Saginaw –
Jan. 18, 1903

Dear Miss Talbot:

I am spending a Sunday with Dr & Mrs Freeman. They have shown me your kind note, by which they have been much touched. It touched me too, for few were in closer intimacy with Alice than yourself. She liked to work with you. She believed in you. And when she withdrew from work at the University of Chicago she did so with full assurance that all would go well under

your confident guidance.

I want you to have something of hers, something that she had personally used. And my thoughts have fixed on the ~~red~~ red velvet dress which she used to wear so often on state occasions, especially in Chicago. Of course it will not precisely fit you, but I think you can easily alter it into a fit. May I not send it to you, when I come to go over her goods? She delighted to have all her articles used & would I know be greatly pleased if you should like to wear this.

Affectionately,

Bertha Palmer

Harvard University.

Jan. 6, 1903.

Dear Miss Talbot:

It is good to read your words & to have you rejoice in all she has given us. Some time this winter you will be in Boston, & then you will send me word & we will talk together. I want you to have something that she had used & worn.

Affectionately,

S. H. Palmer

Re Alumnæ Palmer memor. services Jan. 10 1903

Miss Marion Talbot,
Dean Chicago University,

My dear Miss Talbot:

The enclosed statement of the Committee's report is sent you as one of many who have offered to co-operate with them. As it is desirable that the local committees should be organized at once, will you kindly send, at your earliest convenience, the names of persons in your city who will act with you and to whom the Committee may write directly inviting them to serve.

P.S. I add a postscript here as it seems best to say that nothing will be given to the newspapers until the seventeenth of January 1903. I wish you would write me your feeling about memorials and plans for memorials.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae are planning to publish the speeches made at the meeting held December 29, 1902. Pardon these added notes somehow prompted by the memory of your letter of regret sent to Mrs Eliot.

Believe me,

Laura Kennedy Morse

We are wondering whether you will have a Memorial Meeting at Chicago University and if President Angell of Michigan will be invited.

A Memorial Service will be held in Sanders Theatre, probably, and it might be the intentions of friends at Harvard to invite President Angell, unless you have decided to ask him to speak at Chicago.

I will add that Professor Palmer seems to be bearing the strain remarkably and is really exceptionally well. Believe me

Very truly yours,

Louis Bennett Morse.

Boston,
January 11th.

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CONSULTANT EXPERT IN
BATH CONSTRUCTION
MGR ST CAROLINE'S BATH
STA. "M" CHICAGO

Res.:
3339 Vernon Av.,
Sta. "M",

Chicago,
1-21-1908.

Dear Professor:

I picked up a copy of the February "House Beautiful" this morning, finding in it several things edifying to the earnest and hopeful soul, but most unexpected of all, a short and wholly sound and sensible article on "clean air" — the significance of it. So cranky a subject! I am in love with the writer and the sooner I unbreast the matter most likely the better. You are my affinity — on the sanitary plane; for I will have no doubt that you will be as much in earnest to indorse and help habilitate the practical realization of your science as you are to learn and to promulgate it.

Before I come over to pay my court to you herein I must, however, seek answer to a query: Can you keep a secret? For the situation involves my letting you into sundry little confidences related to a cause or causes as well as to my personal and hearthstone interests. (A parenthesis may as well come in here as elsewhere. There was a run of pleasant acquaintance for many years, and touching at several cities, between Frances E. Willard and myself, starting when she was dean at Northwestern, when, recalling a former introduction, I addressed her as "Dear other Dean". The ground of our fellowship [secret No. 1] was our sympathy and measurable common experience in a special useful application of the science of clean air and on my part the art of getting and applying it. She had been at Dr. M. P. Hand's "Hydro" [Miss Frances A. Willard] "Therapia" — for pure, dry hot air at 180° F. to 200° F. — planned in Boston by me, 1870. Miss Willard — such little girl that she never ceased to be — kept up the "Bacchic joke"; alas! that I was ever without a fit plant and that none existed to which she could resort for the efficient alterative tonic use of heat on of oxygen made available by heat, for that is the rationale of the unapproachable hygienic and therapeutic power of the aëro-thermal bath of the ancient Romans. By this token Frank Willard — and many another worthy, should be living now or have lived out his normal span. I can point to living proofs of this. But hist! I told you it was a secret. Presently you will see why it is a secret.)

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Granted, then, that you can keep a secret. And assumed, by your grace, that you will keep these of mine till, at least, we shall agree that the time is ripe for divulgement. I beg you to lay these things up in your heart and keep lips closed how much soever you marvel just now why you should be silent.

Please N.B.: This matter of heat, as I am discoursing upon it, is a bunch of secrets that it were dangerous to let out prematurely. Instance: bless you! I sat as a guest a few minutes on a certain date on the porch of a residence at the n.e. corner of Lexington avenue and The Midway. It was August 3, 1901. My host was your boy-hearted "Prex", Dr W. R. Harper, and with him was Professor Judson. I playfully upbraided the president for his breach of promise in regard to inspecting ("investigating" was his word) prior to 1896 a little plant I had in operation in Englewood, whither he had said he would send over a couple of his professors. They would have found there "the best hotroom in America", and been treated to exhilaration and invigoration from a range of 180°F. to 240°F. The only University man who got there to taste the top reach of all time's lessons in prophylaxis and therapeusis — of course he came only for a good bath — was our admirable Prof. Edward H. Lewis — you know him now of Lewis Institute, Chicago.

Hist! the secrets!

What happened on the presidential porch is the significant thing. I had come with hope that now my lifelong devotion to a great idea — a principle — a truth demonstrated even in my time and almost under my humble eyes with a vast induction — a millionfold proof — was to receive at last its assurance of success and the way be opened at this seat of true science and learning for bestowing this great life-saving and health-preserving agency upon a needy world. Trying to be precise and terse in these precious moments, presenting the salient instances of the operation of this incomparable remedy under my observation (drawn from over 250,000 applications of it before my eyes), what do you think were not my feelings when your great organizer tilted me over with this kind of a beam: "If heat has all the virtue you say it has, the medical profession would be glad to know it, and could be trusted to find it out."! Dear Madam, you can not imagine the situation; one day you may — for your own sake and man's sake. I hope you will. I was simply stricken dumb. I stammered "You would think so," and some other incoherent words. Prof. Judson joined Dr Harper in the laugh. I had met Satan in a new form, and he had bested me! Dr Harper encouragingly said "If you will open a 'Turkish' Bath anywhere near the University, I will be a constant and frequent customer; I am very fond of the 'Turkish' Bath." I had then at command the very best plant ever opt

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Sel-ph on Earth — St Caroline's, Washington boulevard and Elizabeth Street, Chicago — and I invited Dr Harper to a private showing of its delights (a physical joy he nor you have never experienced, save in like air, which I know has never been sold anywhere else). "Too far to go for a bath", the Doctor thought. Lives would have been saved and real medical science have been sent forward by incomputable strides, had your president then gone with me and taken that important, pregnant lesson in actual, scientific therapeutics.

For a third of a century since I, a student of medicine, discerned (on a byway) in simple honesty the great virtue of heat as a remedy, have I been seeking, in season and out of season, first hopefully, later despairingly, to engage the attention of the faculty to so potent and so dependable an expedient. The true story of this matter is, in a word, sickening. I won't burden you with the tale. It is a fact that in spite of the centuries upon centuries of health and strength by the Bath [the aëro-thermal, high-temperature, clean-air bath] among the Romans; of the innumerable speedy cures of all the ailments and many of the (otherwise) incurable diseases in modern time, there does not exist in any hospital on this planet or in any sanitarium even (save one in Bristol, Eng, and one in Brooklyn, N.Y.), an outfit for administering the immersive bath in pure air at effective temperatures (180° F. up to 300° F.). Not many years ago Prof. John L. W. Thudichum, of London, Eng, a famous chemist and physiologist, physician in chief to the London Infirmary for Diseases of the Throat and Chest, having become himself a victim of tuberculosis of the lungs, ~~both~~ was cured completely by heat ("common atmospheric air at 220° F. and above"). In an impassioned address to the assembled medical brain (?) of the United Kingdom, he thus characterized his remedy: "The most powerful and certain and at the same time most safe and agreeable therapeutic agent in existence." In hundreds, aye thousands of cases, including my own recovery from general paralysis, again from appendicitis, my wife's from pneumonia four times, my children's from a variety of complaints, and so on and on, I have had direct corroboration of Dr Thudichum's declaration. In Dr Hanson's practice in Milwaukee, Dr Wood's, Dr Shepard's in Brooklyn, Dr Miller's in N.Y. — preëminently at Bartholomew's "Turkish Bath" Dr., Bristol Eng, the regular, common, usual thing, in the most desperate of "dangerous" and "deadly" seizures — pneumonia, typhoid, Bright disease, etc, etc, etc. — has been an easy and speedy cure, "relapses" practically none, "failures" next to zero in the total; yet, dear Meadam, it is a fact that the science and art of heat in pure air is not taught in any medical school in this Country. Worse, there is not a man in any college in this country qualified to teach about heat!

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Deary me! I fear that my little 3-year old — bright little Helen, who next year must be in your School-of-Education Kinder-garden, and some day don the black "mortar-board" — by her incessancy at my elbow with new little inventions to show me, has run me into a mire of "prolixity"!

January, a year ago, Prof. E. H. Lewis and I had the pleasure beyond compare of, its kind, of taking a bath in St Caroline's hotroom, at about 230°F. "This is pure air all right — I can taste it!" he said. The 17th of that month I fired up specially (at an expense of $15. to $20.) for the entertainment of Dr Ludwig Hektoen and friends, and others, who had made appointments to come. Dr Frank Billings politely (and ignorantly and unenterprisingly) declined the treat, being "perfectly well" and having no time "to indulge in a luxury". Others apologized for not coming; Dr Hektoen stayed away. My very expert manipulator and I had a superb bath (240°F.) all by ourselves.

Any weekday, up to 6 P.M., or Saturday, 9 P.M., Sunday not at all, you women may have a pleasant and wholesome bath at Burnham's, 70-72 State St. Mirabile! there is ventelation there. The other Baths "for Ladies" and the Baths "for Gentlemen" — a dozen in Chicago — are innocent of any change of air in their hotrooms. The Saratoga Hotel Bath hotroom has a very small outlet (in the wrong place) in helping the change of a few cubic inches of air in the hour.

Now, — a great secret: It is my design, as soon as I can find a building very close to the Quadrangle, and engage the capital, to fit up a model and adequate Bath for men to accommodate your Faculty, students and visitors, and a Women's Bath equal in every respect to the other. Here (for Heaven's and Earth's sakes keep this mum!) the two younger classes of Rush and their instructors may learn a few things worth more than all their pharmacopoeia besides.

Please ponder and be silent. Respt. L. L. Dean

I have a photograph of the interior of St Caroline's Bath which you may see some time if you wish. The Bath itself can then invite purchase by some Sanitary syndicate. R.S.D.

To Dean H. Wade Hall
Dean H. Angell

8 Walnut Street
Boston
4 February, 1903

My dear Marion

I did not reply to your letter yesterday morning when it came for I did not wish to decide the questions you ask hastily. After these twenty-four hours, I find my first judgment strengthened, rather than set aside. In a publication of this kind, it seems to me we cannot have the bare record

your letter proposes, especially at the beginning. I feel that we cannot spare the brief life sketch. It may be that when I see what you have written of Mrs. Palmer's work in connection with the A.C.A., I shall feel differently. Because it is possible that your plan for that is more comprehensive than I foresee. But with what light I have, I think the life sketch necessary. And if we publish the list of papers and addresses, I should prefer to see those at the end, where, for example, the "bibliography" usually finds place in the memoirs of members of historical and other societies. I feel sure your sketch of Mrs. Palmer's connection with the A.C.A. will give full reason why we, as an association should publish this memorial number in our series; hence, if the page giving the dates and list of offices is inserted, I should prefer it with the "bibliography" at the end.

It is not that I do not feel the importance of an

their data. To me who has often waded through pages of print, as Chair, to find accurately set down a few simple facts, could fail to do so; and I am more than glad you have been so thoughtful as to compile these. But they are not in place, it seems to me, where they must necessarily be so prominent as at the opening pages of this publication. I feel that to any the few who can interpret, would they "memorialize" Mrs. Palmer. The remainder need more.

I am not forgetting

how wonderfully perfect
as a delineation of character is
the report of the memorial
meeting. For those of us
who were near to Mrs.
Palmer in all these years,
nothing more could be
wished. And personally,
my memoir would be
this, with President Eliot's
impressive tribute on
Saturday. Nothing more. But of course,
we must have in mind
the Association with its
varied membership. And
for the members and others
to whom this number may be
sent, and for the records of

the Assn., we need additions to give completeness to the whole.

Probably I shall receive your manuscript as soon as this reaches you, or a little later, and I will then write you again.

Wish I could express what a joy it is to me to think of seeing you here. As soon as the date is decided, would you kindly let me know. For I want to ask two or three members of the A.C.A. to meet you for consultation.

Feel as if you were the only one who could advise me as to certain things which trouble me much. Thank you for your generous cooperation as to this publication work. You are spared much in being so far away. If you were here, you would have to see me twice a day, I fear.

Always sincerely
Florence M. C.

P.S. I learn that, if we wish it, we could probably have President Eliot's tribute to Mrs. Palmer at Saturday's meeting, to include in our publication. I am asking several people to

give me their judgment as to this. Will you not give me yours? Sent you the Herald's report which was nearly complete. It contained between eight and nine hundred words

with 1903 letters

A SERVICE IN MEMORY
OF
MRS. ALICE FREEMAN PALMER
WILL BE HELD IN
APPLETON CHAPEL
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST
MDCCCCIII
AT HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK
TO WHICH THE
FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES
OF MRS. PALMER
ARE INVITED

8 Walnut Street
Boston
28. January, 1903

Dear Marion.

I have telegraphed Mrs. Baches to send you the report of the memorial meeting, held December 29th. As we have read and reread that, each came to the same conclusion without any conference, namely, that it would be wholly out of harmony to add anything to this. It seems

Enclose Mrs. Backus's letter
impossible. And, moreover
it is Mr. Palmer's wish
that this be not attempted
by each, he wants
nothing added, so I am
told; but this feeling,
I fear, we cannot wholly
regard. We should cer-
tainly have some reason
appear for our publish-
ing anything beyond the
memorial page which is
to appear in the magazine
number to be marked this
week. This you can give,
it seems to me, in that
part of her life, which sets
forth her connection with
the A.C.A. This connection should
be emphasized more
than Mrs. Backus could
do in her remarks at
the meeting. But do you
not think her connection
with Wellesley and the
State Board of Education,
and also the Institute in
Spain, is sufficiently set
forth in the addresses there.
You can judge better now
that you have read those,
what your part should
be and I do not wonder
that you were perplexed
before this report was sent you.
Now that we have decided
to close without any

"Character Sketch", and now that you know what was said at the memorial meeting, do you not think you can include all that is needful in your own sketch?

Had thought of preparing the record of it meeting with a few words, giving reasons why we publish it and stating that we feel that the full report, without changes, with its spontaneous tributes from friends who stood very near to Mrs. Palmer, will better express to the wider circle what was the spirit of her life.

If you feel that you can better bring to a close

what you will say, by
stating this at greater
length in your own way,
do so. Kindly send me word
as to this.
I have not the
Transcript at hand
which gives the account
of the meeting of the bar
for in memory of Judge
Gray, but will refer to it.
My idea, at present is,
not to have the two
sketches you propose,
Mr. Morris's and your own,
but that you should com-
bine the two. I await
your further word; but
if you can see your way clear
to carrying out this plan of
the one life-sketch including all,

and can do it with full concurrence, will you not proceed? Time is precious. I think say the limit you propose (twenty five hundred words) about the proper proportion. The pages of the type written report have about 250 words, as I remember. This will give about a quarter of the whole to your part. Do you think this would be more than we should plan for in consideration of Mr. Palmer's feeling? I may place more importance than I should in this, for Mrs. Palmer belonged so much to her friends and associates and was so closely connected with the world's work, that we cannot consider Mr. Palmer's feeling at the sacrifice of what is right and just to her memory. At the same time we must remember that if he withheld his consent, we could not, and ought not to, publish much of this report, even although it does not at all belong to him, but to the Committee who have so generously given it into our hands.

I gave the order yesterday afternoon for

the plate for a photogravure portrait of Mrs. Palmer, to be taken from a negative of Lorenz, made in the Summer of 1901. It is a very fine portrayal of Mrs. Palmer at her best. I am sorry that the "cap", (it is taken in her Michigan gown) conceals a part of her beautiful brow, but I am sure we could have nothing finer as a whole. I do hope you will like it. It is to be reproduced by John Andrew & Son, the engraver who is said to be our best in Boston.

One word more — The report will, of course, be "edited", but practically

unchanged. Strangely enough, Bishop Lawrence stands the test of a word-for-word report least well; do you not think so as you read? I have had some difficulty in "reducing" his remarks so that repetition may not weaken and yet keep faith with the statement that we are publishing a verbatim report. Fortunately, wide latitude is allowed and if you have any suggestions to make, do not hesitate to do so as to any of the addresses.

I have written so many letters that I cannot recall if I gave you my reason for the wish to proceed as rapidly as we can. The Committee on the Memorial will have, of course, a certain number of copies of our publication. President Eliot is desirous of having them as soon as possible. It seems the very least return we can make for their gift of the record, to place them in his hands at an early date. Can you advise me how many we should send? We have 3200 members in our asso^n. I think order 3500 at the least.

This would allow 200 or 250 for the Committee. What say you? A few of the alumnae have asked me if they could purchase extra copies. What shall I do as to this? Suppose an unattached slip might be enclosed ~~loosely~~, in response to this request. How do you feel about this?

Will you try to overlook my poly chrome sheets, if I indicate where my many questions are.

Thank you for your carefully considered letter and for the counsel it gives me. You do feel, do you not, that you can speak freely

to me about any of this work in connection with the A. C. A. — My inadequacy to fill this position makes the support of all my friends a necessity not only for my sake, but for the Association. The present condition needs all your thought. But this must come later. I would only ask if you have any thought of coming East in the spring season.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Cushing.

The Feb.y Review of Reviews is to have an article on Mrs. Palmer

Palmer

Harvard University.
Feb. 15. 1903

Dear Miss Talbot:

This is the ruby velvet, & there are extra pieces which I found laid by themselves, & which may help in the reconstruction of the gown for your purposes. I do hope you will rebuild & wear it. Nothing would have pleased her more than to have it continue its work as a dress of the Dean of Chicago.

& that Dear you, her extremely dear friend. How exultant she always was in your success there, & in the wide respect which you have always inspired! I know you are glad to do the work partly because she began it. And so it seems suitable that this her mantle of office should now enfold you. I hope you will enjoy it as she did.

Affectionately

S. W. Palmer

The University of Chicago.

Feb. 9, 1903.

My dear Miss Talbot:

I have been delayed, and am a little late in returning the cuttings. I hope you have not been put to inconvenience.

I feel more and more the greatness of the occasion, and my inadequacy.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Hale

Memorial meeting for Mrs. Palmer.

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Mrs. Palmer

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Boston, March 19 1903.

Dear Dr. Harper, —

We have been a very interesting woman, Mrs. J. E. D. Sharp. I think you will recollect her name as the negro lady who is in charge of the higher education of the Liberian girls, under the auspices of one of our Education

societies. I send you in another cover a speech which she made at one of our meetings the other day, which will give you some idea of her success.

I am afraid that she has not time to go to Chicago and Oberlin, as she wants to go; but if she can we will arrange to bring it in her line of travel.

I write to you to ask if

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any arrangement could be made by which she could speak in the University on Modern Africa, and what the world can do for it, in her unaffected and straightforward way? And if so, whether our week is any better than another?

I thought they had any first-rate black graduates at Oberlin, who would take up such work as hers with enthusiasm, I should like her to see them.

Mrs. Sharp recollects that at one time, she and her friends sent some African curios, I think, to your museum. She would like to know whether such matters have still any

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to you. She does not think of it, but I who am a man of frugal mind cannot help wishing that you wanted to give her an order for some and pay her money for them, which would go into her school.

With my pleasant

recollections of last year
at Chicago. I am,

Truly yours.

Edw. E. Hale

Boston, April 6, 1903.

Dear Miss Talbot,

Your favor of April second is duly at hand with enclosures as stated. Your own check I have signed and duly sent: Miss Borrow's check for $150. has been deposited in the Puritan Trust Co., and this amount, as interest paid, has been endorsed on her note.

The Puritan Trust Co. has credited the account the following sums by interest: Jan. 1 - $5.86 : Jan. 27 - $4.91 : Feb. 27 - $5.86 : Mch. 27 - $5.39 These amounts you'd better enter on the stubs of your check book. The total now to the credit of the account there I make $2539.52 If this does not correspond with your figures, kindly advise me.

I note what you write about the Norwood land: both Mr. Gay and Mr. Folan have it entered on their books for sale, and they would be likely to know of any local demand. In addition, if you think best, I will look up some Boston real estate men to put on it also. I very much doubt if it is a matter we can force, which I think your mother recognized when she specified that the executors should be allowed five years. The next time I see Weinstock I'll find out what he suggests.

We have not seen anything of Russell yet, but hope he arrived in good health, and shall be on the lookout for him before long. I presume you heard of the death of Bishop Brent's brother, who was in charge at the Lincoln House: apparently a blood poisoning complication about which nobody seems to know.

Apropos to the Lincoln House, and knowing of its work and of those

connected with it, you may be interested to hear that Ellery Clark, who has been working there for some time and has tried in that section for the two years past, has just announced his engagement to a young girl of that part of the city. She is very young, so there will probably be no immediate talk of a wedding.

While sorry to have missed you when you were last here, I am glad that you saw our baby: we are proud of her, and such a thing is so much of a novelty on my side of the family that I am afraid she is destined to be spoiled.

I hope you are very well and that all is going smoothly with you.

Very sincerely yours

Winthrop Sargent.

W. W.,
April 6. 1903.

THE FACULTIES OF
ARTS, LITERATURE, AND SCIENCE
OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF WOMEN

The University of Chicago
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO April 7, 1903.

My dear President Harper;--

Three courses are open in reference to the enclosed report:--

1. Close scrutiny of quarters occupied by women (and men?) students and the requirement that students live only in approved places. This system would involve large expense and a heavy responsibility.

2. No rooms (for women?) to be placed on the list of the Bureau of Information except those in houses or flats where a reception room is provided. This would share the responsibility with the student.

3. Take no notice of the matter on the assumption that the cases where wrong is intended or harm done are infinitesimal in number, while, in spite of ignorance of conventionalities, our students are universally characterized by a high degree of self-respect.

Very truly yours,

Marion Talbot

Which policy do you advocate?

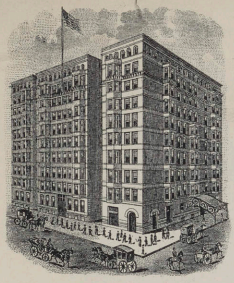
WRH

No. 2 by all means to start with and Miss Breckinridge and I will try to work out something practicable along the line of No. 1 if you think best.

M. T.

Good

WRH



AN ABSOLUTELY FIRE PROOF HOTEL.

The VIRGINIA HOTEL,
RUSH & OHIO STREETS
CHICAGO.

May 6th 1903

My dear Miss Talbot:

Thanks again for your cordial note. Before saying that I can go to you - I must be clear about the "part" I am to play. I cannot remember just the nature of your request, before, I only remember that you wanted me to go to you. If I am simply to be a guest and say nothing I shall like that - but

you want me to address the young ladies in regard to the DRAMA - I must decline, because I am so tired. I am sure you understand me. I wish Miss McCracken were to be here now. I am glad you liked her. I think her a very rare young woman. With thanks for your thought of me, I am,

Very sincerely yours

Julia Marlowe

Charles St. Ave.
Baltimore. May 16. '03

Dear Miss Talbot,

Yours with enclosure received. I will send ~~the~~ next by June 5th. After that I could send on the first of the month.

As to the number of articles, since you are kind as to give me a free hand. Five more

must finish this series
lest those reading them
forget my starting point
and lose the thread
of the argument, but
there seems to be no
end to what I can
say on the subject.

I could also, however,
write one or two articles
on the subject you at first
proposed of Club Study
in these lines. Did
you know that the friend

Federation of Clubs is to take up Home Economics & push it vigorously & it is to have a prominent place & no apologies in the St. Louis meeting? Mrs. Richards & I have been trying to advise as to subjects of study. It must be conducted on entirely new lines, if it is to effect anything. I should like to know how much these leaders are really interested and how much they are yielding to a changed public opinion. You noticed

perhaps, that Dean Thomas said in her Washington address that our ~~that~~ women were earnestly studying domestic conditions seeming to hope that Cess would stand in the way of the free use of woman's best faculties — a married woman's. I don't think it book important as coming from her and considering her influence on educated women who have turned their back on it. I am glad you have the Exhibit & your published outline is helpful. Interesting as it is, it's deficiencies are glaring. Everywhere it goes, it did receive attention. Yours sincerely,

Mary H. Abel

GEORGE ADE
THE ATHLETIC CLUB
CHICAGO

May 26, 1903

Dear Madam:-

In behalf of the committee permit me to thank you for your contribution to the Hall Testimonial fund. I am sending you 5 tickets herewith.

Yours truly, George Ade

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

Sept. 17, 1903.

My dear Miss Talbot,

I did not write you in the summer in response to your letter but I think that I should like to say a word in regard to Miss Stettler before we drop the case.

She has been to see me and she certainly impresses one pleasantly. Her manner and behavior are quiet and ladylike and I should really expect from her after your testimony and Miss Van Hoesen's the conduct that we think essential in young women students. I have, however, been over all the ground with her in relation to her studies and think it would be very foolish for her to come here where she will have to review a good deal of work when she has already made such arrangements at Chicago as will enable her to graduate this year. We do not accept the Stetson University work at its face value and our arrangement with Chicago only calls upon us to take the work done in the University itself. We feel very strongly in regard to this and I do not think the faculty would be likely to re-consider the Stetson case at present. Even without that, considering the amount of work that Miss Stettler has done outside of the University for which we would give her no credit, she would not be up to our senior year, as I understand she is with you. In the circumstances, it would seem to me very foolish for her to undertake a course of study in her invaluable senior year which would be much of it review for re-examination or the going over ground which she does not need to cover now with you.

It would be impossible also for Miss Stettler to get a room on the campus. It is too late for us even to consider the matter and we are likely to have 150 girls residing outside for whom our care is more demanded than for one of senior rank.

Miss Stettler appreciates the situation fully and has left me just now with the intention of returning to Chicago and completing her work as I have advised her strongly to do. I wish for her the utmost success and I write this in order that you may not misunderstand my own position and that I may do justice to her. It is true that I would rather not receive to the college and its very free life a young woman who has twice been guilty of an indiscretion but I trust that I am not given to harsh judgment of young people and I know perfectly well that she can outgrow, as I have faith to think she has outgrown, all tendencies to this kind of folly.

Believe me, with most cordial personal interest,

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Taylor

(Dictated)

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Believe me, with most cordial personal interest,

Sincerely yours,

(Dictated)

CLASSICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
66 MARLBOROUGH STREET

Boston, Sept. 24, 1903

My dear Miss Tabb—

I enclose a cheque for the interest on the mortgage due Sept. twenty-sixth. I still hope to send you one thousand dollars on Oct. 26 and the interest from July 1; but I may be able to send only the $500. called for by my contract — five hundred having been paid already.

With the hope that this will reach you promptly — I have no idea where you are,

Sincerely yours,

Alice Brown

S. Alice Brown

Boston,
October 5, 1903.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

Your favor enclosing Miss Brown's check for $150. is at hand on my return to town this morning. I have duly deposited it in the Puritan Trust Co. They have credited the account with the following interest items, none of which I think I have as yet advised you of:-

April 27	6.02
May 27	6.37
June 27	6.37
July 27	5.96
August 27	6.58
September 28	6.16
	37.46

My balance of the whole account is $2726.98 and should agree with your stub.

I don't know anything better to do

with this reserve unless you would care to put it into some form: this might not a little more in interest, but a fair clear account really except more to make it an object, which in a second place have [illegible] in prior might more than counterbalance any gain in interest.

I shall be glad, if there amount for you, it may prove to mate a strange.

Yours very truly

Alfred Tennyson.

October 22, 1903.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

By way of reply to the question in your favor just at hand – some time ago I had occasion to ask a somewhat similar question of an old business man, whose answer in effect was this: – Although trust or estate funds may sometimes remain a long while in agency hands, they more often do not, the theory being that they are intended for some definite object or destination, and

merely pass through your hands on their way to that end; on the other hand, funds so held may be properly used for a legitimate purchase or investment under two conditions (1) that you guarantee the trust or estate against loss because of your judgment (2) that you are able to make such guarantee good.

This is good sense, though much blunter than polite, as I recognized. In fact, I don't see why you should not take the loan if you think best. In this case, I would suggest that you merely send a check bill, or your per-

small note, payable to the Estate, for me to file with the other papers. I don't think any collateral is necessary.

Merely as a query, would it make you any easier in such a case to get the written consent of the other heirs?

Edith took supper with us last evening, and reported all flourishing at Stoldarness.

Very sincerely yours

Whitney Westerlee.

66 Marlborough Street

Boston, October 24, 1903

Dear Miss Talbot,

I enclose a cheque for one thousand dollars and interest for one month at five percent. If nothing happens I shall send you five hundred more March 26, thus anticipating the payment due July first. That seems to me the best way to solve the problem of three payments yearly and interest for short intervals.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin Abbott

Oct. 28 1903

My Dear Miss Talbot,

Your two favors are at hand this morning, with enclosures, and contents are noted.

The two checks I have signed and forwarded. Miss Brown's payment I have endorsed on her note, and the check I have deposited, as per the enclosed slip, in the Bay State Trust Co., which I trust will not inconvenience you. The account at the Puritan is, as you say, increasing, and, while I have no reason to think them anything but solid, they are young and a small company, and it will be just as well to have the funds divided, even if they do not allow us quite as much interest.

I return Miss Barrow's note, and congratulate her (as well as ourselves) that everything is apparently going so well with her.

Truly yours

Winthrop Rockefeller.

Boston,
October 28, 1903.

Dear Miss Talbot,

Enclosed are checks returned by the Bay State Trust on balancing: their balance to our credit is now $1042.73, which your stub should agree with.

The Pinkham Trust have credited their account $4.50 for the month of October, which kindly add to your balance. I should explain the smallness of this interest by stating that it represents only a part of the month – the remainder will be made up to us later.

Sincerely yours

Winthrop Pickard.

Boston,
Nov. 3, 1903.

Folan The Shoeman.

Real Estate.
Money Loaned.
Steamship Agent.

Boots, Shoes,
and
Rubbers.

We are Agents for Sorosis Shoes.

Norwood, Mass., Nov. 14 1903

Mrs Edith A Talbot.

Madam: Your letter of the at hand stating cause for delay of reply to my letter of some weeks ago. The party who wants to purchase the land has not put a price upon it, has made no offer, except to say that he would purchase and pay cash if it could be procured at a fair price. He has called 3 times to enquire if I had heard from you. I have had a talk with Mr. Pimpton said, given him to understand that there is a good prospect of a sale being made.

Hoping for an early reply I am

James M Folan

Wrote asking if passed office for 1895, 1896, 1897, 1900 & 1903 also that price for railway property was $25 & acre. Also that an offer for whole property was sought & we would be accepted if received forthwith.

ASQUAM FARM,

HOLDERNESS, N. H.

VIA ASHLAND, N. H.
R. F. D. 1.

Nov. 16, 1903

Dear Marion,-

On Friday my letter to you was mailed without a stamp & I am not sure it will be delivered at all events if it is, there will be extra postage to pay which is enclosed.

I need to borrow six hundred dollars for three months, or until my winter payments come in & should like to get it from the estate in the form of a note at six per cent interest. Winthrop says that as the money is in the savings bank at a much lower rate of interest & as the note would be based on proportional

distribution finally, he approves fully the case you do also. As the money is necessary for payment for windows & piping & two weeks extra payroll, I need to have it as soon as possible & my perplexity would be most easily solved if I can get it from the estate by the end of the week, so if you will make a cheque for Winthrop to sign he will make out a note & send it to me. Of course you will clearly understand that what I wish to do is to buy the use of the money, not to anticipate any divisional payment — making it a purely business transaction.

Mr. Folan has some offer on the Norwood property; shall probably hear from

ASQUAM FARM,
HOLDERNESS, N. H.
VIA ASHLAND, N. H.
R. F. D. 1.

him tomorrow.

Russell's recent worldly advancement must be a source of considerable gratification to all. He undoubtedly deserves the recognition of his abilities.

Edith did bravely during my long absence (which will prove profitable to us all) but I am glad to be back to relieve her & Mr. Barstow & if I can arrange this loan, my mind will be easy. Otherwise the next two months will drag heavily. Please telegraph at my expense whether I may expect the arrangement to be made.

As always, your brother with love,
Winthrop.

16. Nov. 1903.

ASQUAM FARM,
HOLDERNESS, N. H.
VIA ASHLAND, N. H.
R. F. D. 1.

C. Nov. 17
1903

Marion.-

It was pleasant to catch even a glimpse of you. I carried through my program according to Hoyle. Russell was conducting service at his church when I got to Albany; we breakfasted at the University Club where he boards & he seems very happy in a congenial & useful work.

I find a message from Folan of two offers for the land but the details were lost or delayed in the shuffle between here & Chicago. Shall hear from him again by Monday.

meets your approval & if so send cheque to W. W. who will make out note for me to sign.

I asked Dr. Wiedenhof to be able to answer to order landowner's signing

Gertrude.

Edith & Kathrin well & happy.

Arthur

I saw Winthrop Wetherbee & made a proposition which he approves fully for the estate in case you do, namely this: I require six hundred dollars for three months for which I will pay six per cent — with the option of extending the time to six months. If the money is now in the bank this is a considerably larger return than it would ~~give~~ there & at the same time would be of distinct service to me just now before my winter payments are due & I need to close up my building purchases for the winter. Please let me know by wire whether the loan of $600. at 6% for three months

ASQUAM FARM,

HOLDERNESS, N. H.

VIA ASHLAND, N. H.
R. F. D. 1.

Dec. 11, 1903

My dear Marion,

Your note of the 9th inst. is just at hand.

Acknowledgment of the cheque was made when it was received from Winthrop Wetherbee: the receipt to the Estate which came some days later was promptly signed & returned. I wish to thank you for your trouble in sending the money.

Enclosed is the statement from Rogers received this morning. I have written him that I would communicate with you - If you think fit to place a price on the land of five

five & a half or six cents for the whole property for him to place before his client, it would seem a fair offer. If this is not taken, it will be open to him to make an offer then. At all events, kindly reply to Rogers. Whatever you do, I shall concur in it.

Your brother,

Winthrop T. Talbot.

11th Dec. 1903.

I will see that

Dec. 24, 1903

Dear Miss Talbot,

Your favor at hand with enclosures as stated.

I have sent Whitmore a receipt to sign and return. To Mrs. Jackson I have sent her checks and receipts to sign and return as each check is used. Russell's check I hand you herewith, together with your own, as I do not know his address.

You will note that I have dated both checks and receipts "December 26, 1903", as the trust company preferred to have the thirty days' notice. Russell should send to you or myself his

receipt when he has deposited his check. I have written an explanation of the matter to Mrs. Jackson, and he also should be cautioned not to deposit until that time.

I trust this will be satisfactory to you, and am

Sincerely yours

Winthrop Westerlen.

Boston,
November 24, 1903.

I have had the inquiry about the Norwood land, but nothing definite yet, as the man has decided to go out and look over the land himself. He is a Norwood man.

Nov. 22 1903

Dear Miss Talbot,

Your favor is just at hand, and I have at once signed and forwarded the check to Whitthorp. I wrote him the gist of my letter to you, telling him that until I heard from you we would leave the matter open, but if you agreed with my ideas we should expect from him a receipt for $500. and his note, demand 6%, for $100.

You may on thinking it over conclude that a $600. distribution is not too large at this time: in such a case there will be nothing to secure but his receipt.

I have often urged Whitthorp to go more conservatively in the business and money

transactions of his enterprise, to make his alterations, repairs, additions, etc. gradually, and always to keep a sum on hand, even though small, for an emergency – which is sure to arise. But he is so built that he is impatient to do everything at once, and is consequently always cramped. The other way I am convinced would leave him in a little stronger position at the end of each succeeding season.

I await your decision.

Very truly yours

Winthrop Westcott.

Boston, November 19, 1903.

Dear Miss Talbot,

A distribution is "practicable", and is reasonably safe if not too large, and I concur in your wish to make one: it would be one step nearer the settlement, and, judiciously made, ought to lessen our own responsibility as guardians of the estate. In addition to which, the heirs should not be kept from their due even a day longer than is necessary. I think $500. apiece would be a little more conservative at this time, for, while your statement is correct, our condition looks better on paper than in fact — for these reasons:- When Winthrop spoke to me on this matter what he was inquiring on was his interest, not in a direct legacy, but in the residue: now there is no residue until all debts or liabilities (and a legacy is a debt) are paid — that is, there will be no such thing as a residue until the hospital is paid $5000. We need not pay the hospital until November 1905, but if they feel so inclined they can collect interest on this sum for all time over the five years this legacy remains unpaid. Further, Miss Brown is fully living up to her agreement, but her mortgage is a second mtge. and in case of her death the equity would be claimed by the first mtge. while we would be in a hole with legal expenses and other expenditures to meet. Boiled down fine the situation is this — we must pay $5000. about November 1905, and must not do anything now to make that payment doubtful. Judging by Miss Brown's intentions so far, I think we would have the money even if we distribute now, and so feel like taking these chances now. I would very much prefer to do this than to have any operations with promissory notes as Winthrop proposed.

Please do not take any of the preceding as an argument against your proposition for, as I say, I think a $500. distribution could not be made safely – and a sale of the Norwood land would add to the safety. Your mother never intended that the hospital should profit at the expense of her natural heirs, yet for the time being this is what seems to each one of them to be the case: it will not prove to be so in the end.

If you conclude to act, please advise me at once, for you will recall that the Pittsburg people regard our account as a special deposit and stipulated for a notice of thirty days, to which we agreed.

I am sorry not to have been in accord with Winthrop when he wanted to borrow against his note: we ourselves are under bond, we are in a position where others have to trust us, the estate is still unsettled, and we have no moral right to do favors of that kind for one heir at the possible expense of the others. I told him I did not think it was business, and know he would never have expected it if he had been a business man. At all events the present plan is much cleaner.

We are very glad to hear of Russell's advancement at Albany, and hope he finds the office in every way congenial.

Yours very truly

Winthrop Rutherfurd.

Dec. 23, 1903

Camp Asquam,
Holderness, N. H.

Dear Marion:

Your note of the 16th came two days ago. I have written Folan according, quoting 5½ cents for the whole property & asking him to let me know results as to his prospective (?) purchaser.

With Xmas greetings.

Winthrop.

27. Dec. 1903.

Dear Miss Talbot,

The interest credits on the Pavilion Tr. 60 are $8.88 for November and $6.83 for December. I am enclosing herewith the paid checks, and statement showing what the credit items have been during the past year – present balance is $1247.19, which I think you will find correct.

I hope the new year starts well with you and has much good in store.

Truly yours

Whitney Netcher.

Boston,
January 2, 1904.

CAMP ASQUAM,
HOLDERNESS, N. H.

Via ASHLAND, N. H.
R. F. D. 1.

Feb. 26, 1904

Dear Marion:-

I wrote by the next mail to Edith reassuring her & since then have forwarded an order in blank. All the children have equal rights in the lot & it is only to save trouble for all that in signing the necessary documents, authority was delegated to one.

I have written twice to Nolan & have had no reply. Shall

try to see him when I go to Boston next.

Wetherbee has had serious illness in his family for some weeks — perforated ear-drums with suppuration of middle ears & removal of adenoids — he writes me.

We have all been well, but it has been a most trying winter as all the springs & wells are dry — & all water has to be hauled from the Lake. However we have none of us been sick & Spring is at hand, so we are

very grateful. I stand ready to go to Boston at any time, although I must not leave the boys alone until my new assistant comes.

Kindest regards to Mrs Breckinridge.

Wm Throop.

26. Feb. 1904.

The University of Chicago
Founded by John D. Rockefeller
Office of the President

Chicago, February 9, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:

I agree with you in reference to your note of February 2d, touching the girls' club party scheduled for Friday, and later changed to Thursday. Bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Student Organizations.

Very truly yours,

William R. Harper

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Cornell College
Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

February 27, 1904.

Dean Marion Talbot, A. M.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Madam:-

I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been unanimously nominated by our Faculty to the Board of Trustees for the degree of Doctor of Laws, to be conferred at our Semi-Centennial Celebration on the 16th of June. It is expected that all candidates for degrees will be present to receive the same, and it is hoped that most of them will be able to favor us by accepting a more or less important appointment on the program of this important anniversary. It is expected to make the occasion worthy of the College and the State. The preliminary program will soon be out. A number of eminent speakers are already engaged. Will you kindly favor us by your presence and acceptance of the proposed honour?

Hoping for an early and favorable reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

W. F. King.

Dean Marion Talbot, M. D.,

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Hoping for an early and favorable reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

CLASSICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
66 MARLBOROUGH STREET

Mar. 18, 1904

My dear Mr. Wetherbee,

The enclosed bill is correct by the papers given me at the time of the transference of 66 Marlborough St. to my name and should be paid from the estate of Mrs. Talbot.

If you prefer I will subtract the amount from the interest due March 26th.

Very truly yours,
Clara Stern

March 18, 1904

I have decided not to subtract the amount of the bill but to send you my interest due March 26 ($125.) also a payment of

$500., completing the second thous
due July 1, 1904.

L. A. Hamm

Boston,
March 22, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

The enclosed letter is at hand this morning from Miss Brown. The check for $625. I have deposited in the Pacific Trust Co., and have endorsed on her note $125. received account of interest and $500. account of principal. This now leaves the face of her note at $4500.

The City of Boston bill, you will remember, is the bill for betterment which was spoken of when we passed Miss Brown's papers: we could not pay it then as we did not know the amount, but it belongs on our side to pay, and I will await check from you.

I think I neglected to state yesterday that the land Mr. Pennington wants is that between the road and the rail-road (containing, according to your plan, 57,600 sq. feet) but he will probably open the bell by making an offer for the whole of it — that is, both lots.

The Parrison Land Co. have credited the account interest as follows: Jan. 27 $3.12 and Feb. 25 $2.85

Truly and sincerely yours

Winthrop Rutherfurd.

March 24. 1904.

As I understand the situation in regard to the new department, it is that no new expenditures are to be authorized by the Trustees no matter in what way they are provided for. It is of course impossible to ask Mrs Breckinridge to give instruction without compensation or even to remain in an executive position with only the small income allotted. The result will be ~~on the one hand~~ that the conditions under which Mrs McNeill gave the fellowship and ~~Mrs Day applied for it~~ ~~and~~ which made it possible to continue work which I am willing to present to the educational world as worthy of academic recognition are so

changed that I raise the question whether the whole project should not be withdrawn, in spite of the very serious obligations I have incurred with Miss Day the candidate for the fellowship.

With the loss of Miss Breckinridge's trained and valuable services among the women, much of the work which I am now directing would have to be performed if at all in rather a perfunctory manner. If I attempted this work in its present faulty & one-sided form.

It may be that you have thought of some way of securing a modification of the Trustees' action, as

that this great step forward may be taken in a way which will afford me great personal satisfaction

I wish it were not necessary to trouble you just now, ~~but the announcements are in the press and the need for action seems immediate~~ and I am

The University of Chicago
Founded by John D. Rockefeller
Office of the President

Chicago, March 28, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:

I have your note of March twenty-fourth. You evidently do not quite understand the situation, since it is not understood "that no new expenditures are to be authorized by the Trustees no matter in what way they are provided for." As I suggested, when we are able to see the new students come in for this work we shall be able, of course, to increase the expenditures, and I am quite sure that after all a gift for this particular purpose would be received. I can understand that the presence of Miss Breckenridge will make it possible for you personally to do work in connection with the new department more satisfactorily to yourself. I have not thought that her connection with the proposed department was in any sense a vital one. I think myself that we should make an effort to hold Miss Breckenridge and I have been thinking on this subject since our interview. It would be quite a serious matter now to take a backward step in view of the fact of the announcement to the public and also in view of the fact that with the Trustees the case of Miss Breckenridge has never been a sine qua non. I am hoping that we may be

 Chicago,

able to work out some plan. It may take a little time, but I have no doubt it will be accomplished.

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

The University of Chicago
Founded by John D. Rockefeller
Office of the President

Chicago, April 23rd, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

Your note of April 20th with the division of work between yourself and Miss Breckinridge has been received. It seems to me that it is entirely satisfactory. I note your request with reference to the services of a student, and will take up the matter at once and see what can be done. As a matter of fact the student service for next year has been pretty carefully distributed. I am glad to know that Miss Breckinridge feels disposed to remain one of us. There is a great possibility ahead.

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper.

Pres. Harper

S.P.B.

May 18.

Dear Pres. Pritchett.

I am glad that my little note brought you some degree of satisfaction. May I add that there are many differently ~~is a large number~~ of people who believe that the present fair and just attitude of the Institute to women students is an "essential feature" and one that is imperilled by affiliation with Harvard. My own opinion is that the recent action of Harvard concerning the Charities School shows that the University is ready to grant educational privileges to women and that under proper conditions the right of women to technical scientific education may be retained in any moment of the

Institute and the University.

It may be premature to ask your view, but I should be glad to have some assurance which would allay criticism and opposition on this point.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Miss Talbot:-

Your letter of April 29, addressed to the President, and referring to the petition sent out by the Association of Class Secretaries, is so sane and refreshing in comparison with that circular that I venture to send a line of thanks to you for having sent it.

Such questions as this are apt to be settled rather on the ground of partisanship than on that of the larger interests of education and of the State; and I am trying to see that in this matter the larger interests shall be considered. But no one in the Corporation has any thought of surrendering any essential feature of the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry S. Pritchett

May 9, 1904.

Miss Marion Talbot,

Dean of Women, Chicago University,

Chicago, Ill.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Miss Talbot:-

I have your kind note of May 18. No progress of an important sort has been made in the negotiations between the Institute and Harvard, but I think it absolutely safe to say that no possible chance can arise in which the outcome would affect in any way the right of women to a technical scientific training which they now have in the Institute of Technology, on the same terms as men.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry S. Pritchett

May 24, 1904.

Miss Marion Talbot,

Dean of Women, Chicago University,

Chicago, Ill.

ASQUAM FARM,
HOLDERNESS, N. H.

Via ASHLAND, N. H.
R. F. D. 1.

Wednesday 27, 1905

Dear Marion,-

I was in Boston two days ago & had an opportunity to get at the exact data regarding the land. In my opinion it is doubtful whether we find another purchaser in five years or more & I have forwarded your note to Winthrop asking him to reopen the matter, at his early convenience with Mr. Plimpton.

We shall be glad to see you again.
You will find the children
growing fast. I shall
not buy any more steel boats
this year, but shall go back to
the St. Lawrence stuff model
as the boys are too rough
with the thin metal I dent it.

As always, affectionately,

Winthrop.

27. May, 1904.

Kindest remembrances to Miss Bradlee
& congratulations on the coming honor
to you.

Boston, May 31, 1904.

My Dear Miss Salter,

Last Saturday I received from Winthrop a letter urging an immediate sale of the Norwood land at $4500., and enclosing a letter from you to the same effect. I got hold of Mr. Thrupton by telephone, as result of which he has just been here. He still wishes to take the railroad lot alone, leaving the other, but if we will not sell a part (as I told him we would not), will take the whole at that price. Subject to your confirmation the sale is made. I have asked Mr. Merriam to make application to the Probate Court for the appointment of the three trustees as provided in your mother's will, and the papers will be sent to you to sign within a day or two, and then to Winthrop for his signature.

I hope the proceeding will be to your satisfaction. If you are going to be in or near Boston, perhaps we can arrange to pass the final papers at that time.

Very sincerely Yours

Winthrop Rutherfurd.

Boston, June 1, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

Confirming my respects of yesterday I hand you with this the papers I mentioned. The first is an application to the Probate Court for the appointment of the trustees designated by your mother, the second is an acknowledgment of bond as prescribed by law, and the third is an appointment of myself as your agent on whom to serve any legal papers, should any such appear. Please sign all three of these, having the last two also witnessed: also please note that the bond should be signed also on the reverse. If you will then return them to me, I will send them to Winthrop for his signatures.

In doing this I am taking your approval of my yesterday's report for granted.

Truly Yours

Winthrop Westcott.

Boston, June 7, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot.

Your favor of June 3d is received, with the documents all right, for which I thank you. Whitney was here yesterday, and signed them also. Merriam has them, and will have our side in readiness in good season for action July fifth. I have written to Mr. Pennington, and do not doubt he will also be prepared.

I have arranged about paying the legacy to the hospital; it is not legally due until November 1905, but I have told them we wished to anticipate payment, and the enclosed letter explains itself - they are glad to have the money, it is worth something to them in point of time, and they will discount payment. Please return this enclosure to me, that I may make formal reply with your sanction to this arrangement - I presume you do agree.

Miss Brown's note can of course be transferred if none of those interested objects. I have notified the Preston Trust people that we shall probably draw some time after thirty days.

I think this covers all as far as we can go right now, and trust you approve.

Truly Yours

Winthrop Rutherfurd.

June 13, 1904

My Dear Miss Talbot,

Merriam is out of town, so I can't report to him on the matter of transfer for July 15th, but I don't believe you need be detained at all. You can sign the necessary papers and I can look after the rest of the matter, as it is not

necessary for more than one of the parties interested to be present. I think it is advisable now to make the payment to the Hospital just as soon as we are in a condition to do so.

I enclose copy of a letter I have just sent.

Truly yours

Winthrop Westhead.

June 13,
1904.

Boston, June 13, 1904.

C. H. Watson, Esq.,

Treasurer, Mass. Homeopathic Hospital,

Boston,

My dear Sir:-

Acknowledging your favor of June 6th, I have to thank you for your interest in the matter of Mrs. Emily Talbot's bequest to the hospital, and for presenting to your Finance Committee the question of our anticipating payment of same.

I have submitted your letter to my co-executor, Miss Talbot, now in Chicago, who joins me in expressing much appreciation of the courtesy and liberality of your committee in discounting this legacy.

We hope to make payment about the middle or end of July.

Yours very truly,

Executor,

for the Estate of Emily Talbot.

Talbott II, 5

My dear Miss Talbot—

Miss Smith arrived yesterday and we have very nearly completed our plans for the winter. I am afraid that it will be impossible for me to accept your kind invitation. May I assure you of my appreciation of your thought of me and thank you again.

Faithfully yours

Jane Addams

Woods Hole House

June 30th 1904

Boston, July 22, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

We have been waiting for Mr. Plimpton and his lawyer until today, and the deal has just gone through. I tried to hold them for half of this year's taxes, but they were inclined to hold up up the whole trade a while longer while the matter was being threshed out, and the sale was not made until into June, so we had to waive in their favor. But the $20. which was to be the rent for using the land, they seemed inclined to pay, so we got that. To cover the taxes Mr. Plimpton's lawyer

remains $100.: if the taxes amount to less than that, we get back the balance, and if the taxes are more than that, we will have to make up the deficiency.
I have, therefore, received from them and deposited in the Merriam Tr. Co. certified check for $4420.=, as per slip enclosed.
We are now ready to settle with the hospital, and if you will kindly draw ~~to the~~ order of the Mass. Gen. Hospital a check for $5000., sign and forward it to me, I will also sign and turn it over to the proper hands. They prefer to have a check for the stated amount, and will return their own check covering the discount.
Possibly you may think best to have any letter you would send to the Hos.

that authorities accompany the check: in that case, I shall be glad to receive that also.

The deposit book of the Providence Inst. is in the hands of the Provident Trust Co. for collection: I will advise you of the amount when credited.

I think it would be well, in view of your visit here in September and a possible readjustment of the estate matters at that time, to prepare for a report to the Probate Court on our administration. Practically all that is wanted is a list showing cash on hand when we took hold and all that has come in since then, and another list giving expenditures. These should be itemized, and should balance with cash now

on hand. Of course, you understand there is no hurry on this.

I hope the foregoing will commend itself to you, and shall expect to hear from you shortly.

Trusting that you are well and enjoying the vacation, and with regards to Russell and yourself I am

Yours very truly

Winthrop Sargent.

Massachusetts Homocopathic Hospital

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

35 CONGRESS ST.

15 STATE STREET.

Boston, Mass.

July 26th 1904

Mr. Winthrop Wetherbee, Executor,
P. O. Box 3493, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I have received from you a check for $5000. in settlement of legacy of Mrs. Emily Talbot to this Hospital, for which permit me to thank you on behalf of the institution. I enclose formal receipt herewith, and remain

Yours truly

Arthur F. Estabrook
Acting Treas

The payment of the sum of £000. ~~was~~ recently ~~paid~~ made to you as ~~Trus. of the Mass Home Hospital~~ was in accordance with the will of the late Mrs Emily Talbot expressed as follows: —

I need hardly say that it gives great satisfaction to the children of Dr. and Mrs Talbot to have their parents' names perpetuated in connection with the hospital even in so modest a way. They were very truly its founders. They nurtured it through its long period of struggling poverty with a courage and devotion and faith rarely equalled. There are few living who can remember as we can the steps which led to the actual opening of the Hospital in the Burroughs Place house or the anxious months and years which followed when as little children we helped at parlor fairs held in our home and elsewhere for the purpose of raising money for current expenses. The great Fair of 1872 lasted for months they gave their rare executive skill however in the minds of many active friends of the Hospital and its great prosperity is a matter of public knowledge. That they lived to see the fruits of their disinterested service lead to such magnificent results is a gratification to all who loved them.

We trust that their names will always be known in the Hospital for their spirit of self-sacrifice and their love of humanity.

Boston, July 26, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

Your favor, with enclosures, is duly at hand, for all of which I thank you.

The check for $5000. I duly turned over to Mr. A. F. Estabrook, Acting Treasurer, and enclose his note of acknowledgment for same. He returned his check for $380. covering interest on the above amount to Nov. 1, 1905. This sum I have deposited in the Pontiac Tr. Co., as well as $46.67 collected from the Bay State Tr. Co. (and closing the account there), as per the enclosed deposit slip.

I have collected from the Prov. Dist.

cash amounting to $401.48 which I have deposited in the Puritan Co. as per second deposit slip enclosed. Owing to their carelessness I had to get another certificate from the Probate Court, for which I paid fifty cents, and have deducted this sum from the amount they actually turned over ($401.98) I have mailed their checks, with receipts to sign and return, to Russell and Winthrop. I enclose your own check also with receipt, which perhaps it will be well for me to keep with the others.

Mrs. Jackson's check I have deposited with Kidder, Peabody & Co. for her credit, and hold their receipt. I think it would be well to have her own re.

cipts, and enclose one for her to sign. Possibly you will forward it in one of your letters to her, and she will then sign and return on confirmation from Ridder. I don't see why the Norwood land matter can't be set. Med as soon as tax bills are out: the bill will probably be sent to you, as the land was sold May first. We turn it over to Plymptonis lawyer, who pays it. I will get Mariana's account in shape by September first, and have it include fees for coming court work and settling up.

As for your report - I think all similar items can be consolidated: that is, make one amount for

the different items of interest received, and one entry for the several payments to W. T. T., etc, I think the two items can be lumped.

There may be a slight expense for transferring this B.o note from the estate to your name, but I don't think it will be much. I will ascertain and advise you.

I hope the above will meet your approval, and and

truly yours

Winthrop Sargent.

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

Chicago Aug. 26th, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

I am in receipt of your letter of August 22nd. I hope that you are having a pleasant summer.

I note what you say concerning Lexington Hall and am in entire sympathy with your feeling. I should like very much indeed to know the name of the professor who called for the written examination in North Hall. Can you send this to me? I think you are entirely right in your feeling concerning the doctor's examination and we must try to get up a little larger interest in them. I am sure that you can help in this particular.

The conditions which would make the establishment of a journal of Household Administration satisfactory would be a sufficient amount of money to pay any difference between receipts and expenses. I am inclined to think that the trustees will not feel able to undertake a new journal without having the money necessary to provide for any difference. I shall be very glad to talk this over with you when you come back.

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

Massachusetts Homoeopathic Hospital

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
35 CONGRESS ST.
15 STATE STREET.

Boston, Mass.

September 28th 1904

Miss Marion Talbot,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 20th inst., stating the purpose for which the bequest of the late Mrs. Emily Talbot is to be used and the conditions pertaining thereto; of which I have given due notice to the Superintendent of the Hospital.

On behalf of the Trustees, permit me to express their appreciation of the generosity of the testator and of the fitness and practical utility of her bequest.

Very truly yours

C H Walton Read

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

Chicago Oct. 7, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

In accordance with the bargain made Saturday at 12:45 P.M. I am writing to suggest the following: that hereafter we make October 1st Founder's Day, the date of this day being somewhat uncertain as yet and not definitely fixed by Statute; that we hold exercises at 10:30 on this day even when it comes on Sunday; that the program include, (1) something of the old program, possibly one of the hymns and the scripture, (2) something new, namely, an address which shall not partake of the nature of the Convocation address--something entirely new and different. Once in a while the President may possibly use this occasion for a message to the University. (3) That representatives of the student body be also requested to speak,- these appointments to be made in the spring with alternates in case of disappointment.

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

Received of Marion Talbot
eleven hundred and fifty
dollars on account of my
share in the estate of
Emily Talbot.

Winthrop Tisdale Talbot.

October 11, 1904.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
12 SOMERSET ST.

Boston, October 19, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:

You are very kind to write such a cordial letter of regrets. It would be a great pleasure to see you if you could be present next week at the Inaugural exercises.

The only pleasure I shall get out of the day will be the pleasure of seeing old friends. My own share in the exercises will be but a "weariness to the flesh."

I appreciate more than I can tell you the loyal spirit shown by so many of our graduates, and the personal sympathy and interest which have been so freely poured out to me; and yours especially.

I congratulate you upon the noble place you hold in Chicago University, and upon the effective work you are doing continually. May you ever have strength for your day, and may your day be long!

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. Huntington.

Miss Marion Talbot.

Boston, October 28, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

The Norwood assessors have advised us that if the facts are as we stated, that is that if we actually sold the land on their assessed valuation of $45000., we are in their opinion entitled to the rebate which we applied for. They promise to take the matter up once more, with this probable result, on receipt from us of a sworn statement that the above facts are true. I have therefore signed and sworn to such a statement, which Mr. Merriam has by this time transmitted to them, so I hope for a

settlement before very long.

They also added that they had raised the assessment on information from responsible parties (you can of course infer who they are) that we had refused an offer on this basis of last year's valuation, and were holding the land at $5000. This was not a very generous act on the part of Mr. P. and I hope it may be turn out to be a boomerang. At all events, it now seems as if we should be able to get what we ask, and be none the worse off for the episode. I will advise you as soon as we hear again.

Very truly yours

Winthrop Rutherfurd.

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

Chicago Oct. 27, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

The Convocation orator at the next Convocation, December 20th, will be Miss Jane Addams. I do not wish, because she is a woman, to seem to lay emphasis upon the woman side of the University, but it seems to me that inasmuch as she is a woman, and we have had so few women act in this capacity, the occasion is one which the women of the University should recognize. I should be glad to have you consult with some of our women, among others Miss Reynolds, Miss Wallace, and Miss Breckenridge, and whomever else you desire, and indicate to me what in your opinion would be proper, if anything, in the way of special recognition of Miss Addams on this occasion.

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

Chicago October 31st, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

You will remember some years ago that we gave some receptions to the Women's Clubs and a great many of the women came out to the University. This was in the days of Mrs. Palmer. I am wondering whether something of that kind might be done again this autumn or winter, and if so what we might propose as the occasion for it.

I am still waiting to hear from you in reference to Miss Adams.

Let me raise another question for you to consider. Would you be willing to introduce Miss Adams on the occasion of her address, or what is your suggestion in reference to the matter?

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

Dean of Women, U. of C.:

Some people in the vicinity of the University are renting all the rooms of their flats to students and leaving no parlor or any public place in which to receive company. Consequently, a young lady who rooms alone will receive her gentleman friend in her own private room, close the door, and entertain him to any hour of the night she sees fit.

This is no idle story; the practice is being carried on right now and has been for some time, especially since rents have been increased. It is not at all uncommon in the flat buildings owned by the University.

One Who Lives Among Such Surroundings.

Correspondence
concerning
women's Coaping

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

Chicago Nov. 2, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

I am much obliged to you for the statement you make concerning the pool. Perhaps we can extend the time.

I am not quite satisfied with the report of the women. The statement is too general. We do not treat all men of distinction alike. Every man that comes here represents something different. We deal with him from that point of view. This, it seems, is true of Miss Addams. I agree most emphatically with the recommendation of the women that you should introduce Miss Addams.

I am hoping that you will come forward one of these days with a brilliant proposition for Founder's Day.

Yours very truly,

William R. Harper

Boston, November 7, 1904.

My Dear Miss Talbot,

Herewith I hand you the papers transferring the Brown mortgage to you. Mr. Merriam thought this would be better coming from a third person: it is legal for you as executor to transfer to yourself personally, but it certainly looks better to have it come from somebody else. The mortgage and the note are now yours, but before locking them up please sign on the reverse of the note just above my signature.

The other two papers, those pinned together, are (1) the assignment of the mortgage by us as executors to Mr. Merriam, and (2) by Mr. Merriam to you. The latter I send to you merely to show that it is in form: the former you should sign (above my signature) and have witnessed. Both should be returned here to be recorded and placed on file, which completes the assignment.

The Norwood assessors have rebated the taxes, and this matter will now be adjusted as soon as Mr. Merriam can get hold of Mr. Phillipson's lawyer. When this is done, I will send you check to cover, you can adjust with the other heirs by your own checks, and I will ask Mr. Merriam to finish up the settlement for the signatures of all the heirs. I will write you as soon as Mr. Phillipson responds, probably in a day or so.

Yours very truly

Winthrop Westcott.

Please return

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

Chicago Dec. 21, 1904.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

In the confusion which followed at the close of the Convocation I did not get an opportunity to say to you how proud we were of you last night, and how admirable a statement you made. I do not think anything stronger or more helpful has been uttered by anyone on the platform. I am inclined to think that you have greatly underestimated your power as a platform speaker, and I hope that in the future you will permit yourself to do more of this kind of thing than in the past. It was excellent. Indeed, it could not have been better.

Yours very cordially,

William R. Harper