplished golf player.

Please give our regard to Mrs. Rockefeller and the members of the family, and believe me to be

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper



for me to visit until after the family has returned  
away. The exact date of their sailing has not  
yet been fixed. I shall enjoy very greatly the  
short visit at night, and I suppose that by this  
time you have begun to accumulate golf clubs.  
Please give our regards to Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]  
for and the members of the family, and believe me

Yours very truly

W. E. [unclear]



August 24th, 1900.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller,  
Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the twentieth of August, making inquiry concerning Mr. Conley and Mr. Henson, has been received.

Mr. Conley is a graduate of the University of Iowa and of the Morgan Park Seminary. He was a member of my first class in Hebrew twenty-one years ago, when I went to the theological seminary from Granville. I have therefore known him very intimately and watched him very closely. He is a man of strong mind and large body. He is thoroughly consecrated to his work. His mind is one, however, which does not work very easily, and he belongs to that order of men which you would call "heavy". There are times when he rises above this heaviness, but these are not frequent. He means to be an open-minded man, broad and liberal in the good sense, but, if the opinion of some of his most intelligent parishioners can be depended







upon, he is not successful in this particular. One of our most active Trustees is a member of his church, and I have had several talks with him only recently concerning the growth and development of Mr. Conley's mind. His heart is good, and I do not know of a man more thoroughly anxious to do the right thing than Mr. Conley. His preaching naturally partakes of his characteristics, and is rather to be characterized by the word "heavy". His spirit is the very best, and pastoral work would be performed with the greatest satisfaction by him.

Rev. Mr. Henson is not so well known to me. I cannot, therefore, speak of him particularly. Upon the whole, I would say that he is not so strong a man as Mr. Conley, for, after all, Mr. Conley must be classed as one of the stronger men.

Understanding that the contents of this letter will be treated as confidential, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper



... of the most ... of his ... with his only ... of ... and ... of ... Mr. ... the ... of ... the ... of his ... rather to be ... the spirit is ... and ... would be ... by him. ... Mr. ... I cannot ... that he ... Mr. ... must be ... of this ... will be ...

W. J. ...



, August 25, 1900.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

26 Broadway, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Rockefeller:-

We have been hunting for two years to find a professor of History, one who would really take the place of Mr. von Holst whose work seems to be finished. The unanimous opinion of our gentlemen after this long investigation and search seems to be that Professor Jameson of Brown is the right man. We recognize the fact that his work with undergraduates is not juicy and is not as interesting as it might be made, - but I learn that his case is something like that of Mr. Manly in English. As a matter of fact Mr. Manly has shown himself to be an immensely strong man. We could not have found a better man in the country, and ~~his appointment~~ has been justified in the eyes of the entire Faculty. This fact shows that a man who may not succeed in undergraduate work may have been intended for Graduate work. But I am writing to ask you to tell me what you know about Mr. Jameson. No steps have been taken in the matter and we are still free.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper



CHICAGO

August 22, 1900.

Mr. John C. Rockefeller, Jr.,

25 Broadway, New York City.

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case is something like that of Mr. Henry in English. As a  
matter of fact Mr. Henry has shown himself to be an  
immensely strong man. We could not have found a better  
man in the country, and I think it has been justified in  
the case of the entire Faculty. This fact alone that a  
man who has not succeeded in undergraduate work may have been  
intended for graduate work, that I am writing to ask you  
to tell me what you know about Mr. Johnson. So please have  
been taken in the matter and we are all right.  
Yours very truly,

W. H. Johnson



*Dr. Van Hook*  
*Robert Coates*  
*J. L.*

26 Broadway,  
New York.

August 27th, 1900.

Dear Doctor Harper:

Your favor of August 25th regarding a professor of history for the University of Chicago, is received. No professor at Brown stands higher, as a professor, in the estimate of the outside world, of his fellow professors and of the students than Professor Jameson. His courses were considered the "stiffest" of any courses offered at Brown. He demands a great deal of the men in his classes, makes them work harder than in any other departments, but in return gives them more. When men first take up a course with him they do not care for him but I have never heard of a man who had finished a term or a year with Professor Jameson who did not feel highly satisfied with his work and very great respect and esteem for the professor. If you are thinking of Professor Jameson for the head of the Historical Department I am unable to say how well he would be adapted for that position not knowing his qualities as an organizer and planner, but as a professor of history I do not know of any one better up in his subject or whose work is more satisfactory both in the eyes of the faculty and of the students than Professor Jameson. Although in my senior year I undertook



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I came down from Lake Placid in the Adirondacks this morning and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McLeish in the train. We had a delightful talk before reaching New York.

Very truly,

*John D. Rockefeller, Jr.*

*Please consider this letter confidential.*

Dr. William R. Harper,  
Chicago, Illinois.



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*John D. Rockefeller*

*Please enclose this letter confidential*

Dr. William R. Harper,  
Chicago, Illinois.



Forest Hill.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

August 27<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Dear Doctor Harper.

Please accept thanks for your  
two valued favors of the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
We are looking forward  
with pleasure to our visit  
with you here.

Yours very truly,

John D. Rockefeller.  
J.

President W. R. Harper  
Chicago Ill.



1871  
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TELEGRAM

John D. Rockefeller,

Forest Hill Cleveland, Ohio.

Would it be entirely convenient for me  
to accept your invitation and to visit you next  
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

William R. Harper.



*W. H. H.*

TELEGRAM

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J. D. Rockefeller,			



Dec 25, 1871, H. S. Johnson

Respectfully,  
President Wm. K. Hooper

W. S. Johnson  
Secretary  
of the Rockefellers



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**RECEIVED at** UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Cleveland Ohio 21 Sept - 1900  
 Pres. W. R. Harper,

M. J. C.

Chicago

We will remain here for three  
 weeks yet hope you can  
 come later.

J. D. Rockefeller.



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With great appreciation of your kindness and courtesy,

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Martin A Ryerson

No 204 Dearborn St

Chicago Ill.

Your letter of the fourteenth received we approve the resolution  
as therein stated

F T Gates

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26 Broadway,  
New York.

November 21st, 1900.

Dear Doctor Harper:

Father desires me to ask whether you know anything about Rev. J. J. Randall, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. His name has been suggested as a possible candidate for the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. If you do not know about this gentleman personally, perhaps you can tell me to whom to go for the information.

Very truly,

*John D. Rockefeller Jr.*

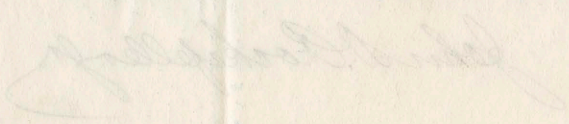
President W.R. Harper,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dr. Harbert says?  
M.H.*

*With all my heart.  
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28 Broadway,  
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*Handwritten notes:*  
Mr. J. J. Randall  
Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Nov 21, 1900  
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Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,  
26 Broadway, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Rockefeller:-

I enclose a letter written by Dr. Hulbert who is a personal friend of Randall, concerning whom you write. In addition to what he says, I may say that I myself know Randall somewhat intimately. He is a man with a splendid future. There is no question about his ability and his strength socially, intellectually, and religiously. I think, at all events, it would be worth your while to see and hear him.

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In Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway General Mortgage  
four percent gold bonds, at 109 1/2, the market quotation  
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In Baltimore & Ohio Railroad First Mortgage four percent gold  
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Or in any combination of these that the Board may elect.

Second. Of the remaining \$500,000 of the gift my Father  
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A. \$253,143., or so much thereof as may be required, to  
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B. From \$75,000 to \$100,000., as may be required, for the installation of a central lighting and heating plant designed to light and heat all the buildings of the University now erected.

C. Approximately \$100,000., according to the estimate of the Board, for the construction of a power house, and a printing press building which shall temporarily accommodate the library.

D. The balance to be used at the discretion of the Board, a portion of it possibly for necessary paving, laying of sidewalks, and landscape gardening on the campus.

The amounts designated under B and C to be paid upon the call of the treasurer as they are required during the erection of the buildings and the installation of the heating and lighting plant.

The amount designated under D to be payable upon the call of the treasurer as required any time before July 1st, 1902.

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Martin A. Ryerson

Night Telegram.

Charge.



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Dec. 11, 1900.

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To

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

26 Broadway, New York City.

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NIGHT TELEGRAM

To

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

26 Broadway, New York City.

Jameson will accept arrangement by which sum proposed shall be paid for books within three years. Board action based on understanding that we will use every effort to secure the amount here before needed. Proposed action taken because of short time allowed.

William R. Harper.

Prepaid, charge to Univ.



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To

John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

4 West Fifty-fourth street, New York City.

Your splendid gift presented this afternoon to  
Trustees. All greatly pleased. We surely owe  
you much gratitude for your continued interest.  
Public announcement will be made next Tuesday  
Convocation.

William R. Harper

Prepaid charge to Unix  
**READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.**



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CHICAGO Dec. 13 1900

Mr. John D. Rockefeller  
26 Broadway  
New York  
N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

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Because of the magnitude of these new gifts, because of the great step in advance you have enabled the University to take through them toward a fuller endowment and a more adequate material equipment, because of the most generous provision for the current needs of the ensuing year and the extremely liberal terms of both the gifts the trustees greatly rejoice and wish us to assure you of their heartfelt gratitude. Had they themselves had the formulating of the terms and conditions of these gifts they could not have put them in a way more satisfactory to themselves.

They feel, not only that you have been most liberal to the University in these latest gifts as in all others, but also that you have dealt most considerately and generously with themselves who are in immediate charge of this important trust.



The University of Chicago

WILLIAM R. HARTER, President

CHICAGO, Dec. 15, 1900

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Because of the magnitude of these new gifts, because of

the great step in advance you have enabled the University to take

through them toward a higher endowment and a more adequate material

equipment, because of the most generous provision for the current

needs of the ensuing year and the extremely liberal terms of both

the gifts the trustees greatly rejoice and wish us to assure you

of their heartfelt gratitude. Had they themselves had the opportunity

of the terms and conditions of these gifts they could not have

put them in a way more satisfactory to themselves.

They feel not only that you have been most liberal to

the University in these latest gifts as in all others, but also

that you have dealt most generously and generously with them.

Believe me to be in immediate charge of this important trust.



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Again thanking you for these great and timely gifts and for the expression of your continued confidence they convey we remain on behalf of the trustees and on our own behalf

Sincerely yours

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26 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

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If not called for in two days.

Dec. 13, 1893

Letter from Mr D Rockefeller NY  
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Certainly. Why shouldn't President Harper meet new students at the train and escort them to the University of Chicago?



