Pobruary 18th, 1904.

Professor George Cross,

Mc Master University, Toronto, Canada.

My dear Mr. Cross :-

Two interested in your letter of Tebruary 14th and in the clipping which you sent. The facts in the case are these.

Rach quarter President Harper makes a series of talks to those who are about to graduate, has idea being to inform them fully of the University so as to make them all the more loyal when they become alumni. In these meetings he permits the students to ask questions which he then answere. One of the questions usually handed in is, "Is the University of Chicago a Baptist Institution" in answering this question Dr. Harper always states that the charter of the institution states, that at all times two thirds of the trustees and also the President of the University shall be members of a regular Baptist church, and that the charter indicates that this provision shall not be amended or changed at no time, but that in this particular it shall be forever unalterable. The same provision about two thirds of the trustees and the President being Baptists is

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The next paragraph in the charter states that no other test of religious qualification shall be held as a requisite for membership in the Board of Trustees for admission to the University, or any of its departments, or for election to a professorship. With this as a text the President then is accustomed to state that outside of Mr. Rockefeller's donations the large gifts have been made by other than Daptists. It is an interesting fact that only one of our buildings has been erected by a Daptist, and we how have 10 or 20 permanent structures of stone. The President also states that the student body is composed of representatives of almost every denomination and that the number of Daptists in the institution whether in the faculty or among the students, is relatively a small proportion of the total enrollment.

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Hoping that this information may be satisfactory to you. I remain

Yours very truly,

W.R. Harper

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NOT A BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

The following appeared in the Globe of last Thursday in quotation marks as the exact words of Dr. Harper of Chicago University: "The University of Chicago is no longer a Baptist institution." "Religious denominations in universities is narrow-mindedness, and the fact that the University of Chicago has broken away from this class is an evidence of its mental progress. Denominationalism may apply to small colleges, but not to large ones." He declared that most of the students and of the professors were non-Baptists, and so was most of the money to build it up and support it, except that from Mr. Rockefeller. But this exception means by far the larger part of it. We suppose, as the Divinity School is a part of the University, the disclaimer of its being Baptist will hold of it also, although, we think, the majority of the teachers there are Baptists. We have to take newspaper statements about this University with some hesitation, but this one seems reliable. If it is, the announcement will be received with mingled feelings. The institution is a great one, and must be a tremendous power. But there are influences there and teachings which fill many with grave concern, and they will not be altogether sorry that the closer bond with our body be severed, and the ground of the special appeal it makes to our brightest minds be removed. At the same time, the almost contemptuous termsin which Dr. Harper refers to denominational schools is hard to bear, when we remember that it has been Christian bodies that have fought the chief battles for higher education, and have been the pioneers in establishing colleges America. It is also an unfortunate state of things if, so soon as one of these institutions which has been cradled and nourished by the care and sacrifices of a Christian body reaches an advanced point in its growth, the fruits of it all can be seized and wrested away and perverted, perhaps, to a use which would have shocked those whose lives have gone into The smaller institutions which are not too exalted to own the religious bodies that gave them birth, and cared for them until they grew strong, are not only more safe, but we believe, usually, give the better training to those who are under their care. It still continues to be true that the graduates of the smaller institutions, when called upon to compete with those of the larger in either post-graduate work or in the higher callings, have won much more than their proportion of the best positions. Disparaging remarks fall shivered before the front of this solid fact. At the same time, of course, a denominational university ought not to be denominational in the sense of making the inculcation of distictive denominational beliefs its chief aim.

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Newark, N. J., December 29 , 1908.

President Harry Pratt Judson, LL. D.,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Judson:

As Chairman of a Committee appointed by the Corporation of Brown University to make certain inquiries concerning the charter provisions of Baptist institutions relating to denominational requirements for trustees, faculty and students, I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if you would give material assistance to the Committee by answering the following questions:

- 1. What proportion of your trustees are Baptists ?
- 2. Is this proportion determined

(a) By the charter ?

- (b) By custom and tradition ?
- 3. How are new trustees elected
 - (a) By trustees already in office ?

(b) By alumni?

(e) By Baptist State Convention ?

- (d) By some other denominational organization ?
- 4. Do the trustees hold office

(a) For life?

- (b) For a term of years ?
- 5. What proportion of your faculty are Baptists ?
- 6. Is this proportion of the faculty determined

(a) By charter ?

- (b) By custom and tradition ?
- 7. What proportion of your students are Baptists?
- 8. In your opinion is it desirable that American colleges founded by Baptists should be in larger measure independent of denominational control?
- 9. Has your institution taken any action looking toward greater independence of such control ?

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December 31, 1908

My dear Mr. Colby:-

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 - 2. This proportion is determined by the charter.
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 - The term of election is three years. .
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- 6. The charter provides that the President and two-thirds of the Trustees are to be Baptists, but that denominational lines are not to be drawn elsewhere. Accordingly in making new appointments in the faculty the question of denomination is not considered.
- 7. I haven't the least idea as to what proportion of our students are Baptists. We have made no attempt to ascertain.
- 8. In my opinion it would be better for the American colleges founded by Baptists to be free from control of anybody outside of

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- 9. The University of Chicago has taken no action toward changing its charter.
- 10. I doubt whether denominational control is essential to denominational sympathy and comperation. At the same time on this particular point I am not in a position to judge so well as for instance gentlemen connected with Brown University, the University of Rochester, Colgate University and similar institutions.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson

Mr. Everett Colby. 738 Broad St., Newark, New Jersey.

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