635 Adams St. Chicago.

Tuesday. Dec. 23rd

no date

My dear Dr. Harper.

Yours of Saturday reached me on Monday. I have engagements for Xmas Day. but I will be at your disposal Friday morning or evening & wish you were to spend Xmas with some one who

did not know that there
is a University of Chicago
that you might have a
day of complete rest. Tho.
no doubt in that case you
would want to tell your
ignorant friends all about
it.

Very truly yours

A. K. Parker

631 Adams St. Chicago.

Saturday. Oct 14. 90.

My dear Dr. Harper.

Early in the week following your stay in Chicago I was called away from home by the news of the serious sickness of my brother in Sheffield Ala. I reached there in time to see him die. and after the funeral came home sick. and have been unable see this week to attend to any thing but the work-

pressing business. So much for my delay in answering your letter.

I agree with you entirely that all students must be present-submit to examinations. The difficulties in the way of any other plan are obvious and numerous. and the criticism encountered by this decision will be far less than would be caused by discriminations of any sort.

I have been unable as yet to see the High School men. but mean to begin operations by a call

upon Dr. Burroughs. Vice President of the Board of Education. and one you may remember President of the University of Chicago -

I am waiting impatiently for the detailed statement of their plan of organization - not with the expectation, of course, of criticising it. but merely that I may wonder and admire -

Mr. Martin A. Ryerson. the Vice President of the Board. took the chair at the meeting on Tuesday. I am greatly pleased

Mrs. Mamie D. Kenyon, the
Vice President of the Board, will
be there at the meeting on
Tuesday. I am greatly pleased

with him. He is a quiet, self-possessed, intelligent gentleman

Very truly yours

Ch. K. Parker —

CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH,
A. K. PARKER,
635 ADAMS STREET,
CHICAGO.

Saturday Oct 25 '90

My dear Dr. Harper -

Yours of the 23rd reached me at noon today. I am greatly disappointed that you are not coming to Chicago next week. for I am very impatient to see the plans of organization. Can you not send us a rough draft of it at once, without waiting to elaborate the details? If we could be turning it over in our minds against your coming. your explanations would be more quickly understood and attend to it could be more intelligently given. So many things will claim your attention when you do come here. that the organization plans will not get the consideration it deserves. I fear, if it is presented for adoption with short time for its explanation.

" Mr. Blake & Lewis insists that his resignation shall be presented to the Board. He has had an interview with Mr. Rockefeller and writes that Mr. R. urges him to retain the position and allow the vice President

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to do the work - This generous offer Mr Blake tells us he cannot think of accepting - Why not? It is generous, no doubt, as Mr Ryerson, and I dont see why we should not treat it as honestly made, and use it. If Mr Blake would withhold his resignation until the Annual Meeting of the Board, we should not be compelled to meet an outcry against putting a man into that important position who is not a Baptist and Mr Ryerson would no doubt have confirmed the judgment of those who think him the best man for this place -

Can you not get released from Yale and come to Chicago in January? It would advance matters rapidly if you could declare your intentions, and come upon the ground. And you are going abroad with us anyhow. you know, in February - That appointment must be regarded as one thing fixed to which other & smaller matters must adjust themselves as they best can - I dont wonder you are

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OCT 23 1890
W. R. H.

Tuesday. Oct 21. 90.

My dear Dr. Harper.

I was not present at the Conference of the Com. when the article to which you particularly object—the giving of the first hundred thousand to the Seminary was adopted. At the meeting of the Seminary Board Friday the Resolutions as a whole were referred to the Theological Union with the approval of the Board. I think you must see that the Seminary will be greatly embarrassed during the next two years to meet the deficiency in its current expenses. It will be very difficult to make the Baptist constituency believe that it needs money when the report of Mr. Rockefeller's gift had gone abroad. I wish Mr. Rockefeller could have considered this aspect of the question.

I hope very much that we are to see you next week. Two important questions are coming up

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every day. & was attacked yesterday. if that is not too strong a word. by some of my brother ministers who had learned that Mr. Rogerson had been made or was to be made President of the Board. (It is surprising how much more some of the brethren know of the proceedings of the Board than I do. & get news from them every Monday) the objection, of course, is to giving the control of the Board into the hands of one who is not a Baptist. Personally. I do not feel the force of these objections. and I am pleased with what I have seen of Mr. Rogerson. But I should be sorry to arouse criticism at this stage. or what is far harder to meet. a party clamor.

Of course. if you come. you will meet the Committee on Organization before the meeting of the Board. Let me know.

Very truly yours

A. K. Parker.

Tuesday. June 27. 91.

296. Jefferson Ave. Brooklyn.

My dear Harper.

I trust my telegram sent yesterday afternoon was reassuring. The old gentleman let me do the most of the talking but what he did say indicated very plainly that he was not disposed to enter into a controversy regarding your teaching. If criticism should be made upon it. Bruce is heartily

in sympathy with you and assures me that he and Vedder will do all they can to bring the Examiner to yr support. Dr. Bright is very feeble, and he will hardly set himself against the instructions of the Lieutenants upon whom he depends so much.

I am convinced that you need not hesitate to go to Chicago, expecting the largest liberty of utterance to be accorded you. It is the truth's call and you must not draw back."

We go aboard ship, Rhoades Robinson & myself, about midnight. Address Care Thos. Cook & Son, Ludgate Circus, London.

Faithfully yours
A. K. Parker

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"MÉTROPOLE," LONDON.
TELEPHONE No 3203.

LONDON, W.C. Feb. 5 1891

My dear Harper.

Your very kind letter was brought to me, just as the Steamer was sailing by Mr Bruce who came down to bid us good bye. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness and sympathy. & my thoughts have been with

you continually since we sailed. the die is cast before this. no doubt. May the Lord hold you up. & set your feet in his ways.

We had a good voyage & did not suffer at sea from sickness and we were at our hotel for dinner last evening. To-morrow afternoon we leave for Brindisi. How often Rhoades & I have wished that you were with us! Address me Care Thos. Cook & Sons. Ludgate Circus London. Our return passage is engaged in the City of New York. for Aug 19.

Faithfully yours

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Wed. Jan 7. 91-

My dear Dr. Harper.

The writer of the enclosed letter regarding Mr. Pickett. Mrs. Crowley is a leader of wealth. benevolence. cultivation and the best social position. Whose interest in the University would be serviceable.

"The Com on Alumni with the Seminary has put the case into the hands of Mr. Gurley. whom Hutchinson & Smith agree to be one of the first men in the profession in Chicago. for an opinion"

I expect to send three weeks from to-day. the 28th. on the German line. Steamer Spree - Sunday the 25th. I shall spend in Poughkeepsie and hope to meet you there

Very truly yours

A. K. Parker

THE SUMACHS
ROXMOR COLONY
WOODLAND N. Y.

Wednesday June 18 1913 -

My dear Mr. Judson.

Your letter of May 21. notifying me of the action of the Board of Trustees in making provision for my retirement reached me by way of San Francisco, on my return to Chicago early in June. I trust that the little journeys I have been making since will excuse

This kindly acknowledgement

I appreciate the action of the Board in placing me on the footing of those whose term of service properly entitles them to retirement and I very much desire that in my new relation to the University I may find new opportunities of showing that I am heartily concerned still for its welfare.

It would be a very great pleasure to my sister and myself if when

you come East this summer you could bring Mrs Judson & pay us a visit at our home in the mountains - Woodland is easily reached from Kingston on the Hudson. It is always delightful here, but never more so than in the fresh green and quiet of the June days

My sister joins me in greetings to Mrs. Judson -

Very truly yours

Alonzo K. Parker

with sincere regards and greetings

Chicago, September 24, 1913

My dear Dr. Parker:-

Your valued favor of the 18th of June I find on my desk, and it must have reached my office after I left for Europe. The last three months I have spent in England, and am just returning after a very delightful rest with Mrs. Judson. I am very glad indeed to feel that the arrangements made for you are satisfactory, and shall hope that the years to come may be many for you and filled with happiness. Thank you very much for the suggestion of calling on you in the mountains, but we went farther afield this year.

With sincere regards and greetings to your sister as well as to yourself, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

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Dr. A. K. Parker,
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Woodland, New York.