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Office of the Secretary,
66 MARLBOROUGH STREET,
BOSTON, MASS., Holderness. N.H. Aug 25 1892.

Dear Dr. Harper.

Your kind and encouraging letter was received to day. I at once telegraphed my assent and now enclose the statement concerning myself which you desired, and also a more detailed outline of the courses, which I sincerely hope will not reach you too late to be inserted in the September Calendar.

It will give me much

satisfaction to have my work placed for the present under the Department of Social Science. I trust it will commend itself to Prof. Small as worthy to be placed there and I shall spare no effort to make it so.

I remain, very sincerely,

Marion Talbot.

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Talbot

Dear President Harper.

I do not know what the present prospect is, but if I should have any students during the next quarter, it will be necessary for me to have some books. I enclose a list of standard works. Those marked in blue, I shall have to refer students to from the very start. Will you kindly place the matter in the right hands and oblige

Sincerely yours,

Marion Talbot.

Sept. 12, 1892.

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No date

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

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WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

Woman

CHICAGO May 9.

Dear President Harper.

If you can make it in your way to cheer up Miss Reynolds and Miss Wallace. I hope you will do so. They are both having "the blues" about their work. We must not lose either one.

Yours faithfully
Marion Talbot.

THE FACULTIES OF
ARTS, LITERATURE, AND SCIENCE
OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF WOMEN

The University of Chicago
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CHICAGO Oct. 23.

no date

I have stopped objecting to Mrs Harper's plans! "a wilful woman must hae her way" if the rest of us are to survive!

Marion Talbot.

OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF WOMEN

Talbot

The University of Chicago
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CHICAGO Nov. 13

Wallace

Dear Dr. Harper

I am afraid Miss Weyland is starving to death. If the work she has done here is not satisfactory I think she ought to be told not to hang on any longer. There are a good many tragedies going on about us and how helpless we are!

Yours truly

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO Oct. 8.

Dear Dr. Harper.

I have been waiting to hear about your inquiry concerning the budget and have done nothing except to assure myself that Miss Bulkley has satisfactory service. I shall hope for a speedy settlement in a way that will be satisfactory to all concerned.

A good deal of interest has happened lately of which I want to tell you sometime.

Very sincerely,
Marion Talbot.

no date

Talbot.

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Holderness. N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~ August 11.

Dear President Harper.

Your letter almost makes me wish that I were on the field of battle again, tho' I am not yet in as good fighting trim as I hope to be next month. My memorandum did not contain any reference to the purchases for the house, as I supposed they ~~would be~~ were provided for already in one of three ways, viz: —

1. The bed-room furniture already on hand in large part, and the balance to be purchased in the same way.

2. The dining-room and kitchen equipment to be estimated and ordered (?) by Mrs Darnell

3. The reception-room and parlor furniture to be donated by Mrs. Kelly, Mrs Beecher and others or as a sad alternative purchased by the Committee or by Mrs Palmer and me at the earliest practicable moment.

I am quite helpless here in regard to the

first hand as I have no means of knowing how much furniture is already on hand or of estimating how much more is needed. I suppose Mr. Grose has all the data. There is one suggestion which I wish to urge however. The women, nearly all, really prefer cots to bedsteads. The cots however need to be firm (they should not fold) and to have castors. I saw exactly what we need at the Hardy School, Duluth. A note sent to Mrs Kate B. Hardy, ~~wanting~~ asking where they might be purchased and the cost would receive her attention I am sure. I would also suggest that if chairs are to be bought, they be lighter than those provided at the Beatrice.

I do not know whether Mr. Ryerson has anything definite in mind concerning dining-room tables. He showed me once a sketch of the dining-room with tables. Mrs. Palmer and I might attend to that later, but chairs can be purchased at any time.

I have written again to Mrs. Kelly. Shall I have authority to spend the two hundred dollars she has already given as soon as I arrive in making the public rooms of Kelly Hall more attractive? I have suggested to Mrs. Palmer to call on Mrs. Walker at Beverly Farms

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and interest her in the furnishing of Beecher Hall. I am also trying to secure some of the literary treasures of the Massachusetts House.

I am sure the women students will appreciate in part at least the difficulties of the situation. I have no fear but that everything will go on smoothly and easily provided we have adequate domestic arrangements, which show forethought and judgment, and provided also that Foster Hall is completed. This is my chief anxiety now.

If there is anything I can do at this distance please command me. I would like to shake a few Congressmen and tell them the Nation will not stand much in the way of dallying at this critical time.

With regards from my family

Very sincerely

Marion Talbot.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

Holderness, N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~ August 25.

Dear President Harper,

I was glad to receive a check today: for I take it to mean that one difficulty has been met. I have been to see Mrs. W. B. Walker and secured her promise to give some personal help in fitting up Beecher Hall and to secure the cooperation of her aunt, sister, and others if possible. Mrs. Palmer will follow the matter up. Mrs. Walker seemed deeply interested in our plans.

Mrs. Richards had not heard from you, when she wrote me a few days ago, but I presume she has by this time. Will you let her or Mrs Daniell know what man on the grounds should represent the University interests and be authorized to help them? Should it be

Mr. Parker or Mr Moyer (?).

Mrs. Richards' relations with the Institute are such that I think it would be well not to make any official use of her name without her sanction. There are some things she can do for us and some she cannot without violating her legal and moral obligations to the Institute. I hope President Walker will not construe too literally the announcement made by the Registrar in the official bulletin and which was not authorized by the Board or Mrs. Richards.

I am looking forward with interest to the practical working out of our plan, for as the time approaches for me to be at my post, I feel sure that my strength will not be equal to taking up many household cares in addition to my other work. The spirit is willing and the flesh will do all that is possible however!

Faithfully yours

Marion Talbot.

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Talbot

No date

Sept. 26.

No ans

Dear President Harper.

It will be a great pleasure as well as privilege to take my class (if I have one!) to Morgan Park to look at the buildings. If our judgment will be of any value to the University, our time is certainly at its command.

Very sincerely

Marion Talbot.

no date

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Kelly Hall.
University of Chicago.

Talbot

Dear President Harper.

I was sorry not to see you before I left the campus and tell you that I hope you did not give up the dinner at Kelly Hall on Monday evening because you feared it might in-

convenience us. Very few of our family will return so early and we shall have ample room. It will be a great pleasure, tho it always is, to extend the hospitalities of the Hall to the guests of the University. If we can help in any way, please send a line to Miss Daniell. I shall arrive Sunday afternoon and will do all that I can to make our opening exercises pleasant & pleasantly. If you would like to have the reception of incoming students in one of the women's halls, where there are conveniences for entertaining, please have a line awaiting me

Faithfully yours.

Marion Talbot

Boston. Dec. 26.

Talbot

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

Holderness. N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~ Sept. 10.

Dear President Harper.

At the close of a cheering letter Mrs. Richards writes: — "Do you suppose there will be a top room in Kelly for me in October? I don't care how high or how bare it is. I think it would be a saving of time and strength — but I suppose it is doubtful." I have written her that I am not sure, for I do not know about the assignments of rooms, but will let her know later. Can we not do it? I have just received the enclosed letter which may make the way clear. If I am not mistaken, a room has been definitely assigned to Miss Freeman and Mrs. R could have the use of it till November. I have written Miss F to come at the beginning of

the second term, if she feels strong enough, and that Mr. Grose will probably charge her for one term's use of the room, if it is occupied during the other term, tho' the rule is that rooms are to be paid for by the quarter. I have asked her to send her decision at once to Mr. Grose.

May I pass over the little tangle to you asking you if you think best to authorize Mr. Grose to provide in this or some other way for Mrs. Richards and to let her or me know your decision as soon as convenient.

I shall be here till the 19th and reach Chicago the 23d. I have made a distinct gain in strength the past two or three days and hope to be able to carry a heavy load soon. I cannot tell you what a difference it makes to know that I am to have Miss Cary's time and strength at my service.

Cordially yours,

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO

Talbot

Nov. 7.

Russell

Dear President Harper

I understood from Mrs. Palmer that Miss Cary should have a scholarship. Will you kindly do what is necessary to complete the arrangement?

Everybody seems happy at "The Beatrice", except possibly the prospective exiles! But we are not relaxing our efforts and want to hear specific and reasonable complaints without delay.

Very truly yours,

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO Dec. 11.

no date

Dear President Harper.

I have had long and serious talks with Mrs Stanton and Mrs Keen and find them as thoroughly dissatisfied with themselves as I am with them and, to my surprise and gratification, fully determined to make a better record next quarter. I have begged them not to wait an hour, and already, within a few hours, I have had ample evidence that they are making an effort to meet their responsibilities and duties in a worthy manner. I feel very hopeful. I am indeed in a

very cheerful frame of mind at present. I have heard by telegraph that it will not be necessary for me to go to Duluth and I am greatly relieved both on official and on personal grounds.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot

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CHICAGO

Talbot

Replied

Feb 3. 1893.

President Harper.

Dear Sir.

Mrs. Palmer and I write in making the following recommendations concerning the women's waiting room.—

1. The placing of hooks in the panels around the room.

2. A row of cubby-hole boxes on the floor near the base board, which can be supplied with locks or not and will serve as a suitable place in which to put rubbers etc. The shelf on top can be used for books.

3. The removal of the carpet which can be reserved for use in one of the halls.

We hope for a prompt and favorable decision.

Very truly.

Marion Talbot.

Talbot

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WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

CHICAGO Nov. 12. 1892.

12 answ'd

Dear President Harper.

Miss Susan Hull and Miss Emma Wallace have been to me to beg for work, so that they may keep on with their college course. Miss Hall is eager to give French lessons; she has lived in Paris two years. I wonder if Mr. Grant has all the help he needs. I find that the tuition fee is the stumbling-block. If there is any way of helping them in this direction, will you let them or me ~~borrow~~?

Sincerely yours
Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO Nov. 3. 1892.

Dear President Harper.

As the voucher and check were made out so that one twelfth of the salary came with one month of the work, I have taken the liberty of inserting the words "in part", in order to avoid the possibility of a misunderstanding. Please erase them, if you think them unnecessary.

It will be a pleasure to report the results of my trip at any time that suits your convenience. The days were full of rich experiences.

Sincerely yours,
Marion Talbot.

Talbot.

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WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

Holderness, N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~
August 4. 1893.

Dear President Harper.

I enclose the memoranda for which you asked. I feel deeply the necessity of doing all in our power to make the Halls easy to care for and attractive as well as comfortable. Some seeds of discontent, justifiable perhaps, were sown at Snell Hall. I shall do all I can to disprove the saying of old and gather a crop of satisfaction next fall, for I think it can be done, if too many laws of nature do not stand in the way.

I return Miss Maddocks' letter. It shows, as clearly as her direct admission to me more than once, that she is entirely lacking in judgment and discretion. I begrudge the time and strength I have been obliged to give to straightening out personal grievances which were wholly un-

necessary. The real interests of the University should tax to the full the strength and effort of everyone working for it. My feeling is so strong on this point that as I told Miss Maddocks I was astounded to hear that she had any wish to keep up her connection with the University after the disloyal criticisms of its management she had made to me and to others. I also urged her strongly not to attempt two kinds of interests and duties. Her absence from Snell Hall at lectures in the morning and tutoring in the afternoon gave rise to many complaints and complications which it was difficult for me to meet. As ~~she~~ has no adequate knowledge of what Miss Daniell is to do, her judgment is of no value. She made a remark to me which has justified me in writing her a word of caution. She is generous to a fault and has many admirable qualities, but she cannot be trusted where steady judgment and even temper are needed. Can we find the right place for her?

The mountains and lakes greet you.

Very truly yours. Marion Talbot.

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Holderness, N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~
August 6. 1894

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Dear President Harper.

I have heard lately from Miss Cary of family complications which may make it necessary for her to consider the possibility of remaining at home next winter. Her service to me is almost invaluable and of a kind that it would be extremely difficult to replace. If you still think, as in the spring, that it would be possible to increase her salary by fifty dollars, I hope it may be done, as it would undoubtedly influence her decision. She receives now two hundred dollars, her room rent and board, making a total of only about four hundred dollars.

I have just been in communica-

Enclose a clipping which is typical of some modern journalistic methods.

tion with Prof. Willcox of Wellesley and trust that my recommendation of Marion Hubbard, our recent graduate, has secured for her a place as assistant in biology at Wellesley. It has been a particularly pleasant thing to do, after the experience of last winter with our Fellow. My letter was to settle her nomination.

I did not see you before you left the city to hear ~~any~~ any wishes which I might carry out. I remained at Kelly Hall till July 11th, – long enough to meet all the women students both individually and collectively. The life in the Halls was running very smoothly and I trust is still going on to your satisfaction. I am thoroughly enjoying the quiet and comparative solitude of our summer home among the lakes and hills. My year's work has left me in better condition than I was a year ago. I hope your plan of spending a few weeks abroad is to be carried out. Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

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Holderness. N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~ Sept. 10. 1894.

Dear President Harper.

I trust that your patience in regard to the Commons is not quite exhausted. Mine is in some respects. It is a great disappointment that the students are not able to give intelligent and sympathetic interest. Mrs. Richards says "it makes her heartsick, but we know where the blows must be put in and we must not be discouraged." Judging from the experience we have had, I firmly believe that we must take active measures in the future, whenever we see that the spirit of unreasonable discontent is breaking out. There is nothing alas! that spreads so rapidly and I believe

that it can be easily restrained if a few grumblers are given permission to leave the Halls. This attitude of certain students that the University is robbing them at all points, furniture, rent, food, etc. etc. should not, in my opinion, be allowed further expression. May I see you soon after I reach Chicago and learn your wishes in the matter?

I expect to leave here on the 17th and Boston on the 25th or 26th so as to be promptly at my post. My address in Boston will be Hotel Clumy, Boylston St.

I greatly appreciate your kindness in writing to Miss Cary so promptly.

I have written to Miss Reynolds and Miss Leonard giving them a few suggestions which I will follow up in detail when I see them.

With sincere regard.

Faithfully yours.

Marion Talbot.

Talbot
Oct. 10. 1894.

Kelly Hall,
University of Chicago.

(58)

Dear President Harper.

Please count on one hundred dollars from me provided the plan for a memorial chapel is carried out.

Faithfully yours.

Marion Talbot.

(56)

Oct. 10 1896.

Dear President Harper.

Please accept an
our hearty welcome home
we transmit the yearly
by a unanimous ballot
to control and
faithfully yours
Thomas Talbot

Talbot

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WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

CHICAGO November 12, 1894.

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Dear President Happer,

I have examined carefully the cards giving the residences of the women undergraduate students. There are several about which I feel a little uncertain, but I will make personal inquiries at the time of registration and then report to you if, in my judgment, there are cases which need your attention.

I find that Miss Faith B. Clark, who lived at Beecher Hall last year, is now living at The Colonies and, the last I knew, was taking her meals at a restaurant. Even though she has the chaperonage of a graduate student, Miss Porter, I am not wholly satisfied with the arrangement, particularly as it is rumored that she is engaged to a University student. It seems to me that this is a case about which you should know the details, as I personally do not feel like taking any of the responsibility without the knowledge of the parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Rockford, Illinois.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

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Exec. Corr.

(6)

January, 14, 1890.

Dear President Porter

In accordance with your request, I have considered the subject of my future relations to the University in the light of the information you have given me. I have endeavored to give due emphasis to the difficulties and

embarrassments of which you have told me, but I still feel unwilling to assent to a further postponement of the promotion which was assured me in the near future at the time of my call to Barnard College two years ago, and which, last spring, I consented at your request to have postponed another year. There are other reasons, in addition to those I mentioned to you, which make my promotion at this time seem essential.

In expressing this opinion I beg that you will accept the assurance of my regret that I cannot by my decision and

in lightening the heavy cares which rest upon you. I trust that neither you nor the Trustees will interpret my opinion as an evidence of lessening fidelity on my part to the interests of the University.

Faithfully yours.

Marion Talbot.

Jan. 7. 1895.

Talbot

Dear President Harper.

Before the final decision is made in regard to Miss Wallace, I wish to tell you that I have advised her to accept the offer from Knox College believing that this new opportunity will be for her own good and that it will also be an aid to the University to have so able a representative

and loyal a friend in such a field. Our life in the Halls is now organized and we can spare her better than at any previous period.

At the same time I wish to say that no one will ever know, even in the measure I do, the devoted service, the wise judgment, the faithful loyalty and the unselfish devotion which she has given to her work. If there have been any unpenerous criticisms upon her, they have not come from the women who have labored with her in the closest and most confidential relations or from those who have been dependent on her management as the head of a difficult and complicated household and who are in a position to measure justly the value of her services to the University.

Though her decision gives me a sense of personal loss, I believe that in sending her forth with our expressions

of appreciation and gratitude, we can rejoice that we may have her loyal activity in a position which will admit of quite as much service to the University, as if she remained within the body of workers in the Quadrangles.

I feel moved to say this even though it may be a mere repetition of your own feelings.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO February 25, 1895.

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Dear President Harper,

Miss Anderson and I wish to familiarize ourselves with the proposed athletic rules. Is there a copy which we can have? If so, will you kindly have it sent to me soon, in order that we may consider the matter before the meeting of the Board this week?

Please

I am thinking of inviting Mrs. Flower to receive with me in March, and to show her then some of the special features of our University. Please let me know if there is any reason why this should not be done.

Yours

I am planning to spend the examination days and the vacation week in Boston, and hope that I can learn the decision of the Trustees as to my position next year before I go home, as it will have a bearing on some decisions to be made by my family. I will go to you at any time you may appoint.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

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Exec.

CHICAGO June 3, 1895.

Dear President Harper,

Miss Cary tells me that she would be glad to have the appointment which has been offered her reconsidered for the following reasons:- She was originally appointed "assistant to Dean Talbot" and accepted the position with the small salary offered on the understanding with me that part of her duty would be to assist me in the work of my department, which she is desirous to make her specialty. Under the terms of the appointment now proposed her time should be equally divided between the two Deans. The time falling to my share would not be more than sufficient for theadministrative and social duties which with our increasing numbers of students will continue to be heavy. We both agree, not only that she should be able to make progress in her special field of work, but that it will be impossible for me to give eight courses and in addition do all the necessary work in preparing experiments, taking care of the laboratory, and overseeing individual students, in which I have had her assistance.

I would suggest three possible modifications:-

1. A reappointment on the old basis, 250

2. The proposed appointment with the understanding that she give one hour daily to Dean Bulkley.

3. An appointment as assistant to the Dean of Graduate Women and assistant in Sanitary Science with remuneration of $150.00 in each position and room and board for her assistance in the common work of the Women's Houses and general oversight of the Quadrangle which falls to me as senior Head of the Houses.

The last arrangement is of course the one which would be most satisfactory to me, especially in view of the fact that the aid of an assistant is the only remuneration I have as Dean. Moreover, I feel that the compensation would be very moderate for the service rendered by Miss Cary, which has been invaluable

in helping develop the standards and traditions which we are anxious to establish for our women.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot

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Furniture

Board of Trustees

CHICAGO June 19, 1895.

Dear President Harper,

The members of Kelly House are quite dissatisfied that their rooms are not provided with bureaus, as is done in Beecher and Foster Halls. Dr. Goodspeed has told me that if a formal application should be made it would probably be favorable considered. I would therefore ask that as soon as possible twenty-five chiffonieres similar to those that were bought last year for Beecher Hall be purchased and placed in Kelly Hall. We have already seven bureaus, and it is possible that we may be able to get along with this proposed addition.

Very truly yours,

Marion Talbot

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Holderness N. H.
~~CHICAGO~~
July 15. 1895.

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Dear President Harper.

Miss Cary is naturally desirous of having her work for next year arranged as soon as possible, but I am quite sure that she will be ready to return and work on the old basis until we can arrange something that will be satisfactory to us. I hope that we may also keep in mind her desire to develop and make use of her knowledge of sanitary and domestic science.

I neglected to obtain Miss Bulkley's address before I left. May I trouble you for it? I should be glad to send her a note of welcome before she comes to us. Does she return to this country immediately after completing her studies?

Mountain climbing, boating, and gardening are proving very effective as

rest agents. I am confident that I shall recover my lost energy much more quickly than I have the two last summers and be able to do some professional writing and special work before many weeks.

With many congratulations on the good report you send concerning the attendance.

Faithfully yours,
Marion Talbot.

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Mr Young please refer to Mr H

~~CHICAGO~~ Hotel Bluey.
Boston, Sept. 16 1895.

Dear President Harper.

This communication is extremely interesting and presents many points which seem to me well worthy of further consideration. My point of view as an administrative officer is somewhat different from that of an instructor in mathematics. I judge that students sometimes find mathematics difficult even if they are conscientious and well taught, as might be inferred from the 100% of failures shown in the table. In solid geometry we have to deal with a subject which is not generally taught in preparatory schools or required for admission to college, and yet, if our students fail to pass in it, they are

not allowed to take our required course in mathematics and of course the whole chain of studies beyond, physics, chemistry, etc, is out of their reach. Moreover the scheduled time for the examination is but three quarters of an hour, part of which is necessarily lost in making the change from one examination to another and none of which presents the favorable conditions which Mr. Slaught probably has when he sits down to do the paper. And yet the work which with his experience and mathematical tastes ought to be merely a matter of manual labor occupies twenty five minutes.

I have written more than I intended. No one really wants our standard maintained more than I. I shall be in Chicago by the 28th at the latest, quite ready for work.

Faithfully yours.

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO Dec. 11. 1895.

Dear President Harper

Is it practicable to come to some conclusion in regard to Miss Carey's duties? I still feel the very great desirability and even necessity of the third plan suggested in my letter of June 3d. My duties in four distinct lines are so heavy that I cannot see my way clear to performing them satisfactorily without having full control of her time as well as of her efficient, intelligent and willing service. My two courses this winter as well as the three in the spring will be given chiefly in the laboratory and my plans for them are in large measure dependent on whether I can have her help.

OK

I should be satisfied to have

some of the extra resources I have placed at the command of the University for my department used in this way.

I beg you will give the matter as favorable consideration as possible, for it concerns my plans very closely. Moreover I am sure that she has well earned such a recognition of her faithfulness.

Very sincerely

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO February 29, 1896.

Rooms

Dear President Harper,

Miss Pratt would have been my nominee, if I had not thought of Miss Crandall, who now, in view of the special circumstances, seems to me greatly to be preferred. I know on the best authority that the troubles at Beecher Hall were due to a wrong interpretation of the rights of self-government granted under the House organization and there was no one who had the knowledge to set things right. I am confident that there was no "defiance of authority" intended; otherwise I should instantly and unreservedly withdraw the suggestion. Will you not have a personal talk with Miss Crandall?. The judgment of Mr. Miller, the House Counsellor, I think would be very helpful.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO May 23, 1896.

File

Dear President Harper,

I do not think that the problem of caring for students through Convocation day would be a very serious one. We are , of course, entirely free from any responsibility except for those who are to take degrees. I think Miss Yeomans' plan, as we talked it over, is entirely practicable. We have been much troubled by students staying on and taking their own time about leaving their rooms, and it has been almost impossible to get the Halls in proper condition for the new-comers. There is an enormous amount of rubbish left in the rooms after the life of the college year. I think we should require every room to be given up on the evening of June 24th. The announcement should also be made that those who expect to take degrees may make spedial arrangements with Miss Yeomans to remain in the Halls through Convocation day. They can then remove their furniture, pictures, books and other belongings during the early part of vacation week and keep only such possessions as are absolutely necessary. It seems to me that we should not be compelled or even agree to receive new comers before June 30th. Our staff of service has a hard week of work at the best. As there are always a few late-comers, their rooms could be used by students staying over, the adjustment being left entirely to Miss Yeomans. I hope that this will seem a fair arrangement to you as it does to us. I am glad to report that Miss Wallace is thinking of remaining in the University through the entire summer, as she is too anxious about her mother's health to leave for Europe before September, and she is sure that she will find it profitable to work here with Dr. Pietsch. I should feel entirely satisfied to leave Kelly Hall in her charge. Though the understanding is that I shall not be called upon to give up my rooms during any brief absence, I

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should be glad to have her use my study, provided she could also have a bedroom upstairs.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO June 9, 1896.

OR

Dear President Harper,

As the senior woman officer of the University, I would be very glad to have the honor of entertaining Mrs. Rockefeller at dinner on July Ist. I enclose a list of proposed guests. If this suggestion does not accord with your wishes or plans, I shall be quite ready to modify it. It is possible that it might be as interesting to her to see the students in their home life as to meet more official guests at a formal dinner.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

Talbot

OK

Dear President Harper.

I am planning to leave on Monday next at 2 P.M. and reach Kelly Hall between 4 and 5 P.M. on the following day. Will it be convenient for you to make an appointment for the latter part of the afternoon or evening.

so that we may arrange Miss Cary's duties before she begins work the following morning?

We have just returned from my brother's wedding at Stockbridge which was a particularly pleasant occasion, as every member of our immediate family was able to be present and the festivities proved to be a good tonic for our invalids. I am now entirely ready for work and shall take it up with courage and confidence.

Faithfully yours
Harriet Talbot.

6 Sq. Rochester &c.
Boston, Sept. 22, 1896.

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CHICAGO Nov. 3. 1896.

Dear Dr. Harper

Late in the spring you asked me to prepare an article describing my work for publication in the Record. On account of my prospective absence for the summer I ~~have~~ deferred sending it in. If it is satisfactory and can be published before December there will be the advantages of my being on the spot to answer inquiries and of students' being able to take the work soon after having had their attention called to it.

Faithfully yours

Marion Talbot.

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Mrs. Harper

CHICAGO December 1. 1896.

Dear President Harper.

I am very sorry to learn that four scholarships are to be withdrawn from the women of the University. Their opportunities for service are so few in number, as compared with those that the men have, that there seems an element of hardship, if not of injustice, in excluding the women from the choir. Some of the women, not now on the choir, are considering the practicability of drawing up a petition or remonstrance.

I have asked them not to do so, believing that if the matter were called to your attention in an informal way, you would give it equal consideration. I trust the decision has not been finally made and that this opportunity for worthy girls may remain open.

Faithfully yours.

Frances Talbot.

Miss Talbot

Jan 26 1898.

Dr. W. R. Harper

Dear Sir:

According to the daily journals two ladies of — city have expressed their intention of giving a large sum to the Chicago University - presumably to endow a chair.

Now I am sure there can be found in Chicago a large number of citizens who will gladly contribute something toward endowing a chair of Good Manners, an essential it strikes me in a really cultured

man or woman. All the world over, students as a class, are not considered desirable inmates of any house which for the time being they call "home." Especially rough and inconsiderate of the other inmates are the students, I think, of the Chicago University coming as much of them do from the country towns of the middle and far west where the refinements of life are little known or practiced.

To people of studious habits, from refined homes, who are compelled by circumstances to live under the same roof with these yokels, the crashing of

doors, loud conversation, whistling and tramping of feet in corridors and on stairs amounts to genuine suffering. The ladies (God save the mark) are as great delinquents in these matters as the men.

"Noise," to quote from a great philosopher "is the most impertinent of all forms of interruption. It is not only an interruption but also a disruption of thought, a torture to intellectual people.... There are people who smile at such things because they are not sensitive to noise. But they are just the very people who are also not sensitive to argument-

or thought, or poetry, or art — in a word, & any kind of intellectual influence). The tissue of such brains is of a very rough and coarse quality — like the boots they wear.

"A man's body and the needs of his body are now everywhere treated with a tender indulgence. Is the thinking mind, then, to be the only thing that is never to obtain the slightest measure of consideration or protection — to say nothing of respect?

"The general toleration of unnecessary noise — the slamming of doors, for instance,

a very unmannerly and ill-bred thing – is direct evidence that the prevailing habit of mind is dullness and lack of thought."

I submit this as a suggestion to Dr. Harper. We have all sorts of "bruisers" in the athletic field, but I entreat that our Educators spare us from brain bruisers in our homes.

A Sufferer.

Drexel Ave

Talbot

Kelly Hall.
University of Chicago.

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Dear President Harper.

Will you kindly extend to President Wilson of Princeton a cordial invitation to take supper at Kelly Hall on Friday at seven o'clock? I have chosen an hour which, I

trust, will give him
a little free time
after the fatiguing
exercises of the day
and will also en-
able him to accept
any invitation for
the later evening.
If he can come, I
will invite two or
three of his per-
sonal friends to
meet him.

I am very sincerely
Yours
Barnum Talbot.

June 29, 1895.

THE FACULTIES OF
ARTS, LITERATURE, AND SCIENCE

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN
GRADUATE SCHOOL

The University of Chicago
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Dr Harper please answer
F.W.S.

~~CHICAGO~~

Wellesley Hills, Mass.
July 18. 1898.

Talbot

Dear Mr. Shepardson.

It is very pleasant to see your signature again, but I wish you could have written about a pleasanter subject than the annual report! I made note of what the President said at the Council meeting some months ago, procured the recent reports of President Eliot, and proceeded to take time by the forelock by sending to President Harper an outline of topics which I might present. As I received no response, I was unable to get my material into shape during the few comparatively easy days I had the last of June, and I fancied the execution of the plan had been postponed for another year, until

I heard the allusion to it in the Quarterly Statement. I am almost hopelessly handicapped at this distance, but, if you will use the outline I sent in and let me know what topics to take and the limit of time allowed — I really ought to have a few days in October — I will do the best I can. I should be very sorry not to have my first report both satisfactory and adequate.

With sincere regards.

Very truly yours.

Marion Talbot.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

The University of Chicago
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Talbot

CHICAGO
October 11, 1898.

Dear Dr. Harper;--

The "voice of the people" seem to be proclaiming me Head of Green House. Is n't it time for you and me to have a voice in the matter? I am stating positively that no decision has as yet been made.

Is there any thing for me to do in regard to the furnishing of the bed-rooms? I presume the orders should be placed very soon, if not immediately; and I have some suggestions to make, based on the experience we have already had.

Very truly yours,

Marion Talbot.

Talbot

The University of Chicago

Meeting of the Heads of the University Houses
Nov. 1st 1898

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that an annual visit from the President of the University to each of the houses is a most desirable plan. xx It is also recommended that each House make such arrangements for receiving the President as it may deem most appropriate.

Marion Talbot
Secretary.

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Talbot

~~CHICAGO~~

Hingham. Mass. August 4. 1899.

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Dear President Harper.

Before sending you the proposed headings for my annual report, I would be glad to receive suggestions from you as to points it should cover and also to know whether any criticisms have occurred to you or been made to you on my last report. I would not trouble you but for my desire to do all in my power to make the report worthy of the University.

We should be overwhelmed with our loss if it were not for the memory of the courage and cheer which have always been such a noble example to us.

Faithfully yours,

Marion Talbot.

, August 2,1900.

My Dear Miss Talbot:-

Your note of July 30th has been received. I should be willing to spare Miss Wallace,- but I really do not believe that she is strong enough for the position proposed. There is a certain lightness in her makeup, which I am afraid would proove injurious. We shall be very glad to have you give the Division lectures to the Upper Juniors, and you will consider that matter settled. This is a splendid arrangement. I am glad to know that your report is so nearly ready. We are having a great Summer Quarter.

I am sending you herewith a Summer Directory. We are to have a Midsummer Convocation at which 20 or 25 degrees will be granted. I beg you to remember me very kindly to your mother. Mrs.Harper and I are going off Friday night for three days to Ohio, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our marriage.

Hoping that you are enjoying yourself, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dear President

The University of Chicago
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~~CHICAGO~~

Crow Point Mass.
July 30. 1900

Dear President Harper

I hear that President Low is looking for a dean for Barnard College. Can we spare Miss Wallace for the sake of having one of our women in such a responsible place?

If it can be arranged I would like to give the division lectures this fall and to the upper juniors, but I need to have the decision rather

soon in order to prepare the lectures to my satisfaction.

I am at work on my annual report to you and am sure it will not be the last one in!

This tiny bit of the world is very peaceful in this time of general horror and my mother and I are quite content.

Faithfully yours
Marion Talbot

,Sept.19,1900

Miss Marion Talbot,

Hingham, Massachusetts.

My Dear Miss Talbot:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 17th and thank you for the suggestion in reference to the Registeration of students. I think it a good one. I have asked Mr.Tufts to take it up with me and we will see what can be done. I do not think the sex question is one which will come up again. That is one of the questions which is settled. The Record statement was absolutely wide of the mark.

Yoursvery truly,

W. R. Harper

Sept.19,1909

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W. R. Harper

October 19.

GREEN HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Dear Dr. Harper.

Do you see your way clear yet toward carrying out the plot which seems to meet with hearty favor from the Rayerofts, Gorrells, Staggs, Shepleys and other "aborigines"?

Yours ~~sincerely~~

Marion Talbot.

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Office of the President

CHICAGO ,Oct.22,1900.

My Dear Miss Talbot:-

I shall be delighted to join with you in the proposed plot. Can we make it as late as possible some evening? Say half past eight or is that too late?

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

Yes, 8.30 P.M. will do very well. May I count on you to engage Mr. Judson to be at the Beatrice some evening? I will then summon the tribe.

Marion Talbot.

October 24th, 1900.

Dear Miss Talbot:

I do not know whether the President has spoken to you about it, or not, but he asked me to inquire whether you would like to have the quarterly convocation reception held in Green Hall. The time set is Monday, December seventeenth, from eight to eleven in the evening. The design is to make it a little special occasion, President Francis L. Patton, of Princeton, being the guest of honor, and a number of outsiders being invited to come to meet him.

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Very truly yours,

~~W. R. Harper~~

November 28th, 1900.

Dear Miss Talbot:

Beginning Saturday, December first, will you please have sent to the President's Office, each week, all letters asking for information which have been received in your office during the week,--these letters to have annotations upon them showing the method of answer of the various questions contained therein?

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May 3rd, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

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Yours very truly,

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May 11th, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

In the case of several of the buildings it has been thought best to have the architects go over the question of furniture. This, of course, is not altogether necessary, but in any case we ought to have some such estimate as they ask for whether we put it finally in their hands or keep it in our own.

Yours very truly,

My dear President

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The University of Chicago
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CHICAGO May 10, 1904.

My dear President Harper;--

The enclosed letter surprises me a good deal. I do not understand what the architects have to do with the details of furnishing, and certainly the Woman's Commission, as such, is not in the least qualified to decide upon such matters. Two or three of our experienced and trained people here in the quadrangles are the ones to do it with the least waste of time and money.

Very truly yours,

Marion Talbot.

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CHICAGO

Holderness. N. H.
August 31. 1904.

Dear President Harper.

The examination was one in history conducted by Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Warren in the latter's room. The student, Miss Cleveland, went, but remained only a short time and did not present herself for the later tests.

We are expecting Mr. Tarbell tomorrow for a visit of a couple of days en route to Mrs. Gleason's. It will be pleasant to see a friend

from Chicago. Mrs. Henrotin who was to have come has been appointed to do jury duty at St. Louis and cannot come East.

I have just heard with satisfaction that Miss Julia Marlowe found our University girls the most agreeable of any college girls she had met and felt herself most at ease among them. This may interest you for she has visited colleges especially the women's colleges a good deal.

Faithfully yours
Marion Talbot.

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October 15,1904

My dear Miss Talbot:

I regret very much that it should ever have been necessary for you to refer to me such a disgracefully scrawled address as the one on the envelope which was returned to this office yesterday. I shall try to keep watch to see that the thing does not happen again. Carelessness on the part of student service will occasionally slip through our hands, but it is a good thing for us to be called to time when it does.

Thanking you very much for your notice of the matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

H. P. Chandler
Secretary to the President

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The University of Chicago
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Dean of Women

Oct. 12.

Answered OCT 14 1904
Henry P. Chandler,
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. Chandler.

I am taking the liberty of showing you this envelope, as I am sure you would not wish such clerical work to go out from the office

Yours truly
Marion Talbot.

The Univer
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Office o

Chicago December 8, 1904

My dear Miss Talbot:

I am sending you a copy of the resolutions passed by the Senior College Council at a recent meeting. The President approves the resolution and has desired Mr.Judson, Mr.Shepardson, and me to take steps toward the appointment of representative women students to act in official capacity at the coming Convocation reception or possibly the Convocation itself. It has seemed best to us, inasmuch as the matter is one which concerns the women of the University almost entirely, to name a committee of women in the Faculty to recommend a course for us to follow, and we have unanimously agreed that Miss Talbot, Miss Wallace, Miss Reynolds, and Miss Dudley should constitute that committee. May I ask you therefore if in connection with the other members of the Faculty who are named, you will consider the matter presented and give us a recommendation.

Perhaps one or two statements of our idea may help you to understand the situation. The first thought was that the women to be appointed would serve merely as a committee of arrangements or entertainment at the reception, inasmuch as it impressed us that they could hardly act with dignity at

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Women's Hall
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Certain ones be assigned to assist women candidates & faculty in procession and dressing rooms.

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element in the University, so that it would seem to be necessary to have as many non-club girls, representative of less exclusive organizations like the Womans' Union, the Women's Press, the Women Students' Christian League, the Women's Athletic Association, Glee Club ~~and others which will suggest themselves~~. Therefore twelve seems not too high a number. Finally, it will probably be thought best to make the appointment of women in the capacity suggested, at first only tentative - that is to try their participation in the coming Convocation as an experiment. If it works well, the plan may be made permanent as the marshalship is permanent.

Yes, but one experience may not be a measure of the success of the experiment.

It will be a favor if these points can be considered as soon as possible and a recommendation made, inasmuch as we must move quickly to put the plan into operation this fall. Inasmuch further as some one must take the initiative in calling the Committee of Faculty women together, may I ask if you will issue the summons and act as Chairman?

Yours very truly,

Henry Porter Chandler.

Dec. 21, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

In the confusion which followed at the close of the Convocation I did not get an opportunity to say to you how proud we were of you last night, and how admirable a statement you made. I do not think anything stronger or more helpful has been uttered by anyone on the platform. I am inclined to think that you have greatly underestimated your power as a platform speaker, and I hope that in the future you will permit yourself to do more of this kind of thing than in the past. It was excellent. Indeed, it could not have been better.

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OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF WOMEN

The University of Chicago
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CHICAGO Dec. 22. 1904.

Dear President Harper.

I appreciate very much your kindness in taking the trouble to write to me. I could have no more real compensation than the knowledge that you were pleased and satisfied.

Faithfully yours.

Marion Talbot.

The University of Chicago
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Office of the Dean of Women

March 9,1914.

President Harry Pratt Judson,

University of Chicago.

Dear President Judson:

Some friends of Laura Wilder Simpson have called upon me to tell me that it is proposed to establish a memorial to her in the University. Her friends think it would be appropriate to have it symbolical of her social and friendly interests.

One suggestion which seems to meet favor is that it be a lantern or lamp in Ida Noyes Hall. Would such a plan meet with your approval, provided of course that the gift were made to harmonize with the views of the authorities of the University?

The suggestion seems to me an admirable one, but of course no further action will be taken until your approval is received.

Very truly,

Marion Talbot.

Chicago, March 11, 1914

Dear Miss Talbot:-

I have your note of the 9th inst. with regard to a memorial for Laura Wilder. I hope the plan may be carried out, and that something appropriate may be adopted. The suggestion of a lantern or lamp in Ida Noyes Hall hardly seems to me appropriate. In the first place, I would hesitate to have a memorial put in the building at the outset to any other than the one for whom it is planned. However that may be - and of course it would be possible to consult with Mr. Noyes on the subject - it does seem to me that something better than the particular thing suggested could be devised. Of course I should be very glad to have some appropriate memorial placed here.

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Office of the Dean of Women

November 11th, 1914.

President Judson,
The University of Chicago.

Dear President Judson:

My trip to the Western College was successfully made. I received a warm welcome from the different women there who had been members of our community and I am sure that it was a good thing for me to go.

I was called on to represent the West at the banquet and I think I spoke to the satisfaction of the large company which was assembled, three hundred and fifty who sat down and the students who came in to hear the speeches.

It was an auspicious occasion and I was glad to be able to convey your greetings.

Very truly,

Marion Talbot.

Chicago, November 12, 1914

Dear Miss Talbot:-

I was much interested in the report as to the meeting at the Western College. I am very glad that you could go.

With best wishes, I am,

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Office of the Dean of Women

November 23,1914.

Dear President Judson:

In behalf of the women of the University I would like to arrange for a ~~large~~ meeting on the subject "Women and War" with Miss Jane Addams, Mrs.Pethick Lawrence and Miss Breckinridge as speakers. The meeting to be held if possible in Mandel Hall on Wednesday, December second, late in the after-noon.

The subject is one about which our women are thinking and I believe it advisable for them to hear speakers who will have constructive measures to suggest.

Hoping that this suggestion will meet with your approval, I am,

Very truly,

Marion Talbot.

President Judson,
The University of Chicago.

Chicago, November 23, 1914

Dear Miss Talbot:-

Your note of the 23d inst. is at hand. Of course go on with the meeting if you wish. It will be well to notify Mr. Robertson, so that you may be sure to have the reservation of the hall.

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Dean Marion Talbot,
The University of Chicago.

Chicago, April 9, 1915.

Dear Miss Talbot:-

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean of Women

Talbot

Dear President Judson

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in asking me to give an address at the laying of the cornerstone. The Committee of Arrangements agreed that the uncertainty of the weather and the difficulty of holding a standing audience

could not make a successful out of door address.

Sincerely yours.

Marion Talbot.

Friday noon.

made it desirable that there should be no "address" out of doors. As the dedication of the building will occur before many months it was thought best to defer formal addresses until that occasion. I was, however, asked to be one of the speakers at the luncheon. If you think it best to change the program I will gladly help carry out your wishes, altho' I fear that with the best possible intent, I

Ulrich

The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Office of the President

Chicago, January 26, 1917

Dear Miss Talbot:-

I understand that the lectures by Dr. Ulrich, concerning whom I have had some correspondence with you, are the following:

YOUTH AND SOCIETY

I. The Social and Biological Evolution of Sex.
Its significance to the race and to the individual.

II. The Period of Preadolescence
Normal sex manifestations in childhood.
Ethics of the school room.

III. Physical and Mental Changes of Adolescence

IV. Adolescent Ethics
Hygiene of the Imagination

V. The Unnecessary Evil.
Social phases of prostitution and venereal disease

VI. Choice of two lectures
Eugenics and Heredity
or
Love and Marriage and the Art of Living

Lectures

It is my understanding that these are announced for the women of the University. It seems to me that by placing these lectures in Ida Noyes Hall control over attendance at the lectures will be better established

Yes indeed

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

than by announcing in the Weekly Calendar and elsewhere that only women will be admitted to the lectures. The newspaper reporters will doubtless be very busy as soon as the course is announced. I shall suggest to Miss Sullivan that only the first line of the individual lectures be published in the Weekly Calendar. Have you any further limitation or suggestion before we announce these in the Maroon and on the bulletin boards?

Yours very truly,

D. A. Robertson

D.A.R.-V. Secretary to the President

Miss Marion Talbot

I would suggest announcing the lectures by number only e.g. Goulte and Society I II etc

The lectures are very personal.

M. T.

The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Office of the President

than by announcing in the Weekly Calendar and elsewhere that only women will be admitted to the lectures. The newspaper reporters will doubtless be very busy as soon as the course is announced. I shall suggest to Miss Sullivan that only the first line of the individual lectures be published in the Weekly Calendar. Have you any further limitation or suggestion before we announce these in the Harpers and on the bulletin board?

Yours very truly,

President

P.A.L.-T. Secretary to the President

Miss Annie Talbot

The University of Chicago
Office of the Dean of Women

March 10, 1919.

Dear President Judson:

The enclosed statement forwarded by you has rested on my desk because of my uncertainty as to what reply should be made. Just at present I would be willing to encourage any plan for the promotion of better understanding among the scholars of different nationalities and I do not much care whether an endowment is for study in England, South Africa or Greenland, (!) or in whose memory it is established, although Miss Sidgwick's personality and interests seem to me particularly worthy of recognition. I would be glad to make a personal contribution to the fund and to make it known among other women whom she met here in Chicago, provided I am furnished with publicity matter.

Very truly,

Marion Talbot.

The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean of Women

January 5, 1920.

Dear President Judson:

I am very happy to know that the proposition to have a visiting nurse is under consideration. I think she should be the type of person who could help us in the general social situation of students who are not under our direct supervision. In other words, the power to size up a situation when a student is reported absent on account of illness and place the student under proper care, as, for example, in a hospital, is more important than very great technical skill in nursing. If a room can be spared at Greenwood it would be desirable to have her there.

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May 28. 1924.

Dear Dean Tufts.

Is there not some way of eliminating the term "domestic science" from the official vocabulary of your office? I have never known it to be used here until recently.

The notation (½) under Miss Beckwith's name does not mean of course one half of $300. The hieroglyphics in the last column are meaningless to me (except that G.S.S.S.A. may stand for Graduate School of Social Service Administration) but it may not be necessary for me to understand them.

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November 17, 1924.

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Dear Dean Tufts.

I am sending herewith the documents from the Recorder with the request that you take such action as will relieve me of seeming failure to comply with his request.

I am not sure whether I am to assume from what you told me at our chance meeting the other day that I have been officially informed that the Department of Household Administration has been discontinued and Dr. Breckinridge transferred to the School of Social Service Administration

Yours truly

Marion Talbot

The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean of Women

Dec. 5. 1924.

Talbot

Dear Dean Tufts.

Miss Breckinridge and I are both unable to be present at the luncheon meeting on Monday. I think it just as well, because Miss Blunt should have a free hand and you are familiar with the type of work which Miss Breckinridge and I believe to be important and can speak for us.

Yours truly

Marion Talbot.

The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean of Women

Pine Tree Cove
Holderness New Hampshire
August 14 1924

Mr J Spencer Dickerson Secretary
The University of Chicago
Chicago Illinois

Dear Mr Dickerson:

When the President asked my consent to have publicity given to my recent gift to the University I gave it reluctantly on the condition that the welfare of the University demanded it. I find myself very much surprised at the form of the statement which has been issued. In addition to some inaccuracies as to details, the mention of Miss Breckinridge seems to me wholly uncalled for, and in fact, I feel very disturbed that a personal detail of this sort should be given to the public without either her or my knowledge and approval.

The impression given to the casual reader, or even to the interested member of the University, would be that Miss Breckinridge would become a personal beneficiary whereas she assented to the arrangement only on condition that she would use the income as a trust for the purposes I had in mind. I would not assent to this arrangement as binding because of her limited resources due to the many years of service she has rendered to the University on a small salary and her generosity in helping carry on various University projects. I think, however, that you can see the grounds for my feeling.

I naturally regret a situation which leads me to make any criticism of the Trustees, but I am impelled from the basis of this experience to urge in connection with the coming campaign for endowment funds, that both courtesy and expediency demand that all proposed publicity concerning gifts receive in advance the approval of the donors. I may seem unduly sensitive, but I am sure there are others who would be not less so.

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