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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

RECEIVED at

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New York 29

Pres W. R. Harper

U. of C.

We learn with sincere regret  
the necessity of an operation. Tell  
sure you will keep every care  
and get yourself in the best  
over)



Thomas & John D. Rockefeller  
New York  
Oct 11/1891  
John D. Rockefeller  
New York

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H Presible Condition for  
the same. Doubt not in the  
long run you will be the  
better for the operation we  
are all thinking of you  
John. D. Rockefeller Jr



*no date*

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller,

Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Rockefeller:-

*Mrs. JDR  
no date*

I wish to tell you and Mr. Rockefeller once more how greatly I enjoyed the three days' spent last week at Forest Hill. The rest, the play and the good-fellowship cheered, encouraged and helped me in more ways than I can describe. Even a short period of freedom from the constant care which rests upon me here in Chicago, is something to be greatly prized.

Thanking you most heartily, I remain

Very truly yours,



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Letter

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4 West 54<sup>th</sup> St.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I have sent the  
letter to Mr. Rockefeller.

Please communicate with  
me in regard to the matter.

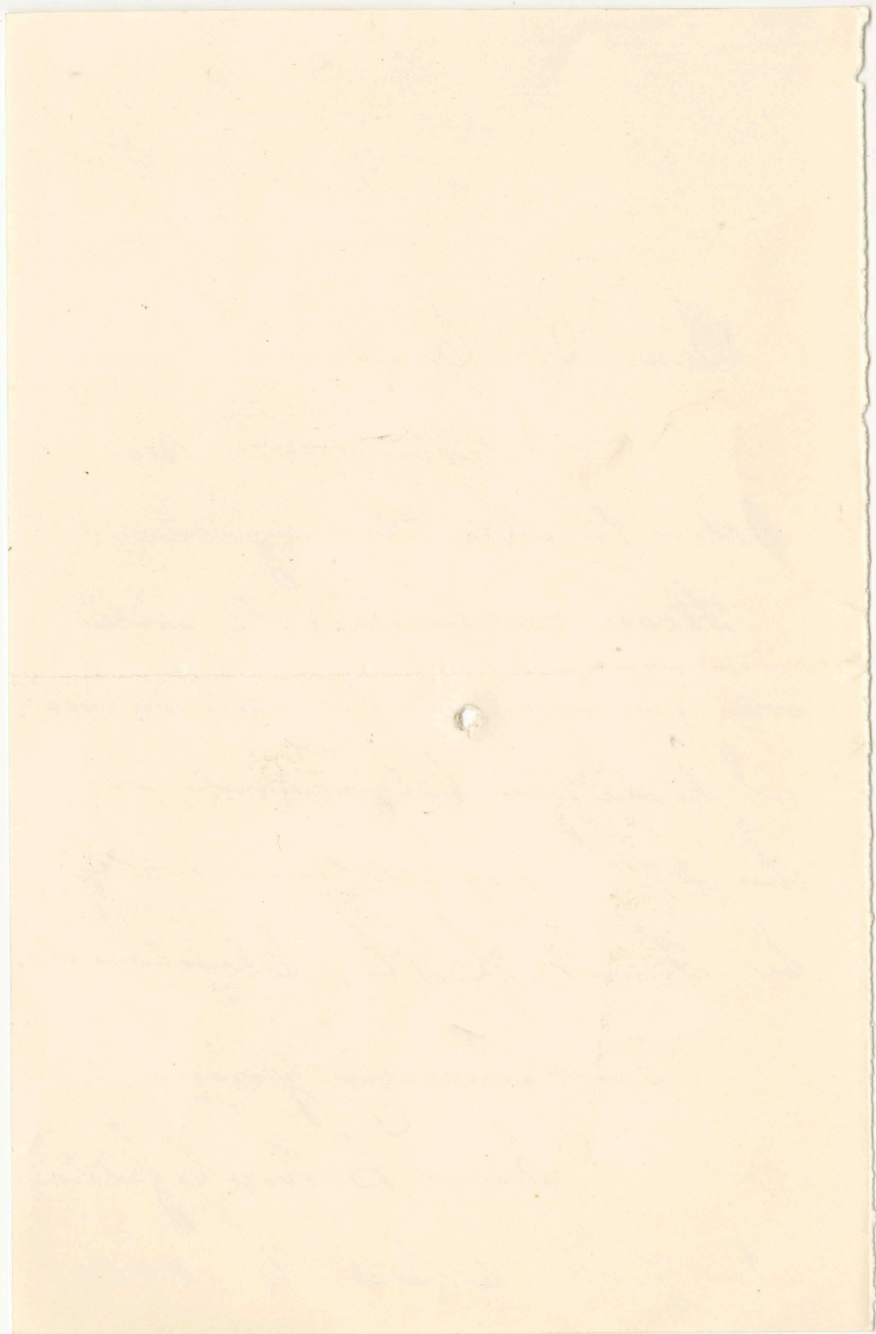
I leave for Cleveland on  
the 27<sup>th</sup>. My address will  
be Forest Hill, Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours

Saura B. Rockefeller,

New York, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1891-







(22)

Dear Will.

Lowell and O. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>/1892.

My Dear Dr. Hooker,

Thanks for your kind

letter making the way of our

coming to Chicago so easy and

giving assurance that our stay

would be very quiet.

The day it was received I was

attacked with a violent cold

which has kept me in my room

and has since then when I

write am. In view of this as

well as a general state of

prostration the family have

decided that I must remain in

the country during the month of

October. While they all go on

to New York with the expectation

of no return. As we must

abandon the idea of going to

Chicago, though very reluctantly,

we regret also the disappointment

which you are so kind as to say

it will be to you not to see



us there. Mr. Rockefeller joins  
with me in the sincere wish  
that the opening of the University  
may be as auspicious as we all  
ardently hope and believe.

With kind regards to  
Mrs. Harper and much regret that  
circumstances still prevent our  
meeting I remain

With the highest esteem

Very sincerely yours,

Laura C. Rockefeller.

Presd. W. R. Harper, Ph. D.

Chicago Ill.





4 WEST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET.

New York.

N May 25<sup>th</sup> 1901-

My dear Dr. Harper,

I find myself wishing that I had taken a pencil memorandum of the program for the Convocation. Might I ask your secretary to send one to me at Forest Hill?

I did not mention that I might need a maid. Would it be convenient for me to bring one?

Very sincerely yours,

Laura S. Rockefeller.



WEST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Rockefeller  
Forest Hill, Cleveland, O.

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1897-

Dear Dr. Harper,

We do sympathize with you in the disappointment in regard to a European trip, and appreciate the reason that keeps you nearer home. These parents have had our plans but for our best good, and we can never repay their loving care.

Your plan for North Can



olina is a fine one and will  
do you good. Then a finish  
in the quiet of Forest Hill,  
let us hope will give plenty  
of sleep, and just the needed  
relaxation and recuperation  
to the over-burdened brain.  
The time you mention, the  
last of the first week in  
August, the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>,  
will be entirely convenient,  
and we shall want you to  
stay as long as you can -  
"the longer the better" - Mr.

Weskefeller says. Please let us know by  
what train to expect you.

We are all well and our Mother is  
improving slowly, going about on her floor  
in a wheeled chair. John is abroad, but  
will return about the middle of August.  
I am glad to know of the health of Mrs.

Harper, the baby and all the family.

Very sincerely yours,  
Anna C. Weskefeller.



L.L.R.

Mrs. Rockefeller desires  
to express her sincerest thanks  
to the Trustees of the  
University of Chicago, for  
the box of very beautiful  
flowers, that awaited her  
arrival at President Harper's

They were both a token  
and a prophecy, of the  
generous and affectionate

Pres. File - L. S. Rockefeller



G. G. L.

welcome that has been  
accorded.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896.



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THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

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1022am

June 27-96

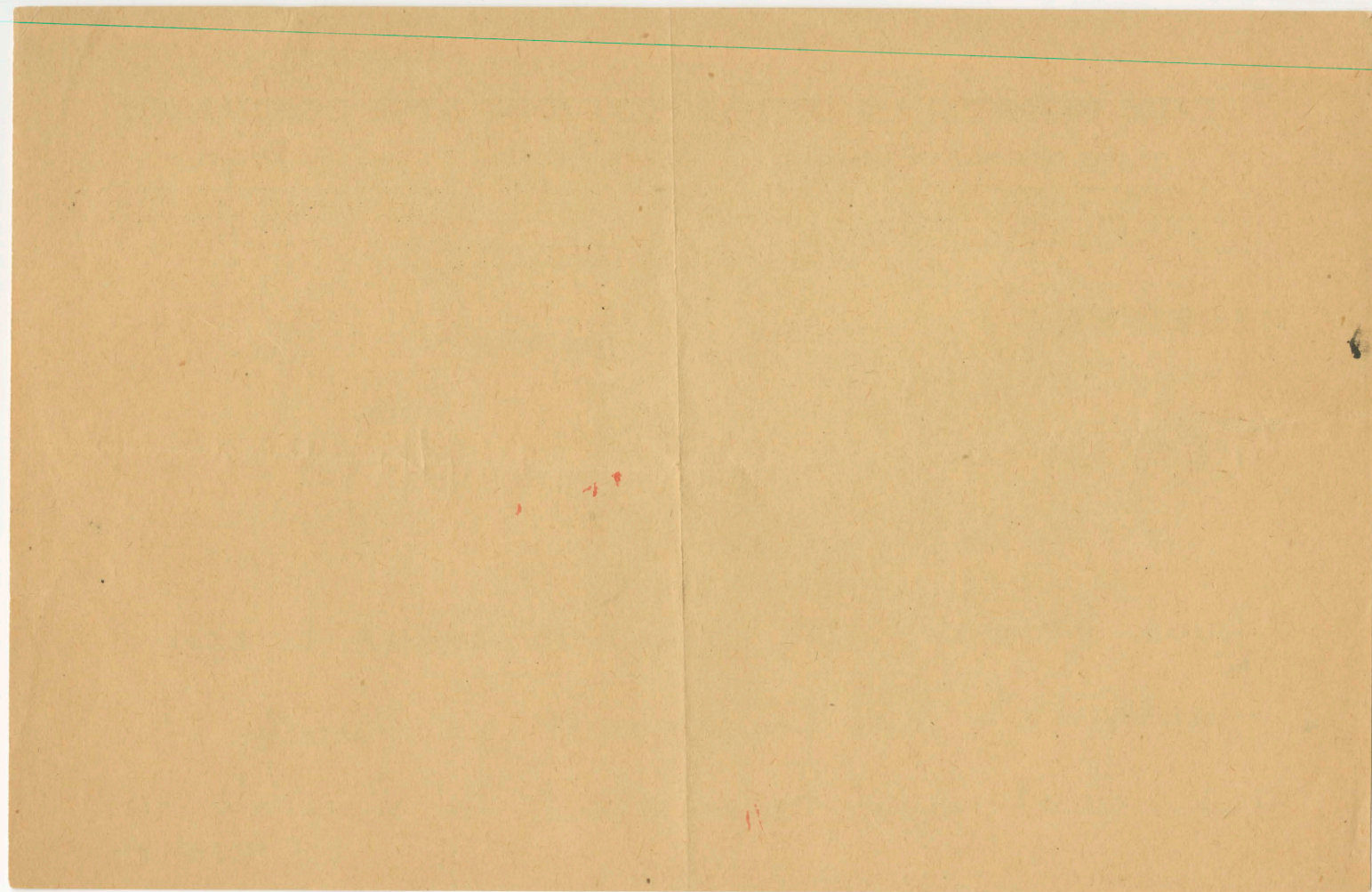
East Hill Cleveland O 27

Dr W R Harper

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Have promised Mr Cyrus McCormick to spend  
Tuesday at Lake Forest will go directly there  
and be at your house about ten Tuesday night  
J D Rockefeller







(69) M.H.

Freed-Hill.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Dear Dr. Harper,

Your letter with  
reference to securing accommodations  
for us during the World's Fair  
is received. I thought you are so  
kind as to say that it has  
given you pleasure to undertake  
the service, which we very much  
appreciate, we feel sorry that  
there should be even a feather's

weight more, added to your  
already too heavy burdens. As  
Lester does not seem so imperative  
as we first supposed please do  
not feel obliged to tax your  
strength and time unduly.

We shall be very glad to  
see you at Freed-Hill again  
soon and hope you will come  
whenever you can.

I have not forgotten the  
promise to visit Chicago but  
am rather doubtful about our



being able to fulfill it.

We are to leave for New York  
the very last of this month  
and I fear it will not be  
possible this season, to redeem  
the promise. I say it regretfully  
but it seems best. I remain

Sincerely your friend,

J. D. Rockefeller,

Pres. W. R. Harper, O. A. S.,

Chicago, Ill.



Rockefeller

West Hill, Cleveland,

June 9<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Dear Mr. Harper,

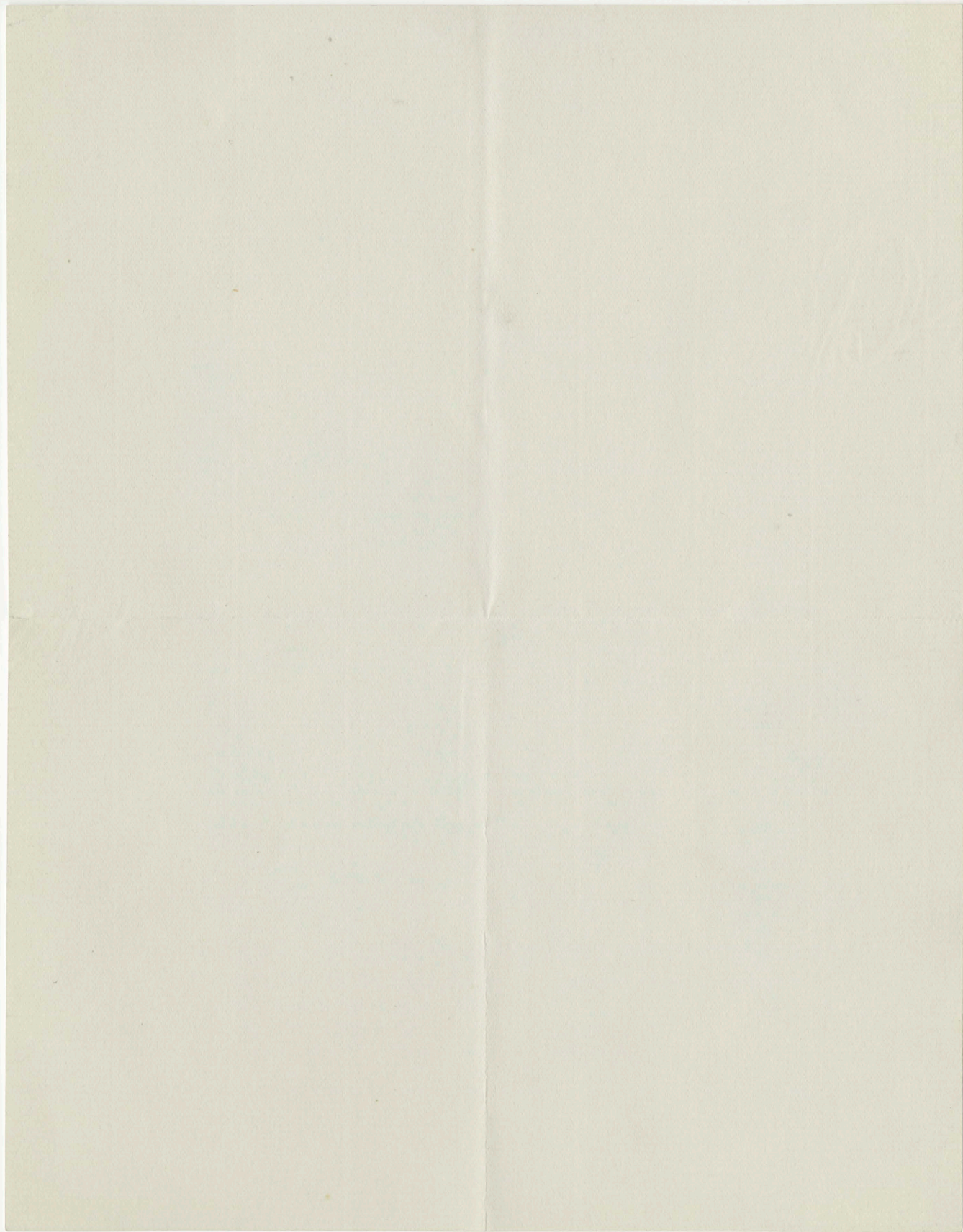
Your letter just received, decides the question of our accommodation while in Chicago. We are happy to accept the most kind invitation of the President of the University of Chicago, and Mr. Harper to be their guests.

With affectionate regards,

Sincerely yours,

Laura C. Rockefeller.







Roselynn

Amos

West Hill, Wm & D.

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Dear Dr. Harper,

The visit of our

daughters to the Community,  
was quite unexpected, but it

was very pleasant and as

satisfactory as could be,

without seeing the incident,

when they are happy to feel

so their personal and broad

ground. We all want to see

you, and hope that you can



stop en route, while we are  
at Forest Hill. I remember  
that we had a short visit  
last summer during the  
Christian Endeavor Convention.  
Bicycle riding is still the  
finest exercise and amusement.

ment here, and we care for  
two wheels. We shall be very  
glad if you can plan to come  
and make us a good visit of  
several days, and bring with  
you Mrs. Harper. After the  
twentyeth of August, we shall

have no invited guests, and shall be more than  
happy to see you and Mrs. Harper. Will you not  
put this on your Calendar, and please convey to  
Mrs. Harper this invitation, and our sincere desire  
that it will be accepted?

We shall be happy to receive and read anything  
pertaining to the University that you may send,  
and thank you for it. Mr. Rockefeller joins in  
kind regards.

Most sincerely yours,  
Laura C. Rockefeller.



Rockefeller

4 West 54<sup>th</sup> St. N. Y.

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1894.

(S)

Dear Dr. Carpenter,

I had two severe dis-  
appointments, on Wednesday and  
Thursday of this week.

A new mixed was at the door,  
who heard me speak at lunch  
of taking rest, and had not  
been told that I could be  
called at three o'clock always.

I, and we all, were somewhat  
comforted, when told that you  
would honor <sup>us,</sup> you and Dr. Good-



②  
speed, ~~and~~ by your presence  
at our reception on the following  
day, and it was not till the  
hour had passed, that I could  
to look for you.

We will look for better  
fortune in the future, all around,  
will we not, and expect it too?  
Our daughters and John, who  
was with us, join in hearty and  
kind regards.

I am ever sincerely yours,  
Laura L. Rockwell.



Rockefeller

West Hill, Glendale, Cal.

13

June 16<sup>th</sup> / 1894.

My dear Dr. Carpenter,

Your letter of the  
twelfth was duly received, and

I would say for the portrait,  
that Mr. Rockefeller's friends  
are pleased with it, and the  
family think, that it is

probably as good as we can  
hope to get. It is exceptional,  
perhaps, that an oil portrait is  
entirely satisfactory to every one.

Yours very truly  
Thanker for your kind



invitation and hope that we  
may be present at the July  
Conventions. I still believe  
that we can be with you at  
some time, but just now,  
Mr. Rockefeller will not be  
at home at that time.

We goe with our daughters -  
all of them; we are not to have  
any child but John, with us  
this summer - to the steam-  
ships, on July second.

We are much gratified with  
your success in the raising of

money, referred to in your letter,  
and heartily congratulate you  
and the University.

With kind regards, and wishes  
for a most successful summer, we remain,  
Mr. Rockefeller yours,

I am very sincerely yours,

Diana E. Rockefeller,

P. S.

Street Bill is very lovely -

Can you not look in upon us  
when passing?



Standard Block,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Recd

Friend Will Cuyler - 13th/1892.

Dear Dr. Harker.

We receive the invitation for yourself  
and your family, to stop at-  
Friend-Will, if convenient - and pay  
us a little visit - going or

Coming from Chattanooga, and  
may I ask if you will kindly  
telegraph us two or three days in  
advance.

Yours truly,  
Laura L. Rockefeller.



Stimulus Sheet  
Classroom Use



May 27th, 1901.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller,

Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

I enclose the programmes which I suggested in my meeting with yourself and Mr. Rockefeller. I had already planned to do so, before receiving your note.

I can assure you there will be no difficulty at all in your bringing a maid. We have plenty of room; more than we know how to occupy. Please feel free to do this.

I am sending this letter, at your suggestion, to Forest Hill.

I overlooked a very important matter in my hurried interview with you, and that was to extend our invitation to your sister, Miss Spelman. Would it not be possible for her to come with you? I can assure you that it would give the greatest pleasure to all of us. I gave the servant at the door my card for her as well as for yourself, and the fact that she did not come down caused the matter to escape from my mind. Hoping



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to forgive me, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

W. R. Harper



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3.00 P. M.: Attendance at reception of Douglass Tablet.  
8.00 P. M.: Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

Sunday, June sixteenth.

- 8.30: Breakfast at the President's house.  
10.30: Baccalaureate services at the University.  
1.00: Luncheon at the President's house.  
Afternoon: Rest.  
6.00: Tea at the President's house.  
Evening: Rest.

Monday, June seventeenth.

- 11.30: Opening exercises of the School of Education.  
1.00: Luncheon with representatives of colleges and universities. At the Quadrangle Club.  
Afternoon: Rest.  
6.30: Mr. Rockefeller to dine with the Trustees, at the President's house.  
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Tuesday, June eighteenth.

8.00: Graduate matutinal, at the Quadrangle Club.  
9.30-11.00: Laying of corner-stones.  
11.00-1.00: University Convocation.  
1.30: The Congregation Dinner.  
Afternoon: Rest.  
7.00: Dinner to Mr. Rockefeller and invited guests  
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FOREST HILL  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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My dear Dr. Harper,

I am rather added  
to a statement for night travel, and  
as none could be secured on the  
later train, we shall take the  
train leaving here at 7:30.

We do not like to think of your  
meeting us at the early hour of 6:00,  
and it would make us feel much  
better if you would let us take a  
carriage and come directly to your



have. Please permit this, will you not?

My sister much appreciates your very kind wish that she spend part of her time at least, with you and Lida, and thanks you sincerely for it. I will give her pleasure to do so for Monday and Tuesday. She was taken with a severe chill on Saturday and is still in her bed - or I write for her.

How good it must seem to have Lida at home again, and how glad we shall be to see her!

In regard to Mr. Rockefeller speaking at the Commencement

Summer, he says that he will make his best and say a few gentle words.

We hope that matters are moving to your satisfaction, and that you will throw off care as much as possible. In regard to wine at the Citizens' Dinner, we wish to have you decide as seems best under all the circumstances.

With the pleasant anticipation of meeting so many friends of the University, through your kind plans,

I am most sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Rockefeller,

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1901.



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

My Dear Mrs. Rockefeller:-

I am writing to ask concerning three things (1) is it ~~the~~ purpose of Mr. Rockefeller and yourself to take the train leaving Cleveland at 7:30 in the evening which arrives at Englewood at 6:50 or the train which leaves Cleveland at 10:55 and reaches Englewood at 7:33?

(2) Will not Miss Spellman come with you. We are all very anxious to have her. It would be a great satisfaction and pleasure if she would come along. Vida has just returned from Paris today and is especially anxious that Miss Spellman should come during this visit.

(3) Will you ask Mr. Rockefeller whether he would be willing to say a few words at the Commencement Dinner which will immediately follow the Convocation on Tuesday. This Dinner will be in a tent. There will be five or six hundred people present. The Dinner will really be a luncheon and after the dinner it will be almost impossible for the ~~guests~~ to be satisfied without having a few words from him. It would of course be very informal. This is to be the climax of the Celebration and the Trustees are especially anxious that this meeting should be successful.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to your coming.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper



M. B. Halber

Yours very sincerely,

Pleasant to you coming.

We are looking forward with great  
this meeting should be successful.  
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know better today and is especially  
come along. After her last returned  
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to have her. It would be a great  
with you. We are all very anxious

(3) Will not Mrs. Shetman come  
Englewood at 1:22  
leaves Cleveland at 10:22 and reaches  
wood at 6:20 on the train which  
in the evening which arrives at Engle-  
the train leaving Cleveland at 1:20  
of Mr. Bockefeller and yourself to take  
three things (1) is it ~~not~~ propose  
I am willing to ask concerning  
My dear Mrs. Bockefeller:-  
Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mrs. John D. Rockefeller.



The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Office of the President

CHICAGO June 12th, 1901.

*File*

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller,

Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

Your kind note of June tenth reaches me this morning. It is very good of you to write so fully. The hour mentioned is not an early hour for us, and I shall take great pleasure in meeting you at Englewood. Will you kindly see that your baggage is checked to Englewood?

It gives us great pleasure to know that Miss Spelman will be with us on Monday and Tuesday.

I can assure you that we are glad to have Vida again at home. Please give my best regards to Mr. Rockefeller, and believe me to be

Very sincerely yours,

W. R. Harper







July 22nd, 1901.

My dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

The four days at Forest Hill will be remembered as days of sincere pleasure and perfect rest. The golf work seems, from the point of view of University life, altogether rest. I cannot tell you how much we both enjoyed ourselves. I am hoping that we shall be able to continue the visit, in accordance with your kind invitation.

Please say to Miss Spelman that we are expecting a visit from her as soon as Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have gone away.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again before long, I remain

Yours most sincerely,

W. R. Harper

To

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller,

Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.







March 1st, 1904.

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condition. My dear Mrs. Rockefeller:-

Please give my regards to Mr. K. Harper. I am anxious to have you read at least a portion of the article by Miss MacCracken in the last number of The Outlook. Its reference to the woman students life at the University of Chicago will, I am sure, please you, coming as it does from a person entirely unprejudiced, and from one who has visited all women's colleges. So far as I know I have never had the pleasure of meeting Miss MacCracken personally, although it is possible that I may have shaken her hand at a reception. I perhaps ought not to trouble you with this, but you will concede that I have not very frequently troubled you with matters of this kind in the past. I have felt that it was a fair statement of the thing we have been working for; the thing in which I have been sure you were greatly interested. Sometime I am hoping I may have the chance to tell you of my dreams for the work of women at the University. We have tremendous possibilities and I believe that these possibilities will be realized.

I am just being prepared by the physicians for a second attack of appendicitis, to go to the hospital for the operation. The operation is to take place Tuesday morning. It is not a pleasant thing



March 1st, 1906.

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Very truly yours, Mrs. Rockefeller.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

Thank you very much for your letters. The one coming just before the operation and the other in less than two weeks after, it hardly seems as though you had passed through an ordeal, that almost stilled the beating of our hearts for several days, and out of which many fail to come. But God is good, and we join our thanksgiving and praise with yours for this



signal evidence of His love.

I have read to myself, and again to Mr. Rockefeller, the article by Miss Hae Bracken, to which you referred, and am sure that her intelligent and unprejudiced judgment is worthy of acceptance. It does find it in my mind, and I am happy to confess, that the sentiment at the University of Chicago, is exceeding my fears and meeting your hopes. The home is co-educational and society is co-educational, and great wisdom - heavenly wisdom, is needed, to guide the work over

intermediate waters.

We are enjoying our new abiding place, the Golf House here, very much, though the continued snow forbids much golfing. However we do not fail to take every opportunity for out of door exercise, and are expecting settled weather, for the birds are beginning to sing. We shall remain till the second week in April.

Trusting that your convalescence may be rapid, and with affectionate regard, in which Mr. Rockefeller joins, I am very sincerely yours,  
Laura S. Rockefeller



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Dear Mrs. Harper,

Mr. Harold Dr. Cornick  
is here, and has told us of the second  
operation that Dr. Harper must  
undergo. Love and sympathy prompt  
me to tell you both, how much you  
are in our thoughts, and that our  
prayers will be heavily laden with  
petitions, that God will give grace for  
the ordeal, and be pleased to spare  
the precious life.



I am sending you a little book -  
"With God in the World," by Bishop Brent,  
of the Philippines. I have had it for  
three years, and every other year, we  
read a page at morning prayer,  
with ever fresh interest and inspiration.  
This morning, I read the 142<sup>nd</sup> / 143<sup>rd</sup>  
pages, with dear Dr. Harper so much  
in mind, that I cannot resist this  
writing. If you have a copy, please  
pass this on, for every word seems  
pure gold.

Mr. Rockefeller has been in Pinchurst,  
N. C. for three weeks, but will be home  
this week. Will you not let us do for

you at this time, and command us in any  
way; nothing that you can not, will be too  
much. In reply to this is necessary, for I  
know that your head and heart are too full  
already.

My sister joins in affectionate regards to  
you and to Dr. Harper.

Your loving, ever-loving friend,  
Laura S. Rockefeller.

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1905.



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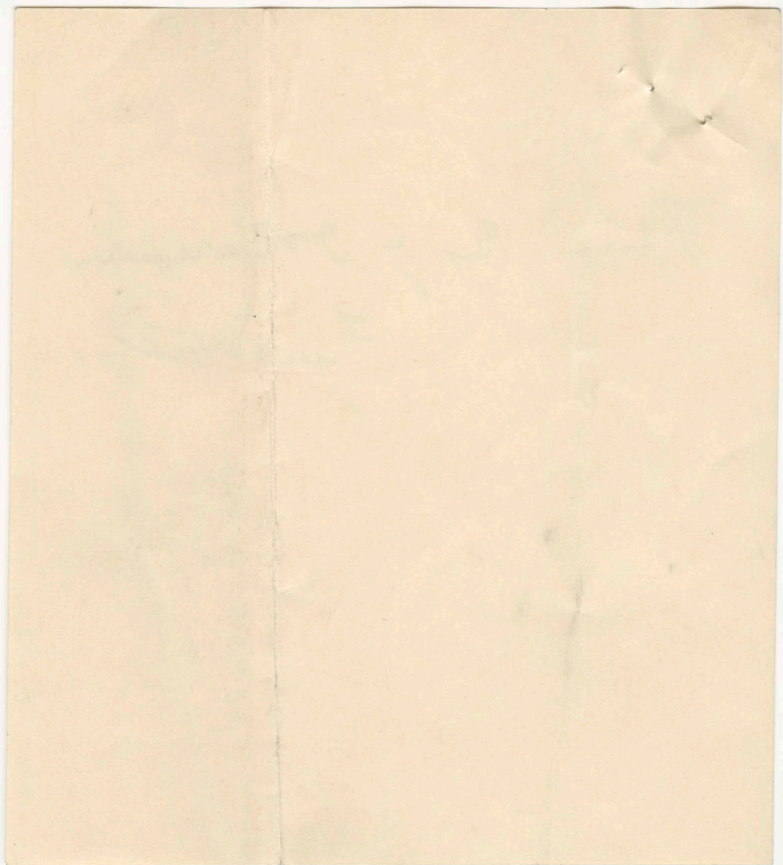
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From Mrs J. D. Rockefeller  
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