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My dear Mr. Shaw:

Will you kindly inform me when the following points: Would the House rules allow Mrs. Abbott and I to take a suite of rooms in one of the women's dormitories? Is Foster Hall the dormitory running down to the Piazza? Are rooms 4, 5, 6 or 16, 17, 18 or 28, 29, 30 in Foster Hall free at present? If all these suites are engaged will you kindly let me know what are the next suites of 2 or 3 rooms not on the campus side, which are not engaged.
Are the floors of hard wood?
Please address reply to the address given below.

Yours very truly,

F. F. Abbott
Carry Inn
Blue Mountain Lake
Hamilton Co.
N. Y.
September 5, 1893

Blue Mountain Lake
Hamilton Co., N. Y.

My dear Dr. Harper:

The castles in the air which we had built upon a scheme in Kelly or Foster can very easily be constructed upon some other foundation.

I think the decision of the committee a very wise one, and if my case helps the matter in the way of a precedent, I shall be only too glad of the fact.
The outlook for students in all departments seems to me very promising.

I have received a great many very definite letters of inquiry.

Faithfully yours,

Frank T. Abbott
The University of Chicago,

Office: 1212 Chamber of Commerce.

Chicago, 189

Dear Dr. Harper:

I am sending you the revised proof of the Latin programme. The corrected proof arrived on Friday and I have had the revisions made so that the programme might be submitted to you as soon as you arrived. I enclose also a letter from Mr. Hale which arrived this morning. It is partly in response to a letter I sent after our last conference, suggesting a classification of the courses of instruction under these heads.

I am sorry to hear that you are not perfectly well.

Faithfully yours,

F. F. Abbott
The University of Chicago

Office: 1212 Chamber of Commerce

Dear Dr. Thompson,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the support and guidance you have provided me during my studies. Your mentorship has been invaluable, and I am deeply appreciative of your dedication to fostering the development of young scholars.

I would like to request a meeting to discuss the progress of my research and to ask for your advice on the next steps I should take. Your insights have been instrumental in shaping my work, and I am eager to continue our collaborative efforts.

Thank you for your continued support and for the opportunity to learn from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chicago
The University of Chicago.

Office: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Chicago, Sept. 28th, 1891

My dear Dr. Harper:

We were all very much pleased to hear from you this morning and to learn that you had turned your face homeward.

I fancied we had seen Dr. Goodspeed read me that portion of your letter that you would be impatient to get back to work again, and I am writing you this now with the hope that it may reach you on the eve of your departure and quiet any anxieties you may have in regard to the course of things during your absence, and relieve you on the steamer from any qualms save those which this...
The University of Chicago.

Office: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Chicago, 189

Ocean produced.

I have been here in Chicago and
installed with Dr. Goodspeed since
the early part of September. We have
found our office even during the
date "hot spell" delightfully cool
and airy, and look down with a
deal of contempt on the little folk
some ten or twelve stories below us.

I wonder whether you have
heard that the City Council voted
unanimously to vacate all the streets
intersecting the University site. I hope
not, for I should like to be the first
to tell you the news. Of course we
are quite elated over it.

The building committee meets
today and they hope to have things
The University of Chicago

O II Chamber of Commerce

Chicago
in readiness to begin building as soon as you reach this side. Names of candidates and requests for bulletins keep coming in, and we shall have a good list of applications ready for you on your return. I keep them supplied with bulletins and encouragement. Such of your correspondence as has fallen to my lot I have been able to answer satisfactorily, I think.

Application blanks with questions will go out to candidates in a few days, and I have ready to await your revision a circular letter to teachers and students. I hope to have something towards the Graduate Bulletin also before your return.

While we shall be glad to have you at our head once more
we shall keep things going on smoothly until your return.

I hope above all things that you have rested well for the last two months. I am a little suspicious however, that you haven't been over quiet.

Mrs. Abbott joins with me in kindest regards. Hoping that the Normania may find the sea smooth and the sky clear

Sincerely yours,

Frank F. Abbott
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Mrs. Abbott joins with me in kindest regards. Hoping that the Normandia may find the sea smooth and the sky clear.

Love,

Faithfully yours,

Frank T. Abbott
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Mrs. Abbott joins with me in kindest regards. Hoping that the Normandie may make the sea smooth and the sky clear.

Sincerely,
Faithfully yours,
Frank T. Abbott
My Dear Dr. Harper:

I feel that I ought not to keep you waiting longer with reference to the matter of the memorial Volume, and so I am sending you a note.

I have thought the matter over very carefully since our talk of last week, and I feel very strongly that it would not be well for me to assume the responsibility for it. As I think I mentioned to you I have a manuscript on hand which will go to the printer a few weeks hence, I hope, and I am giving every moment of extra time I have to that work. with the determination of getting it off my hands before I go away. Then I have undertaken a little extra work with some of my students which I should be sorry to give up. Further I am inclined to think that it would be very difficult indeed to get the volume out before the first of July,—and a change of editors would be unfortunate. I am very sorry indeed not to take the work up because I should feel a great deal of satisfaction in having any connection with such a volume, especially because of its historical significance,—but I feel that it would be morally impossible for me to do what ought to be done, and that it would not be wise from the point of view of the University. I have looked over the list of our faculty to pick out suitable persons,—and I should be inclined to think that either Mr. Laughlin, or Capps, or Angell, or Cutting would make a good editor. In many ways, I think that Mr. Angell would do particularly well. He is very conscientious.
and energetic as I have found from personal experience during the last year. His English style is excellent, and I think his taste is good in such matters. I want to repeat my expression of regret at not feeling able to do the work as it ought to be done. In my great appreciation of your kindness in thinking of me in connection with the matter I had intended to explain the whole subject to you by word of mouth,—but I know it is important that you should hear at once, and so I send you this note through Mr. Hubbard.

Yours very sincerely

(F. F. Abbott)
My dear Dr. Harper:

A party of us is planning to go to Italy at the close of the winter quarter of 1899. We wish to take passage on the Prince line because the rates are very much lower than those of the North German Lloyd. To do this we find it necessary to take passage as of Mar. 18, since the next sailing on this line is three weeks later. This would involve our being absent on the final or examination week. We should arrange to give extra exercises before our departure in place of the one or two omitted, and we should arrange to have our examinations held at the usual hours. We hope that the plan proposed here will meet with the disapproval of the authorities. The party consists of Messrs. Caltic, Haverland, Buck and Abbott with their families.

F.G. Abbott
C. D. Buck
Redding, Conn.
May 8, 1899

My dear Dr. Harper:

I wanted to say a word to you of Miss Cipriani's skill as a teacher before I left Chicago, but the landslide which delayed your return from California prevented me from seeing you even to say good-by. It has just occurred to me that in consequence of Prof. Brunner's resignation there
may be need of some help in the Romance department or in the literature in English department, so that I will carry out my original intention now by letter. I have taken some lessons in Italian with Mr. Ltd. Cipriani on two different occasions, last winter with Mr. Buck and the year before with Mr. Crow. I found him a remarkably good teacher, and I ought to say too that Mr. Buck and I were very exacting in our requirements. What I found especially admirable in his work as a teacher was his ability to adapt himself to the
particular situation and the individual requirements of her pupils, and the success which she showed in maintaining one's interest throughout an exercise. I was understood at once what information she could assume the possession of on our part, what the weakness of each one of us was, and what method she ought to adopt with each. That is so rare an experience with a teacher that Mr. Buck and I were especially impressed with it. The manner in a class room is excellent also. Her house was in Tuscany you know so that she has the only approved Italian pronunciation, and as her family
is an aristocratic one, her Italian is particularly good. She has worked in labor some by herself, and I have given her a suggestion or two, so that I have known something of her scholarship. She has seemed to me a very brilliant young woman, who is likely to do credit to the University, but you probably knew about her scholarship already, and I had intended to invite you only about her ability as a teacher which I have had a good opportunity to test. We have been told you of the Roman School
plan which he has had in mind for the last portion of the year, and I appre-
ciate very highly your willingness to grant me a leave of absence for this
year, if it seemed desirable for the school and for me, but I am really relieved
that it would be necessary to ask you for it, for when I came to think of it, I found that my
roots had entwined them-
selves so closely about
herself and things in the
university, that I should be likely to languish if
transplanted even for
three years only, and the
Pleasure which I still cherish for my own satisfaction in having had some little part in the making of things during the storm and stress year would be somewhat diminished by so long an absence.

We have come to this little town, where my old home is, because I thought it would be a good place to work—I have a small book under way.

I should like to hear from you, if you have leisure (?), but this letter doesn't require an answer.

Faithfully yours
Frank T. Abbott
Rudding, Conn.
June 24, 1899

Very dear Dr. Huxley:

I was very glad
to get your kind note a
day or two ago. I had felt
that I might be needed
at the University next
year, and I wrote to one
or two members of the
Executive Committee of the
Romaun School, saying that
I feared it would be very
difficult, if not impossible,
For me to go at this time, I feel that now is the time to effect some much-needed improvements in the classical departments, and I am anxious to be of any help I can in this matter.

I am glad that you think it will be possible for me to go in the future. I should like to do it very much, as I think it will be of some service to the University as well as to myself to spend a year in Rome.

From the number of letters of inquiry which I get I should infer that the outlook for the summer was a very promising one.

Faithfully yours,

Frank F. Abbott
July 15, 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper,—

I have read over and thought over the letter which you enclosed me in regard to elocution and should be inclined to consider the scheme suggested by your correspondent a good one. His plan of securing a number of experienced students to give personal instruction to undergraduates strikes me as a particularly good feature if it can be carried out. Personal instruction in elocution seems to me the only form of instruction which is really valuable to students. I think that the success of the plan will depend to a great extent upon the character of the man who carries it out. If he is a man of scientific training with some ability as an organizer and experience as a teacher I believe that the scheme would work successfully.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
July 20, 1892.

My dear Dr. Harper,

Your favor of June 19 is just received, containing the periodical list from Moore. The insertions have been made from the Calvert's periodical catalogue, but day before yesterday I sent you, at Moore's request, a supplementary page which I presume you will return to me, and I imagine it will be best for me to retain this list until that page is received. As soon as it comes the list shall be forwarded to Messrs. Heath & Company.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Frank T. Abbott
Colorado Springs, Colo.
July 7, 1894

Very dear Dr. [Handwritten name]

The news which your telegram of July 2
brought me, delighted
me immensely. The tone
of the cable would discount
a quart of beer, wine and
wine. You arrived and I
had waited for you con-
versation daily to come
with great impatience
—and if I must
continue it, with equal
anxiety, for I did not
we know it would be
possible to secure
million dollars.
I wanted I had been
on this ground to join in
the rejoicing, when the
and was reached.

It strikes me that the
number of students for
the first summer quarter
is very encouraging. It aug-
ments well for the future,
for in my opinion our
summer programme is so
good that even one of
our summer students
is sure to become an
enthusiastic missionary.

The summer school
at this place has just
began, and while they
do not expect many,
Apparently they have opened with a promising number. What must you have accomplished here on your late visit! I find everywhere the most admiring astonishment expressed at all you succeeded in doing in your short stay.

I believe we shall need a good many students from this section. People know about the University and are interested in it. I have had calls from one or two students who are expecting to enter in the Autumn.

You will be interested in the many of personal
news to hear that Mrs. Abbott and I have found a furnished cottage and are keeping house. You will remember the location—directly across the College Reservation from the College Library. This arrangement enables us to manage things as we please. My principal occupation in life now is to grow tobacco, and I am devoting myself to that and with great conscientiousness and with prospect of some success.

I shall be very much
interested in knowing whether you succeeded in getting away as to attend the the Oriented Congress or not. It would be too bad to allow anything to keep you at home.

Mr. Abbott joins me in sending kindest regards.

Faithfully yours,

Frank F. Abbott
Colorado Springs, Colo.
July 24, 1894

My dear Dr. Harper:

When the trustees were kind enough to extend my vacation to Jan. 1, 1895, I was
sanguine enough to hope that it might not be necessary for me to remain to await
myself of that great leap, but I have been
This whole idea of the case I accept very unwillingly, and I am simplifying these personal details upon you now, only because of the difficulties which present themselves in carrying out this plan. The main difficulty in my mind would be making the necessary changes in the programme of the Latin department for next year. Professor Hale has relieved my mind somewhat upon this point, by writing to me, before I had broached the subject to anyone, that arrangements could be made to allow of my absence until next summer. In fact he has advised me very strongly to stay if possible.

Our other difficulty is a financial one. If that can be cleared away, and you should...
Obliged to acknowledge to myself that I have underestimated the time necessary for a complete recovery.

My physicians also tell me that now is the time for me to be very careful and to profit by it in the future and that I ought to take a full year off, that furthermore to be in Chicago next winter and spring might be a mistake.
think it possible for me to be away from the University until next summer, we think it would be wise. The financial solution which has suggested itself to me as a possible one if it should seem wise to the trustees to do it would be this; if, in addition to the extension of my vacation to Jan. 1, they would give me
remain here until
next summer there is every reason to
believe, as far as
one can see, that I shall be as firmly
on my feet as I
have ever been.

The news which I get
from the University
is devoured with avidi-
ty, especially as it is
all such satisfactory
news. Professor Hale
tells me that there
are a great many
interesting students.

I believe that this is the
first expedition of the
University, with which
I have not had
same little connection
and it grieves me
to break my record.

We have seen quite
a little of President
and Mrs. Storck
since our arrival.

They are going through
Chicago next Wed-
nesday (probably)
and I imagine you will
see them at that time.

Mrs. Abbott joins me
in sending kindest re-
gards.

Faithfully yours
Frank F. Abbott
the privilege of drawing my salary for next year in advance up to the limit of $1,000. On the understanding that the amount drawn should be deducted during next year from the payments made and we should find it possible financially to stay. I have written you frankly about the whole matter as I know you would like to have me do. If I
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jan. 6, 1895

My dear Dr. Harper:—

Your letter was one of the pleasantest New Year's greetings which we received. When you write that you should listen to hear our impressions of Colorado Springs, you are doing a dangerous thing. It is only in the exercise of quiet self-control that I do not wish you to remain upon the climate and scenery of this place.

What a fine Convocation you seem to have had. The selection of President from this section of the day was an ideal one. Have you
noticed that the Yale Commencement is to be transformed into a Convocation with an orator and all the necessary accessories, while orators...my students will no longer appear in the programme? A rather satisfactory comment upon the wisdom of our programme, isn't it? You can't imagine the pride with which I accept 'our programme' in my mind, in remembering the fact that I had some little share in working over the first numbers of the series.

I liked what you had to say about football. The editorials in The Nation and in several otherwise national journals seemed to me very uncivil.

The University made excellectly at Christmas. The new Comparative Religion lectures strikes me as a very healthy idea. By the way you have probably noticed that there is an agitation at Harvard for the establishment of a...
Cheats in the Russian language and literature, articles in discussion of the subject which think there is no chance to get instruction in Russian in any university in the country. Hasn't Mr. Hauswich offered courses in Russian? If there is a demand for instruction in Russian in the country, I have wondered if it would be wise to meet it.

You were interested in knowing something of our life here. You will remember Cascade is the principal street of the town, or rather the principal residence street, and possibly you may remember Mr. Etlich's house on the left hand side of the avenue, and near its northern end. We are living in a little cottage belonging to Mr. Etlich and directly west of this house. We're in the center of the place.

The dotted line to the west represents the mountains, and the circle directly west...
of the cottage in Pick's Peak, I took a small photograph of the cottage the other day and will send you one. This is the cottage. I have drawn a plan of it to tell you a funny little thing which happened the other night. It has four rooms as you see and no hall.

The front door opens directly into the room A, where Miss Abbott sleeps. One night almost a fortnight ago she went up to bed, leaving the front door open. I was in the bath tub (13). Miss Abbott to her honor heard a heavy step on the runners. She rushed to the door with a shingle and locked it in the face of a possible burglar. I came shrieking out of the bathroom, but there was no one in sight, so I returned to my bath. The next day summoned my Miss Abbott. This time I was able to intercept the cellar, an old student of mine at Yale, who had been through town and came up to see us. Since her experience however Miss Abbott hesitates a little about leaving the front door.
often under the same circumstances.

The climate here has been all that
it is advertised to be in general.
Perhaps the thermometer reads a
little lower than one would expect
— one might the temperature here was 90.
below zero—but it is clear most of
the time and the air is very dry.
My snow lies on Pikes Peak steadily
and the little which has fallen here
takes far more disappeared quickly.
Perhaps later in April when the winds
begin it may not be so pleasant,
but thus far it has been very lakey
factory.

I think I have found just the
game for the President to play for
exercise—golf, and when I get
back to Chicago, I mean to ask
Mr. Hutchinson or Judge Shovey to
lay a motion upon the Trustees
for the numerous of or a golf
ground for the President and his
friends. I will agree to conduct a
double major in the subject. President Sloan and I plan together some
day this week.

We were very sorry to hear that
Miss Warren had not been well but
we were glad to know that she would
soon be thoroughly well again.
I think I am getting on well. I have
a fine appetite and am out of bed
a great deal. My throat is still
somewhat sensitive but the fine
air here will surely improve it.
Sometimes when you write me I
should like to hear what prospect
there is of a new house for the
Knackhange Club.
The address that is quite an im-
posing document. I am sure it will
very convenient to many people.
I wish our publications are begin-
moving to be very scientifically ar-
anged.
I look forward to the prospect of
seeing the President's house.
treat for location it will be very
difficult to beat it in a year or two,
when the Midway Plaisance is
developed.

I wonder if it will take me a
long time to get into the swing of events
when I get back. I hope you haven't
established too many new prin-
ciples during the last six months.

I had a most delightful sur-
prise on Christmas Day in the shape of
a box of flowers from one the members
of my last year's classes. It did
me lots of good.

My day's programme here is pretty
regular. In the morning we are out
of doors pretty steadily and in the
afternoon and part of the evening
I work, so that although I shall
be very glad to be back in Chicago
I hope to accomplish something
during the year besides becoming
a Hercules. I shall be only
Glad to hear from news of yourself and the University when you can make the time to write me.

This annual joins me in sending sincere regards to yourself and Mrs. Harper.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Frank T. Abbott
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Mar. 10, 1896

My dear Dr. Hacker:

I have just re-
ceived a letter from a former stu-
dent of mine, Arthur W. Colton, who is now instructor in En-
at Yale,

quickly making some inquiries
with reference to an opening in
the Department of English at the
University. I have promised to
write him if there seemed to
be a chance. He has considerable Colton a man of
excellent literary taste and of
some ability as a writer. He has
been an instructor for two years
in New Haven, with what success
I have not heard. Personally, Colton is a quiet, gentlemanly fellow, lacking perhaps the energy which his colleague in English, Phelps, has. I presume there is no opening in English at present. If there happens to be, you may care to make some further inquiries about Colton.

The Colorado legislature is considering a bill to tax all educational institutions in the state, not under state control, and Colorado College as well as one or two other institutions are in mortal terror of its passing. I hope the ill-omened legislature may never conceive such an idea.

Faithfully yours,

Frank F. Abbott