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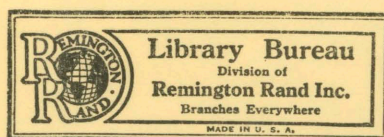
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April 5th, 1902.

*Student's  
Observation*

Professor George E. Hale,

Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

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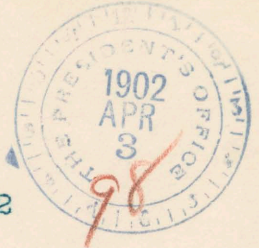
Received  
The President William R. Harper  
Dear Dr. Harper:



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

YERKES OBSERVATORY  
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN

April 2, 1902



President William R. Harper

The University of Chicago

Dear Dr. Harper:

I have been thinking over the question of the Students' Observatory and feel that the question is so important that some action should be taken at the earliest possible date. It is absolutely necessary that some provision be made for the use of the instruments, and for this reason I believe the small buildings should be erected at once, on the lot near your house, even if it becomes necessary to remove them at some future time. Of course a position on the Midway would do very well, but are not the chances very much against favorable action on the part of the South Park Commissioners within reasonable time? >

I suppose the scheme of uniting the observatory with the Armour Institute is one which could not be settled at once. You did not say when it was intended to erect the buildings, but they are on such a large scale that it would be hardly possible to have them ready in a year. Would there not be some difficulty about including as a part of the building an observatory to be managed and used by University instructors? In any event is it not probable that, even more truly than in the case of the Law School, it will be impossible to make the detailed plans of the Armour Institute before the faculty has been appointed?

With these matters in mind I feel that we ought not to delay the construction of a temporary building for the Students' Observatory.

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James C. McGraw



9.17  
Student's  
Observatory

, Dec. 21, 1900.

My Dear Dr. Laves:-

Your suggestions concerning the proposed building are most excellent. I should like to have you go into it just as much in detail as you are willing and trust that you will put the matter into shape just as soon as it is convenient. Your suggestion concerning the domes seems to me to be very excellent indeed.

If you will proceed, we will understand that your work will be used as the basis of all other work with the various committees. I understand that in doing this, you will not take any steps which would incur expense without further consultation. I mean particularly by this that we should not at this stage of the work make use of the services of an architect. I remain

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*Dr. Javes*  
*William*



1900 December 17<sup>th</sup>

William R. Harper, President.

Dear Sir:

Professor G. E. Hall has informed me that you want me to prepare a plan for the future Student's Observatory. I have been collecting information for this purpose and I have had a consultation with Professor Moore for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of space needed by the Mathematical Department. I write today to find out if you want me to hand in a detailed plan including the dimensions of every room and the directions for its proper location, or if you want at present but a general outline, leaving the work of detail to a later period. It seems that the plan of the Observatory with its front to the Midway could be best and most handsomely developed in such a manner that the south gate of the University should be located in the middle of the building. Above it the large dome would find most fittingly its position, <sup>the</sup> two smaller domes at the East and West end respectively would give to the building a symmetrical and very attractive appearance.

Very truly yours

Kurt Laves.



Dr. William R. Thompson, President

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Very truly yours  
Thos. Davis

Nov 2 December 1892



*Students  
Observatory*

Dec. 2nd, 1901.

My dear Mr. Laves:-

I am afraid that the plans you have for the students' observatory on the campus would not be adapted to the architectural situation. I am very much discouraged by what you suggest. A building thirty feet high and one hundred and sixty feet long seems to me an impossibility. It is certainly an impossibility on the Midway. Since talking with you the suggestion has been made that the Library of the University be placed on the Midway. I should be glad to have you come in sometime and talk things over with me.

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