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R. C. CLOWRY,
Vice-Pres't and Gen'l Supt.

CHICAGO, October 1st, 1898.

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F. H. Tubbs, Supt. September 29th, 1898.

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Respectfully returned to Professor Wm. R. Harper, President, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

I can assure you that I am very anxious to do everything in my power to assist the Chicago University as it has my fullest sympathy, but when you look over the enclosed papers I am satisfied that you will come to the conclusion that the telegraph company is not only acting fairly but liberally in connection with the office in the University.

R C Clowry

Vice President &
Genl. Sup't.

Fairweather

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Vice President &
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Office of the President

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1898

Mr. R. C. Clowry, Mgr.

Western Union Building, City.

My Dear Mr. Clowry:--

I enclose a list of the receipts of the telegraph office for the year closing June 1st, 1898 By reference you will learn that the University pays the salary of the telegraph operator and furnishes heat , light and rent. I write to raise the question whether the time has not come for a readjustment of this matter; at all events for better arrangement ~~on the part of~~ with the University. It seems to me that in consideration of the part performed by the University that we should have the privilege of franking our nessages to an amount not to exceed $200.00 We pay more than this sum for the service in addition to the sum indicated as paid to the Western Union Office.

In addition to the facts contained in this brief report it should be stated that a large number of telegrams come to members of the University at night when this office is closed, and at times during the day when the office is closed. I submit the matter to you for your consideration .

yours truly,

William R. Harper.

Enclosure

UNIVERSITY TELEGRAPH OFFICE: Western Union Branch

Receipts for Fiscal Year Mar.1897-'98.

Month		University	Outside	Total
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	August	7.19	56.80	63.99
	September	11.59	30.05	41.64
	October	17.53	29.89	47.42
	November	12.64	36.53	49.17
	December	12.71	26.38	39.09
1898	January	17.67	26.61	44.28
	February	9.35	21.90	31.25
	March	14.56	37.90	52.46
	April	15.69	38.28	53.97
	May	19.40	30.00	49.40
	June	23.14	54.00	77.14
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Encloses list of the receipts of the office in the University of Chicago for the year ending June 1st, 1898. States the University pays the salary of the operator and furnishes heat, light and rent. Thinks that they should be allowed free service amounting to $200.

Respectfully referred to F. H. Tubbs, Esq. Supt.

Of course I am anxious to do everything in my power to assist the Chicago University, as it is a noble institution, but must say that I am greatly surprised to find that the telegraph receipts at the University are so small. It appears that the average is about $14. per month, which is not enough to pay the salary of a messenger boy. I presume that the $431.36 given under the head of 'outside' is receipts taken in at distant points where the telegraph company bears all the expense. This amount should not be shown in this statement as we would probably get all or nearly all of it in any event in connection with our other branch offices in the vicinity of the University.

R. C. Clowry

Vice President &
Gen'l. Supt.

Chicago, September 16th, 1898.

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The Vice Prest. & Genl. Supt., Chicago, Sept. 16th. forwards letter from Mr. Wm. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, requesting that the University be granted free telegraph allowance limited to $200.00 per annum, account of providing space and operator for branch office maintained in the University, and states that the receipts, as given by Mr. Harper, which arerage but $14.00 per month, are much smaller than he had anticipated, and would hardly pay the salary of a messenger.

Respectfully referred to A. C. Murphy, Supt. City Lines. Is the statement of receipts as listed hereon correct? How much of the receipts there is from the University business, and how much is taken in, if any, from outside people? If the office of any material benefit to the City Lines Department, or is it, as I anticipate, maintained wholly as an accommodation to the University?

Have you any recommendations?

F H Tubbs
Supt.

Chicago, Sept. 16th., 1898r.

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The Vice Prest. & Genl. Supt., Chicago, Sept. 10th. Forwards letter from Mr. Wm. H. Harper, of the University of Chicago, requesting that the University be granted free telegraph allowance limited to $[illegible] per annum, account of providing space and operator for branch office maintained in the University, and states that the receipts, as given by Mr. Harper, which average but $14.00 per month, are much smaller than he had anticipated, and would hardly pay the salary of a messenger.

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Supt.

Chicago, Sept. 10th., 1888.

Correspondence relative to the University of Chicago, requesting that the University be granted free telegraph allowance limited to $200.00 per annum, account of providing space and operator for branch office maintained in the University.

Respectfully returned to F. H. Tubbs, Superintendent.

Comptroller Rust means by his classification of the receipts as follows: "University", the business originating with the faculty and students, and the "outside", to mean, business filed by residents in the vicinity of the University. This would make the average $50.45 per month instead of $14.00 per month.

This office is no material benefit to the City Line department and has been maintained more as an accommodation to the University than otherwise. It was opened at the request of President Harper and we have been allowing the operator who is a University student, a commission of 20% on the "this line" receipts from the date the office was opened.

The receipts for August were only $32.06. We have another office at 57th Street & Washington Avenue, where we do not pay any rental and the expense for operator is only 20% of the "this line" receipts, commission limited to $40.00 per month. At the last named office our August receipts were $48.44.

I do not think we should allow the Chicago University any free service.

A. C. Murphy
Supt. City Lines.

Chicago, September 28, 1898.

Correspondence relative to the University of Chicago, requesting that the University be granted free telegraph allowance limited to $500.00 per annum, account of providing space and operator for branch office maintained in the University.

Respectfully returned to T. H. Tubbs, Superintendent.

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This office is to material benefit to the City Time department and has been maintained more as an accommodation to the University than otherwise. It was opened at the request of President Harper and we have been alloting the operator who is a University student, a commission of 50% on the "this time" receipts from the date the office was opened.

The receipts for August were only $32.00. We have another office at 57th Street & Washington Avenue, where we do not pay any rental and the expense for operator is only 25% of the "this time" receipts, commission limited to $10.00 per month. At the last named office our August receipts were $45.00.

I do not think we should allow the Chicago University any free service.

Supt. City Lines.

Chicago, September 23, 1899.

A. C. Murphy, Supt. City Lines, Chicago, Sept. 28th., returning papers relative to request of Prest. Harper, of the University of Chicago, that that institution be allowed free telegraphing to the amount of $200.00 per annum, account of branch office maintained in the University, states that the total cash receipts at that branch office are as given in the "total" column as submitted by Mr. Harper, and average $50.46 per month. States the distinction shown between the University and outside business is evidently meant to show the difference between business originating with students and the faculty and business taken in from people outside the University, but all represents "this line" receipts.

States the office is maintained more as an accommodation to the University than otherwise, being opened at the request of Prest. Harper. The operator, who is a student at the University, has been allowed a commission of 20 per cent of the "this line" receipts from the date the office was opened. The receipts for August were but $32.06.

States we have another office in that vicinity where no rental is paid, the only expense being for the operator, who is allowed a commission of 20 per cent of the "this line" receipts, limited to $40.00 per month. States the August receipts at the latter office were $48.44. Does not think we should allow the University any free service.

Respectfully returned to Col. R. C. Clowry, Vice Prest. & Gen'l Sup't;- This office was opened, as you will remember, on Professor Harper's request to you. I agree with Supt. Murphy that we cannot afford to pay any more than the 20 per cent we are now allowing the operator at the University. Should this office be closed for any reason we would miss but little of the business as our adjacent branch office would take care of it. This office makes no deliveries outside of the University; deliveries to the University in the evening and at night are made from our Hyde Park office.

Chicago, Sept. 29th., 1898r.

F N Turnbull

Supt.