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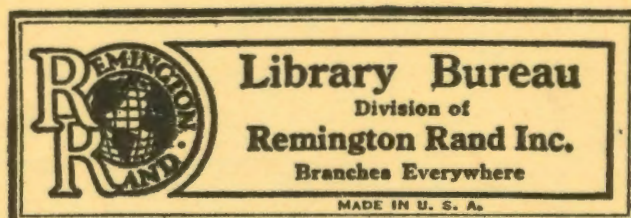
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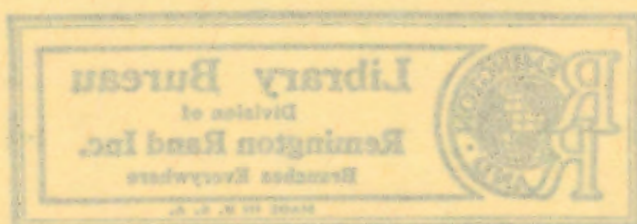
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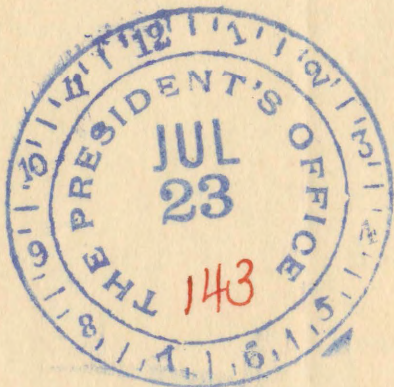
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President, University of Chicago:-

Dear Dr. Harper:-

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With regards to my former colleagues and yourself and family, I am,

Very truly yours,

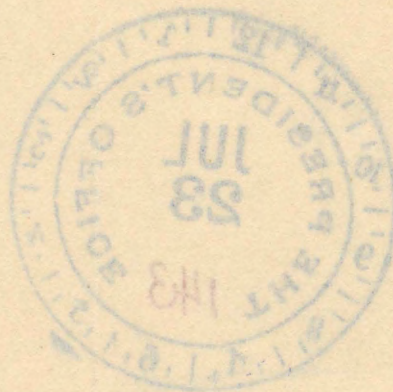
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William Brewster

C O P Y.

June 28th, 1900.

Mr. Ferdinand W. Peck,
United States Commissioner
to the Paris Exposition of 1900,
Paris, France.

My dear Mr. Peck:

I reached home Sunday morning a week ago and found myself quite overwhelmed with the details of work.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees occurred within the week. A committee had been appointed to nominate members to fill the places of those whose terms had expired. Great pressure has been indirectly brought to bear upon the Board, by Mr. Rockefeller, to insist that those who are members of the Board shall be in regular attendance at the meetings and take hold of the details of the University's work. Many of the Trustees felt that your large duties during the nine years of our organization had kept you from the meetings of the Board and that in all probability you would not be able to take hold of the work in the near future. Great difficulty has recently been found in securing quorums of the Board. Three years ago, when the question of election came up, the same difficulty presented itself, the feeling being that the test of membership on the Board should be ability to attend the meetings with some degree of regularity. It was stated in the Board meeting that very recently you had expressed the feeling that you were a member of the Board not because you felt that you ought to take the time for it, but on account of the pressure that had been brought upon you to remain.

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June 1902

Mr. [Name]
[Address]
[City]

Dear Mr. [Name]:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the [subject] and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The [subject] is one of great importance and will be given the most careful consideration. I am sure that the results will be satisfactory to all concerned.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Signature]

it being understood, therefore, that you yourself felt the burden of attendance, and that you were not likely to be so situated as to be in regular attendance, the Trustees thought it best to elect Mr. A. C. Bartlett, who, it is understood, will be able to take up very closely the work of the Board, in some such manner indeed as is done by Mr. Ryerson and Mr. Hutchinson, and others.

I wish to express to you my sincere regret that we may not have, even in the indirect way of the past, your cooperation and assistance. It has always been a great pleasure to me to come in contact with you and I certainly have received from you many indications of your courtesy and kindness of heart. I was myself convinced that you would be greatly relieved, and from your own point of view I suppose I ought not to feel badly about the matter. Feeling as you did and burdened as you are, it was too much for me to hope that the time would come when you would be able to take up the details of the work as has been done by members of the Board in residence in Chicago. But I am sure that your interest in the University will be the same, and that we shall have many opportunities of cooperation in the interests of our great city of Chicago.

You will be pleased to know that the papers constantly refer to the success of the American exhibit. Men who are coming back speak very strongly upon this subject. I wish to congratulate you again upon the great work which you have accomplished. I shall have the opportunity next week of speaking in person with Mr. McKinley upon the subject.

Trusting that your health will continue good and that you will not overburden yourself, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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COMMISSIONER GENERAL
FERDINAND W. PECK
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER GENERAL
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CHICAGO OFFICES,

December 26, 1899.

Dr. William R. Harper,

President University of Chicago,

Adams

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I have yours of 25th inst. I fully realize the situation. I doubt, however, if there is any man in this country at the moment whose cares and responsibilities are greater than mine. I am in the midst of the crisis of my life and every moment of my thought and attention is required to meet the pressure upon me which will continue until the day I am called abroad, and for that matter thereafter. You are aware that the entire responsibility of the national exhibit at Paris is upon my shoulders and that much is expected. You cannot realize the vastness and complications involved. I feel a deep interest in our institution and as a Trustee of course want to do my share. I have been obliged to neglect my business for more than a year on account of my public duties and do not feel in position at the moment to be generous with the great demands upon me but I will be glad to confer with you on the subject any day this week. Can you not conveniently meet me say at the Union League Club about Thursday noon?

I presume it is needless for me to inquire whether Mr. Rockefeller cannot be induced to extend the time. That has probably been fully considered. It would seem that in view of the unexpected depression of values which has come this month and which of course has effected the affairs of those to whom we would look for aid, that this request for extension would have a reasonable basis.

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