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# The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

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## The New Woman's Building.

The University of Chicago offers to women advantages so exceptional that during the first two years of its history, five hundred and three women were numbered among its students. Of this number one hundred and fifty-five were college graduates who came to the University to pursue advanced graduate studies. During the present year, the third year of the University, the number of women students will equal the number enrolled during both the preceding years. The number of graduate women students will exceed the number enrolled during both those years. There is every reason to expect a corresponding increase during the fourth year of the University beginning July 1, 1895.

Young men can readily and without serious disadvantage find homes in private houses and apartment buildings in the vicinity of the University. Young women cannot so easily do this, and it ought not to be necessary for them to seek for homes in the boarding houses of a great city to which they come as strangers.

The University recognizes that it owes to its women students the duty of providing a safe and comfortable home for them within the shelter of its own quadrangles. Through the



munificence of Mrs. Beecher, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Foster three halls for women have been built. In these houses, each presided over by a competent head, the ideal home for women students is provided. These houses give them that security combined with freedom which they enjoyed at home and enable them to lead and give character to the social life of the entire University. In these houses they become acquainted with the best people of the city. Their social natures and gifts are developed under the best conditions, at the same time that they are pursuing their studies with assiduity.

The three halls already erected have fully provided for the necessities of the first three years. They have accommodations for one hundred and thirty students. The coming year will see such an increase of women students that these accommodations will be found wholly inadequate. It is imperative that another hall be erected and be ready for occupancy at the earliest moment practicable.

Preliminary plans for this fourth building have already been made. Something over \$25,000 has been subscribed for it, and these subscriptions have been for the most part paid. The foundations have been put in and a committee is now considering the plans and specifications for the superstructure. The building will be the largest of the women's halls thus far erected, providing accommodations for seventy-five students, and enabling the University to furnish homes for more

than two hundred women. It is estimated that it will cost \$75,000. At this date therefore, March 1895, about \$50,000 remains to be secured to complete the building and prepare it for occupancy. The effort is now being made to raise this sum, and we appeal to the liberal women of Chicago to assist in the undertaking.

There is an impression abroad that the University has an abundance of money for any purpose for which it wishes to use it, but this is an entire mistake. The funds given to the University have always been so designated for particular uses that it is impossible to apply them to any other. The University, therefore, has not one dollar beyond the sums specially contributed for this building which can be used for it. If, therefore, the building is erected the funds necessary must be provided by new contributions.

The University wishes to acknowledge the generous coöperation it has received from the women of Chicago. Subscriptions and contributions aggregating nearly \$400,000 have been received from them during the past three years. These large gifts have come from a comparatively small number. In the erection of the new Woman's Hall there is an opportunity for that large number who feel an interest in the University to manifest it. The University desires a place in the affections, not of the few, but of the many. It wishes the many to feel that it belongs in part to them. Contributions and subscriptions of

any amount for this new building will therefore be welcomed. From those who can give a little, small subscriptions are asked. From those who can give much, large subscriptions are hoped for. It is requested that all subscriptions and contributions be sent to the Secretary of the University, T. W. Goodspeed, Cobb Hall, University of Chicago, or to any member of the following committee :

MRS. SUMNER ELLIS, <i>Chairman</i> ,	2734 Prairie Ave.
MRS. G. E. ADAMS,	530 Belden Ave.
MRS. B. F. AYER,	99 Pine St.
MRS. GEORGE F. BARTLETT,	4466 Oakenwald Ave.
MRS. I. S. BLACKWELDER,	Morgan Park.
MRS. ALMON BROOKS,	4643 Lake Ave.
MRS. C. R. CRANE,	3736 Grand Boulevard
MRS. J. N. CROUSE,	2231 Prairie Ave.
MRS. GEORGE L. DUNLAP,	328 Dearborn Ave.
MRS. F. L. FAKE,	81 47th St.
MRS. JOHN J. GLESSNER,	18th St. and Prairie Ave.
MISS KATHARINE ISHAM,	321 Dearborn Ave.
MRS. FRANK S. JOHNSON,	2521 Prairie Ave.
MRS. N. B. JUDAH,	2701 Prairie Ave.
MRS. ANDREW MACLEISH,	Glencoe.
MRS. OTTO H. MATZ,	431 Oak St.
MRS. FRANCIS W. PARKER,	6640 Honore St., Englewood.
MRS. LUTHER H. PEIRCE,	1904 Surf St.
MRS. O. W. POTTER,	130 Lake Shore Drive.
MISS SCAMMON,	4643 Lake Ave.
MRS. CAROLINE K. SHERMAN,	225 Leavitt St.
MRS. A. A. SPRAGUE,	2710 Prairie Ave.
DR. SARAH HACKETT STEVENSON,	322 N. State St.
MRS. HENRY B. STONE,	45 Bellevue Place.
MISS ADA C. SWEET,	175 Dearborn St.
MRS. LYMAN TRUMBULL,	4008 Lake Ave.
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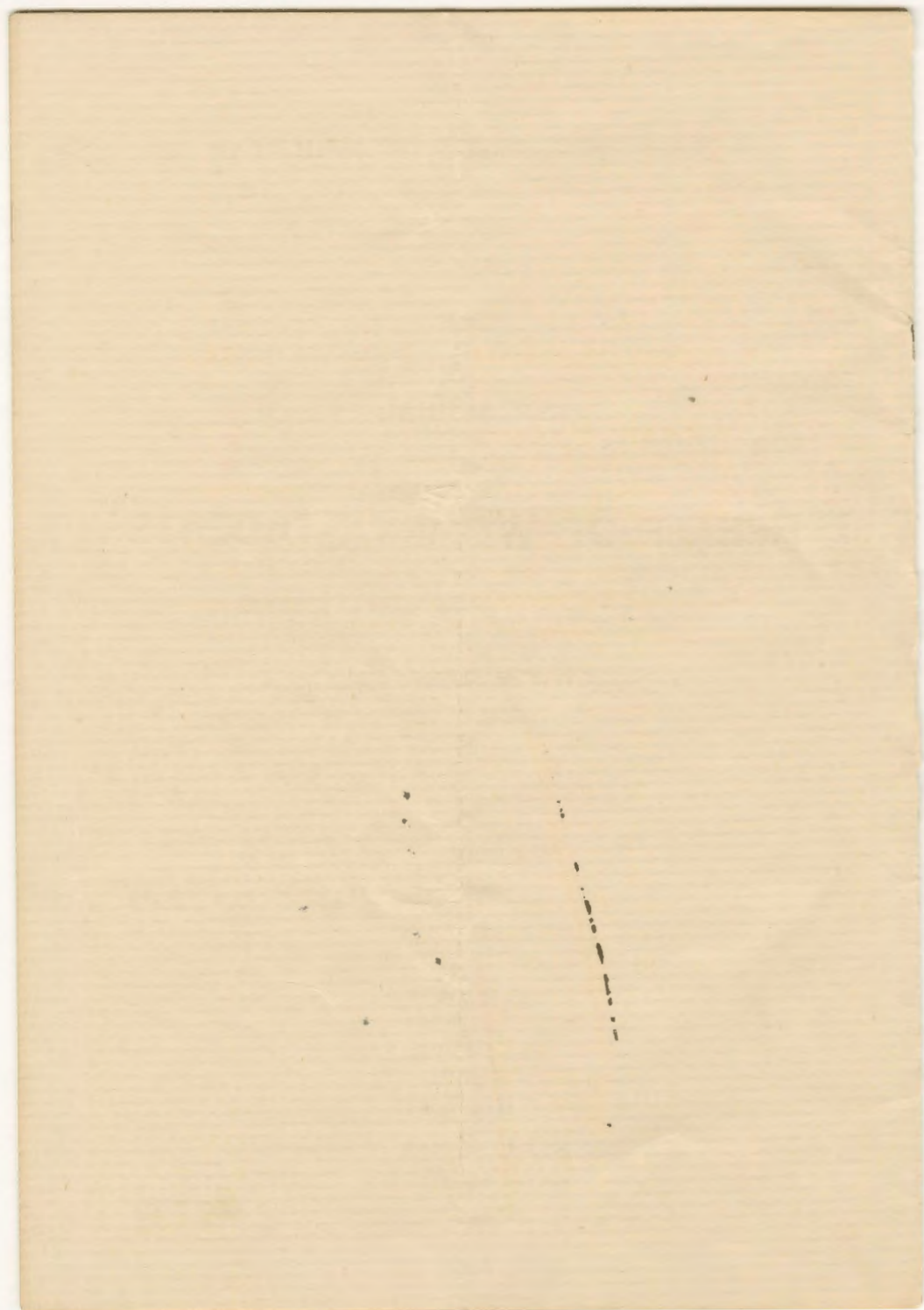
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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AN APPEAL  
ON  
BEHALF OF WOMEN STUDENTS

BY THE  
WOMEN'S ~~CLUB~~ OF CHICAGO.

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On May 18, 1892, President Harper addressed the Women's Club of Chicago, on the subject of women and the University of Chicago. As a result of that address, ~~part of which is given in the following pages~~, a committee was appointed by the president of the club to work for the erection of buildings to accommodate women students at the University. ~~This committee was empowered to add to its numbers either club members or others, and now consists of the following ladies:~~

### ~~LIST OF COMMITTEE~~

GERTRUDE P. DINGEE, Chairman,  
MRS. GEORGE E. ADAMS, ✓  
" H. M. WILMARTH, ✓  
" SUMNER ELLIS, ✓  
" LUTHER PEIRCE, ✓  
" O. W. POTTER, ✓  
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" ANDREW MACLEISH, ✓  
MISS WHITE, ✓  
DR. FRANCES CRANE, ✓  
MRS. C. R. CRANE. ✓



The plan of work <sup>has</sup> as follows:

I. To endeavor to secure single subscriptions of not less than \$50,000 each. This sum will build one of the halls of the woman's quadrangle: such halls may be named as the donors prefer.

II. To endeavor to secure five subscriptions of \$10,000 each, to build another hall. This hall will probably be named in honor of some woman whose name is prominently associated with the education of women.

III. To endeavor to secure another \$50,000 by subscriptions of \$1,000 or more.

IV. To solicit subscriptions of any amount, hoping in this way to secure another hall.

As will be seen from the accompanying sketch, the buildings for women, when completed, will form three sides of a quadrangle on the south-east corner of the University grounds. They will consist of eleven houses, and are designed to accommodate seven hundred students.

While outwardly continuous, these buildings will be divided inside by fireproof walls, extending from the foundations through all the stories. Each of the houses thus made will be complete in itself, containing students' rooms, dining and reception rooms, and all needed conveniences. These houses will be called halls: each will have its separate entrance, its name being placed over the door. Each hall will accommodate from 50 to 80 students.

The committee makes an earnest appeal to all interested in the higher education of women to help in this undertaking.

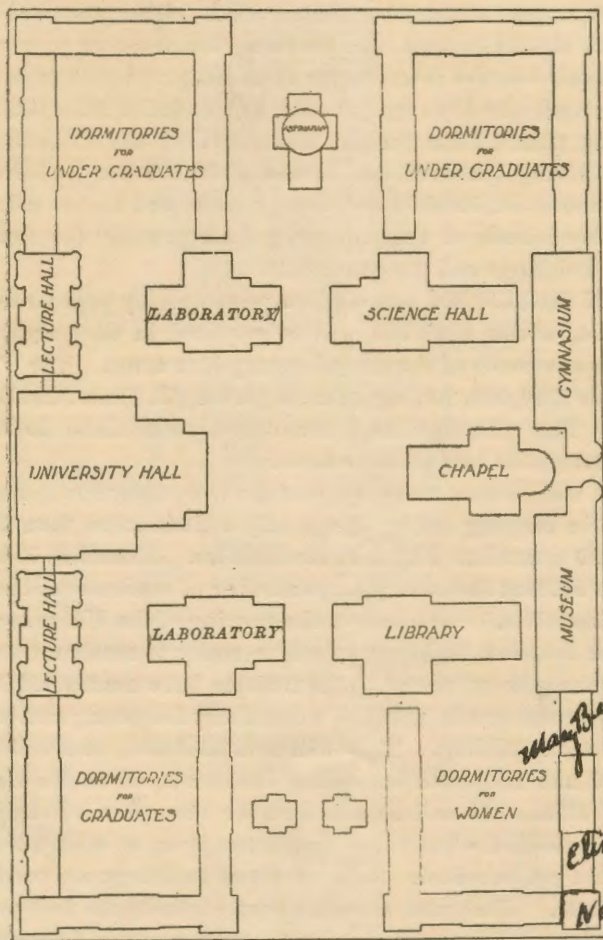
Subscriptions may be sent to the University office, addressed to Dr. T. W. Goodspeed, 1212 Chamber of Commerce Building, Chicago.

The following is the statement by President Harper:

"It may be asked, 'Why does the University need more money?' and, 'Why should women interest themselves in helping it?'

"In answer to the first of these questions it may be said that the funds of the University are almost entirely *endowment* funds. They were contributed by Jno. D. Rockefeller,

FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET.



GROUND PLAN OF THE BUILDINGS.

MIDWAY PLAISANCE.

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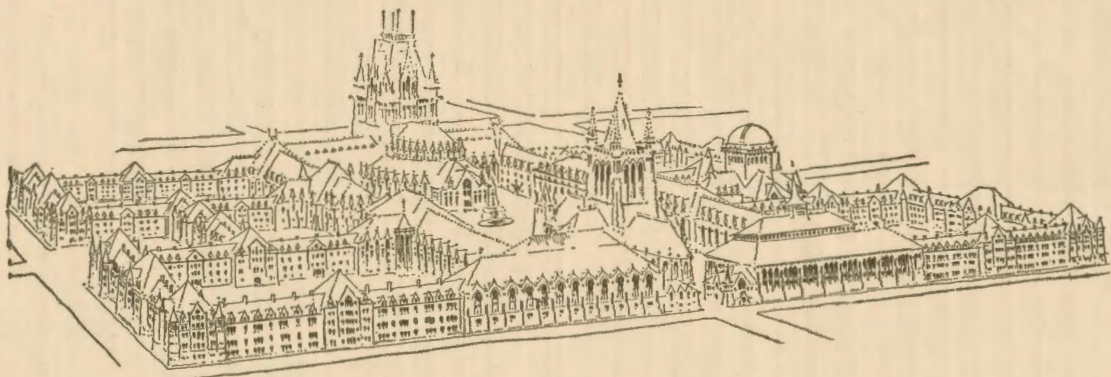
*May Beecher*  
*Elizabeth Kelly*  
*Mary Foster*

with the provision that the principal should be invested and kept forever intact, the income being used to meet the current expenses of the University. Mr. Rockefeller gave \$100,000 to the building fund and made the positive provision that no part of his other contributions, either principal or interest, should be used 'for grounds, buildings or repairs.' He did this because it has never been his purpose to provide all the funds the University needs, but to unite with others in doing this. Thus far he has provided the *endowment* funds, giving (in addition to the \$100,000 for buildings noted above) \$2,500,000 for this purpose, and he has asked that other friends of the enterprise shall provide the funds for the buildings and the grounds.

"Of the \$400,000 secured two years ago, by popular subscription, above \$300,000 will be required in the purchase and improvement of the site of twenty-four acres. The site is worth \$500,000, having been in part a gift from Marshall Field. The subscriptions secured two years since do not fully mature for two years to come.

"It will be seen, therefore, that the University has *in hand* to use in erecting its buildings only a little more than the \$100,000 contributed by Mr. Rockefeller. Meantime it has become evident that a very large number of students will present themselves for entrance at the opening of the University, October 1st, and buildings must be ready to receive them. Under the spur of necessity the trustees have contracted for the erection of two buildings,—a dormitory for young men and a recitation building. They will cost \$350,000, and will be finished and ready for occupancy October 1, when the University opens. It will be seen that for these two buildings, without which the institution could not open, at least \$200,000 must yet be raised. But these two buildings are totally inadequate. The great attendance of students the first year will be largely increased the second year, and the following buildings are felt by the trustees to be absolutely necessary before the second year begins: dormitories for 400 young men; three laboratories,—for chemistry, biology and physics; a library; a chapel; a museum; a gymnasium, and buildings





BIRD'S EYE VIEW.



for at least 200 young women. Only one of these, the chemical laboratory which Mr. S. A. Kent will build, has been unconditionally provided for.

"It will be evident from this statement, not only that the University needs money for buildings, but that it must find a very large sum, or be fatally crippled in its efforts to do the great work in education that is demanded of it by the extraordinary number of students seeking its advantages.

"But why does it ask the help of women? Because it needs the help of every class in the community.

"Because women are able to assist it. Chiefly, however, because it intends to do a great work for women, and, overwhelmed with burdens, the University must have their help to enable it to properly *begin* this work.

"It is pledged to give the same advantages to women, the same encouragement, the same opportunities, the same privileges in every way that it gives to men.

"The woman's department will not be an annex. It will form an integral part of the University.

"Women will not be admitted to a few departments only, but to all departments.

"They will not be grudgingly admitted and left to find places to live where they can, but will be invited to come, and a home must be provided for them on the grounds of the University. They will not only be admitted to all the classes and all the courses, but every *degree* given by the University will be open to them on the same terms as to men. They will be in the same classes; they will be taught by the same professors; they will be eligible to the same honors.

"The University bestows, the first year, forty fellowships in the graduate department, yielding to each fellow from \$300 to \$500. The number will increase from year to year, and they will be bestowed on women as well as men. The *positions* in the University will be open to women. The acting librarian is a woman, and three out of four of her staff of assistants are women.

"The various faculties of instruction will be open to wo-

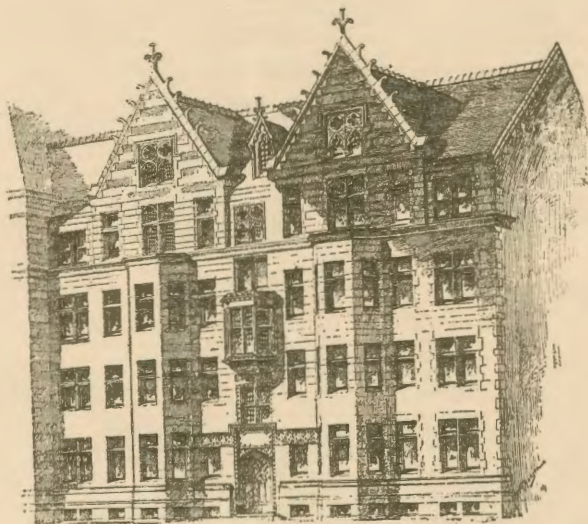


PLANS SUGGESTED FOR BUILDINGS FOR WOMEN.

men. Three women have already been elected teachers, and another has been invited to accept a prominent position.

*"The same salary will be paid to women as to men in the same positions and doing the same work."*

"The University will encourage its students to make their homes in the buildings on the college grounds, and thus form a great student community. On the four corners of the site there will be four quadrangles. In each of these a series of buildings, 1,000 feet in length, and enclosing



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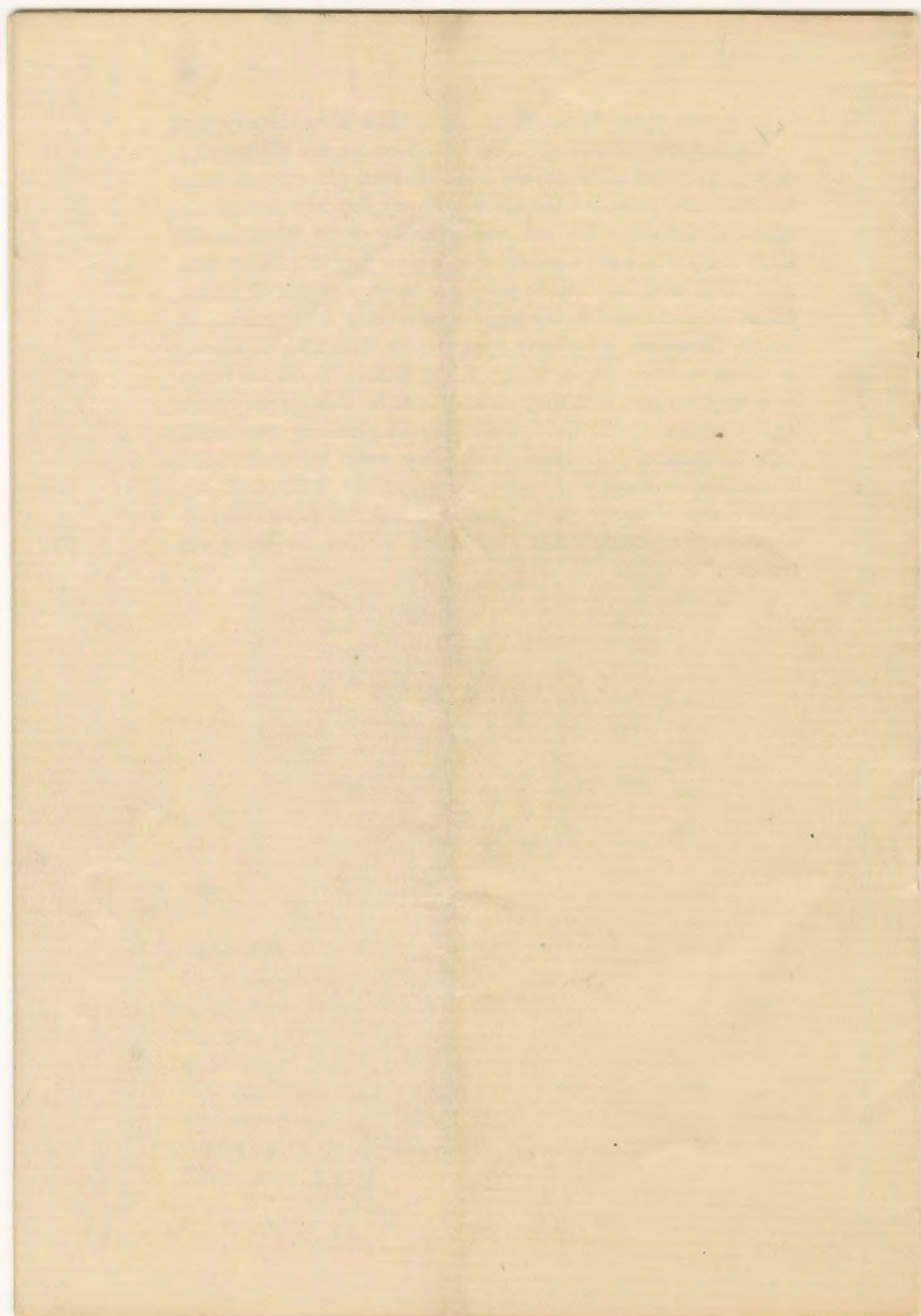
three sides of a court, will form the homes of the students. In each of these quadrangles 700 students can find comfortable accommodations. One of them is to be the woman's quadrangle, and it is for the erection of the buildings of this quadrangle that the University appeals to women. If any discrimination has been made, it is in favor of women, for the woman's quadrangle is more eligibly located than any other—on the south-east corner of the site, fronting on the Midway Plaisance.



"Nearly three hundred young women have already sent in their names indicating their wish to enter the University. A large number of them are from distant places, and must have a home provided for them. Every day new names are added to the list with anxious inquiries as to whether the University will have a building in which they can find rooms.

"This new institution proposes to do a work of unsurpassed importance for the higher education of women. It seems, therefore, peculiarly appropriate that women should be asked to assist it in doing all it desires to do for them. It is appropriate that they should *lead* in this great effort. The University will need their help in planning the buildings their money provides, that they may be made ideal homes for women students. These homes will need the supervision of accomplished women, and the permanent assistance of a woman's advisory board will be sought by the trustees."





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CHICAGO, March 15, 1895.

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CHICAGO, April 4, 1895.

MY DEAR MADAM :

May I ask you, on behalf of the University, to consider the enclosed statement, and, if possible, to give us a contribution or subscription for the new Woman's Building, and greatly oblige,

Yours most truly,

J. W. Gardapheed.  
Secretary.



Episcopal University of Chicago

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My Dear Madam:

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*Wm. Brewster*  
Secretary

To the President and Trustees of the  
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The institutions I visited and the officials who gave  
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Wellesley College, President Hazard, Dean  
Pendleton, Registrar Kelsey, Miss Davis, Head of  
Wilder Hall and Instructor in Domestic Science, and  
Treasurer Hardy.

Radcliffe College, President Agassiz, Dean  
Irwin, Secretary Coas, and Miss Hoppin, Head of  
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Swathmore College, Dean Bond and Prof. Bronk.

Bryn Mawr College President Thomas.

Barnard College, Professor Maltby.

Teachers College, Dean Russell, Principal  
Prettyman, Dr. Wood, and Mrs. Farnsworth, Head of  
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Vassar College, President Taylor, Lady Principal  
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- 1) Cost of living and tuition.
- 2) Size and apportionment of rooms.
- 3) Space devoted to general social purposes of household.
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	Tuition. Board		Room min. max. av.			Total min. max. av.		
Radcliffe	\$200	\$8 or \$216	\$100	325	190	\$516	741	606
Mt. Holyoke	125		\$175	without laundry service required				\$303
Smith	100		300	with laundry a few special suites				400
Barnard	150							
Bryn Mawr	150	175		125 upward				500
Wellesley	175			225 without laundry				400
Teachers	150	\$4 50 or 162	70	400	127	382	712	439
Vassar	100		300	with laundry				400
Nancy Foster	120	3 50 or 126	42	135	117	288	381	363
Green Hall	120	3 50 or 126	54	126	112	300	372	358
Beecher & Kelly	120	3 50 or 126	90	162	122 40	336	408	368 40

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Vassar	100	200 with laundry			400
Teachers	150	\$4 50 or 125	70 400 127	282 712	432
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Mt. Holyoke	125	175 without laundry service required			303
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A partial study of the ratio of servants to students gives the following results:

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I would respectfully make the following recommendations:

1) Single rooms only should be provided.

2) Corner rooms on each floor should not communicate with the adjoining rooms, the object being to secure greater quiet in certain rooms.

3) A few pairs of connecting rooms should be planned on each floor.

4) Each floor should have a suite of two or three rooms with bath-room.

5) No room should be less than 8 1/2 ft wide.

6) There should be a variation in rent<sup>as</sup>, the minimum approximating \$25 a quarter and the maximum \$60 with half control of a bath room.

7) If the plan is adopted of small lecture halls involving much going up and down stairs in order to pass from one class room to another, elevators must be provided in each residence hall with uniform rates for corresponding rooms on different floors; otherwise residence halls of not over four stories need not be furnished with elevators provided rates for rooms decrease according to the height.

8) There should be separate toilet accommodations for each 6 or 7 students.

9) There should be no regular story below ground but a basement fitted with trunk room, rub-



I would respectfully make the following recom-

mendations:

1) Single rooms only should be provided.  
2) Corner rooms on each floor should not com-  
municate with the adjoining rooms, the object being  
to secure greater quiet in certain rooms.

3) A few pairs of connecting rooms should be  
planned on each floor.

4) Each floor should have a suite of two or  
three rooms with bath-room.

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*This is subject to some variation*

10) The first floor should be near the ground and should have diningroom(size multiples of 9X11-4 plus some extra sq.ft. for serving tables, &c.) parlor(16 X 35) and reading room(16 X 15) (aggregating 16 sq.ft. per inhabitant, or 800 sq.ft. per 50 students), kitchen(16 X 12), serving room(16 X 8), Bath<sup>sk</sup>(down)stairs, front stairs with recess for telephone, house maid, closet and letter box, suite of sitting room(to be used as occasion requires for private dining room, special social functions, general entertaining, men's cloak room or guest's parlor), bed room to be used as gentlemen's cloak room at social functions, and private toilet room. The parlor and dining room should be connected by folding doors.

11) The suite of the Head of the House(study, bed room, toilet room and ample closet space) should be on the second story and extend from side to side of the Hall.

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12) Household employees should not live in the house. The space necessary for them in the upper story would be much more remunerative if fitted up for students. The space required for a back stair case would thus also become available for students.

13) The approach to fire escapes should not be through private rooms.

14) The best floors that are practicable should be provided.

15) Special study should be given to the placing of radiators and to the fitting up of mosquito bars.

16) The gymnasium building should be reserved for that purpose, but might be connected with the general social or club building.

These suggestions summarize the general points to be considered. I shall gladly hold myself in readiness to report on matters of detail.

Respectfully submitted.

Marion Talbot.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas J. Baker*

~~Goodspeed~~

~~Woburn Building~~

Racine Wis.

1124 Main St.

President Harper:

~~Woburn~~ Dear Sir:

Your kind  
letter of July eleventh reached  
me some days ago: I have  
since then heard from  
several members of our com-  
mittee, and can report that  
we will endeavor to raise  
the necessary thousands to  
erect the central hall. I  
can give no definite idea



of the time required, but should suppose that  
the close of this year would see our labors completed.  
Very little work can be done before September,  
but I expect to call a committee meeting early  
in that month, and go to work in earnest.

I hear that the University has rented an apart-  
ment house to serve as temporary shelter for  
the women students. Of course I know nothing  
of your plans, but if they include the furnishing  
of the rooms, I think the ladies of the building  
committee would like to be consulted.

Economy would seem to dictate that the furni-  
ture purchased should be such as could be after-  
wards used in the women's halls, when they  
are completed. That subject has been much  
discussed in connection with the building  
plans, and our minds are pretty well made up.  
Mr. Cobb knows something of our decisions and  
has arranged the work in accordance with  
them; so that a change would involve several  
minor details. The building committee consists  
of Mrs. Sumner Ellis, Mrs. George C. Adams, and

Miss White. Mr. Ellis is  
chairman, and I have usually  
met with them. She suggests  
that you appoint your advisory  
board and give them charge  
of the building: we would then  
lay our plans before them.

The examinations, I am happy  
to say, were very satisfactory, and  
I am now busy getting ready  
for more: you know I have  
ambitions above the Freshman  
Class.

Very Respectfully,

Gertrude P. Orin.

July twenty-third.



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The University of Chicago

*Profratelles*  
The women of the University of Chicago, being dissatisfied with the conditions under which we have been forced to work this past year in filling the requirements of Physical Culture, and being unwilling to continue another year in quarters so unsanitary and detrimental to health and physical development, as the present building, take this means of calling the attention of the Board of Trustees to some



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of the Board of Trustees to  
of calling the attention  
building, take the measure  
development, on the present  
to health and physical  
in recreational and athletic  
three quarters year in quarter  
and brief summary to con-  
ments of Physical Culture,  
year in filling the require-  
favored to work the part  
under which we have been  
satisfied with the conditions  
city of Chicago, being also  
the members of the Univer-

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of the conditions as they now exist.

In the first place, one of the greatest benefits to be derived from the work is in the bath which should follow all exercises. But owing to the facilities, or rather the lack of them, baths have been impossible. It is true that a few shower baths were put in - but in such an unsuitable, disagreeable place, that use of them was out of the question.

Secondly, the distance at which the Gymnasium is

which the Symposium is  
 devoted, the distance of  
 the  
 of them was out of the ques-  
 tionable place, that we  
 had in mind an unbroken  
 line shown both on paper  
 and in nature. It is true that a  
 lack of them, both here and  
 the position, is rather the  
 an exercise. But owing to  
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 coming from the work is in  
 the greatest degree to be  
 of the first place, as of  
 now or not.

of the condition as they



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situated from the class rooms, makes it necessary for the women to leave the Gymnasium without taking any of the necessary precautions in cooling slowly - etc. - In cold and damp weather, especially, this has resulted in several severe illnesses.

Many and various kinds of work have been offered this year - and much interest and enthusiasm has been awakened in the different branches, but owing to the unfavorable conditions under which it would have been necessary

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 for the women to leave the  
 gymnasium with out taking  
 any of the necessary gymnastic  
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 cially, this is wanted in  
 several cases illnesses.  
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 condition under which it  
 works has been necessary

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to work, many of the women  
 have been unable to attempt  
 any thing.

During the recent rains,  
 and it is the same after  
 all hard rains, it was neces-  
 sary to suspend all work,  
 simply because the floors  
 of the dressing rooms were  
 under water.

Believing as we do, that  
 such conditions are a disgrace  
 to a University like ours, [and  
 that surely the Board of Directors  
 must be ignorant of their  
 existence, or they would cease].



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under water.  
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and conditions are a disgrace  
to a University like ours and  
that only the Board of Directors  
must be ignorant of their  
situation, or they would cease.

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And believing besides that work which is so beneficial to women, should be aided rather than hindered, we most respectfully ask that by next fall, quarters be provided for ~~our~~ use which are not only sanitary and comfortable, but which are conducive to development in providing facilities for Gymnastic and Athletic work. And besides, we would most respectfully suggest, that the present building occupied by the School of Education be fitted for our use, or

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 women should be added with  
 the numbers, on cost  
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 next fall. quantities to be  
 added for use which  
 are not of country and  
 comfortable, but which are  
 conducive to development in  
 providing facilities for the  
 creative and artistic work.  
 And finally, we would not  
 respectfully suggest that  
 the present building occupies  
 the site of the old building  
 better for our use, &



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that a similar structure be erected this summer.

If this is impossible, we request that all requirements for Physical Culture be removed. as we are no longer willing to risk health and physical development by working in quarters which are unsanitary.

Hoping that this will meet with your approval and that some favorable action will be taken, we remain,

Most Sincerely  
The women of the University.

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hoping that the  
most with your approval and  
that our general action  
will be taken, in season,  
Very sincerely  
The members of the University

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Agnes R. Waymon.

Narcissa Cox

Leona. Canterbury .

Isabelle Webster

Eduard. Sterns .

Brieta Bobo

Genevieve Johnson

Reyna A. Hooper

Wick Davis

Grace Johnson

Hazel Buck.

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Margaret J. Coulter.

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Jennie Thompson

Genevieve Taylor.

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Alice Hillman



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Elizabeth Callow

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Edith Bradford Wiles

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Josephine R. Barker

1884

Miss Barker

Dear Mr. Barker

I have received

your letter of

the 10th inst.

and am glad

to hear from

you. I am

very glad

to hear from

you. I am

very glad

to hear from

you. I am



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J. M. Kitchin

T. H. Stuart

Wm. L. Garrison

Edith C. Bellamy

~~Edith Jewey~~

Margaret Sanders

Gene Heuser

Margaret M. Wilson

Leith Latimer

Alene Williams

Laura Ward

Marion Biegler

Jay Brown

Louise Brown

Gladys M. Bray

Margaret Wade

Marian C. Lyons

Emma F. Adams

A. D. Hequembourg

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.  
June 10, 1892

Dear Mr. Brewster

I have just received your letter of the 7th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are

interested in the study of the

history of the Illinois prairie.

I have a number of books on the

subject which I will send you

by mail if you wish.

Very respectfully,  
John A. Audubon

Chicago, Ill.

Enclosed find a list of the

books which I have referred to.

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Lorana C. V. Kuig

Mabel Whiteside

Katharine H. Bones

Bertha Evans Ward

Mildred Dodge

Grace H. Clifford

Lulu M. McCoy

Elsie Eastman

Ola Bonner

~~Janet J. Mon. Hinks~~

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Fa Keelson

L. L. Porter

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S. Edith Todd

Olga O. Vondráček

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Mildred Chadsey

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Katharine Beunt

Mary Whitshuk

Margaret Hounnan





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Margaret M<sup>c</sup> Coy.

Jennie M. Rattray.

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Minnie M. Dunsell

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Grace Keady

Marie M. Ewing

Arthur Cohen

Laura Bliss Lane.



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Mabel Menzies.

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Thelma Conlan

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Anna Goldstein

Doree Duncan.

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Elin Phillips

Ada Sharples

Alvies Long

Wilhelmine Joehake

Florence Morrison

Josephine Duncan

Sarah Field Barrow

Vida Sutton



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Dear Mr. [unclear]

I have [unclear]

been [unclear]

very [unclear]

much [unclear]

to [unclear]

you [unclear]

and [unclear]

with [unclear]

best [unclear]

truly [unclear]

Yours [unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

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Belle Oberfelder.

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Clara H. Taylor,

Kelly M. Wilson.

Nell E. Jackson.

Helen M. Lee

Jane S. Smith

Marie Carlsberg

Nellie Corning

Katherine Gold ~~ass~~

Louise Larrabee

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Harriet Bowen

Daisy M. Meyer

Anna Frances

Maud S. Gray





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Lillian Lane

Anna Meinhan

Helen Miller



Return to Miss Freeman at the  
don  
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Elizabeth B. Keale  
Grace McKibben

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Violet Willis.

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Grace Stafford

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Emma Schuster



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Helen P. & F. A. Thompson.  
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Stella R. Fox.

Louada Newton

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Elizabeth Perkins  
Nov. 3. 1880

Miss M. B. Gannett  
University of Chicago

Dear Madam

I am writing to you  
to inform you of the  
Katherine Coffey  
Hall of the University

of Chicago

Building

Young People

James P. Cannon

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Matilda Giben

Helen Baucke

Louella Rogers.

Grace Murray

Zelma Hirsh

Genora Alfangh

Lawrence Hall.

Sophia Berger.

Blanche Hogan

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Ruth Ferry

Lillian Seider

Edith Henderson

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Maurice A. Steen

Anna J. M. Goorty

Anna Anderson

Agnes Mac Neish

Fannie Fisch

Clifford

Eleanor Parker

of Medicine, M.D.

Thurs. 10th

At the Will

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The University of Chicago

Ullie L. Rogers.

Mary Elizabeth Tierney.

Beatrice Davies.

Rose McHugh.

The University of Chicago

Miss L. Capron  
My Father's house  
Canton Ohio  
Rose Mt. High.



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\$7  
to transfer

The University of Chicago

January 25th, 1901.

~~Dear Sir:--~~

University Council

The undersigned members of the Faculty Committee on buildings and grounds respectfully represent that, in their judgment, it is unwise to make temporary provision for women students in the new gymnasium. To do so would be likely to delay, for a long time, the securing of other and adequate provision for their physical culture work. If they are taken care of in this way, the need for a real solution of the difficulty will not be felt or seen by those from whom help might otherwise be expected. If, on the other hand, no provision is now made for them, or if an obviously temporary structure should be erected for their use in the vicinity of the women's halls, the need will be apparent. *The same would be true, if a part of the present gymnasium were retained for the use of the women.*

The committee feels that the time has come when buildings which are themselves to be permanent should have their permanent arrangement from the outset; and that hereafter the temporary makeshifts which have been necessary to some extent in the past, should be avoided so far as possible.

They feel also a certain sentimental objection to the idea of a gymnasium for both sexes,--no matter with what internal dividing walls,--not on the campus itself. As the line of coeducation is sharply drawn where physical culture begins, they feel that it ought to be drawn with equal sharpness as regards the buildings devoted to this purpose. It is true that the two sexes share the present building. But this, in the first place, is frankly a makeshift affair, in the second place is immediately upon the campus and so more in the ordinary tide of move-



8/24/1901  
J. H. ...

January 28th, 1901.

Dear Sir,

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This objection, though it may seem somewhat vague, is real. We should ourselves feel a similar one if an Athletic Club for both sexes were to be established, even temporarily, in the city proper.

The members of the committee do not overlook the fact that the adoption of their suggestion may entail hardship on the women for the present; but they believe that the plan they suggest will, in the long run, prove the wiser,—not only for the men, but for the women as well.

We are, Sir,

Very truly yours,

R. S. Salisbury  
W. H. Dale  
F. B. Torbell  
E. D. Burton



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This objection, though it may seem somewhat vague, is real. We should ourselves feel a similar one if an Athletic Club for both sexes were to be established, even temporarily, in the city proper. The members of the committee do not overlook the fact that the adoption of their suggestion may entail hardship on the women for the present; but they believe that the plan they suggest will, in the long run, prove the wiser,—not only for the men, but for the women as well.

We are, Sir,

Yours truly,  
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