Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 22, 1888.

Prof. W. R. Harper—

My dear Friend:

Your very kind reply to my last duly rec'd. I hope you will not think me indiscreet if I write you again about our college. A few words will explain our situation & show the importance of securing all possible aid at once.

It is our intention, also to suggestion of Rev. D. F. Gates to apply to the Executive Board of the American Baptist Education Society for endorsement as an institution which not only needs financial help but deserving it. I will surely use all gifts it may receive. That Board the Gates says will probably meet in Richmond, Va., about Dec. 5th. At that meeting we want to present our application. It is very necessary that we make a good & perfectly honest showing. We naturally...
want to go there without any circumvances. Eight or ten thousand dollars just now will do us an unlimited amount of good. It will enable us to meet every obligation against the University for this school year, all debts as well, and also procure much needed apparatus & books. This is a crisis with us. If you could use your influence to help many blessings would be yours & a most noble cause would be very greatly served.

Mr. Gates has given our school a personal examination, & in a paper lately read in the Baptist Ministers meeting at Chicago, he said that the University of Des Moines is the best, only nicely located Baptist school in the entire west. In a letter to
me, dated Sept. 13, 1888, he says: "I
can heartily advise any one whom
you may refer to me to give
liberally to the Maineers." He also
adds other words of strong recom-
mandation.

If this were my own private affair I would not trouble
you, but it is in the interest of a
great cause I write. You have
been so very kind that I feel I
ought write you again till you
just how great is our emer-
gency.

Yours very truly,

C. L. Stetson.

P.S. Our new building will be ready to
finish, at least by Oct. 15, 1888, and it will
be finished, at least by Oct. 15, 1888, and to
be finished, at least by Oct. 15, 1888, and
be finished, at least by Oct. 15, 1888, and we
want money to pay our teachers
and to have our teachers.

The average attendance of
students is 86% better than last fall. I
Des Moines, Ia. Sept. 12, 1888.

My Dear Friend:

Since writing the enclosed I have decided, after a good deal of thought & hesitation to lay before you what has been on my mind day & night for a long time, I ask you to do with both communications as you may see fit. I write you because you are a personal friend & also because you are a member of the executive board of the American Baptist Education Society & are deeply interested in the cause of higher Christian learning & have great influence.

If the University of Des Moines had in its planning...
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today for permanent endowment only, the sum of $200,000. The following would be true within three years:

1. Its annual income would be not less than $30,000.
2. Its faculty would be made as good as the best in the state.
3. It would be fully up to the average anywhere.
4. An ample supply of books and apparatus for the regular college work would be secured.
5. The course of study would be as good as that in the average Baptist college.
6. The yearly enrollment of students would not fall below three hundred.
from the regular college courses would not be less than eight or
the next year.

These are not ill-considered statements but they are made
after most careful investigation. I have the data with which to
prove what I have said above.

When $200,000, will en-
able me to make so good a be-
inning is there not some-
way by which it can be ob-
tained? Could Mr. Rockefeller or
some other wealthy Baptist in the
East or West—where there is one
in the West—I do not know—be
interested enough to aid not the
University but new tonight?
ad outside this State. I do not
believe this is any investment of $200,000, which would do more good.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Stetson.
Des Moines, Ia., March 1, 1889.

My dear friend:

Your very kind letter of the 26th not. just read. The endorsement of your Board is the best thing for us to do.

Truly in Iowa that could have happened. It gives us new hope.

Life, places beneath our feet—just the foundation needed. The change of name will undoubtedly be made at the first meeting of our Board. Everyone with whom I have talked wants this done.

I desire to thank you for your interest, advice, influence. I feel as if you have done a good deal. Accept my sincere hearty appreciation for your valuable services.

I see Mr. Rockefeller has given your Board $100,000 for this year. Of course your Board needs
as well as well as any men
living what money is needed to 
make a college. If that I will not 
thank. We need immediate fi-
ancial aid. To pay all obligations 
owned & falling due up to July, '89 
will take $10,000. Some of this will be 
met by tuition & subscriptions 
we have. We have enough prom-
ised to pay all claims against 
the building. What I believe we 
need most may be thus stated:

1. To pay for instruction up to July, '89, $6,000.
2. To buy books
3. " apparatus
4. If possible we ought to have 
   enough to pay a president that 
   him at work soon. He ought not 
   to have less than $2,000. per 
year.
5. The probable deficiency in 
next year's income will be 
$2,000. This may be less. If re
could have $15,000 to use as above indicated it would carry me very nicely up to July 1890. They say every bill, give me $3000. I more money was ever more wisely used than this would be. And we could get a good increase in students & could do as good college work as any institution in Iowa.

In considering our re-quest for money I desire that it be remembered that the school has never received half outside the State except $16. It has never done any begging abroad. It is of great importance that we know early in the spring of this year what we can expect for our Plans for the coming year ought to be formed early. Before the night of the day on which I received
notice of the action of your Board I had started the machinery for putting the school in a new light before the Baptists of Iowa.

Success to the Old Testament Student. I am glad you are relieved of one burden. But do not assume two in its place.

Very truly yours,

N. L. Stimson.

Prof. W. R. Harper.
New Haven, Ct.
Dear Friend:

Years of the 11th inst. only m'd. I am very glad to know what I cannot expect as well as what I can.

Have you any suggestion as to name of our school when changed? It will probably be changed the 26th inst. There is a strong feeling in favor of "Iowa Baptist College." This is an objection to that because this is scarcely an institution which has its denomination expressed in its title.

I am at work on a plan to raise $100,000.

Very truly,

A. L. Stetson

Prof. W. P. Harker,
New Haven, Ct.
[Handwritten text not legible]
Des Moines, La., March 21, 1899.

My Dear Friend:

I understand that nothing is settled in reference to the disposal of any funds intended for the work of education. I have prepared the following proposition: if there can be found one person who will give our school $25,000 payable every ninety days for three years beginning with June 1, 1899, in one payment, I will enter into a contract (making my library worth at least $1,000, the forfeiture if I fail, must depend, I think, on good health) to pay all liabilities of the school also all of its expenses and above income from all sources, such as tuition, etc., rent up to July 1, 1892, maintenance.
ing the Present faculty in addition a President & also secure at least $5,000. for library apparatus & not less than $75,000 in money at first, 10% interest bearing note. This proposition is now under consideration by a brother whose heart is in our school, but I fear his means are so tied up that he may not be able to accept it. If this offer were accepted by any one outside of this state I would be willing to agree to raise $100,000. This first $25,000 is more needed than anything else. It would do more for the cause than anything we have ever had in this state.

Two requests I would like to make. First could I get a supply for a Sunday or two in New Haven
at the time of the anniversary I need it to help pay expenses at Boston.

Second. During the winter Dr. H. G. Doolittle, an intimate personal friend of Jacob Estey, was here & made many particular inquiries about our school & asked why we did not get Mr. Estey plus Son-in-law, Mr. Fuller interested in it. He said that some of his warmest friends of that family felt Mr. Estey ought to place himself beside LeCohr & Leolgette & Buckwell. He expressed the greatest confidence that if the subject could be rightly presented to them a generous gift would follow and the school bear the family name. Rev. Dwight, Thence one of the western agents of our
Home Mission Society, which knows
Mr. Estey well, concurs with Dr.
De Witt. Do you know of any
ways of anyone who could succeed
approach Mr. Estey to ask you help
bring such a messenger to bear
upon Dr. De Witt that he will
do it? I think he could succeed
but he shrinks from the task. It
seems to be largely a question of
the right approach by the right
person. Estey College would be
a very nice name.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Stimson

Prof. W. R. Harper, B.D.
New Haven, Conn.
Des Moines, La, April 2, 1887.

Dear Friend,

If I had the $26,000, to which I referred in my last, I am very sure I could raise the $100,000 very readily, provided the first named sum came from outside the State. I have no doubt about it. But there have been some recent developments which I want to tell you about.

A few years ago several men have offered the Methodists valuable property & quite a sum of money if they would found a university in this city. The county preachers of the Conference stated it clamorously because they have a little college a few miles away. Some of these men have determined to found here an industrial
technical school. They want a literary classical department. Two of them yesterday said that they preferred to have it under some denominational control as it would be better for it. It's suggested that our school and theirs could be united with mutual advantage. These men are energetic, full of business, have made considerable money and will make more. They are all young men. If they will provide from $50,000 to $800,000 to be invested in buildings, apparatus, and books in addition ample campus will give us full central, make it in fact the University of Des Moines.
What prospect is there that a $1,000,000 could be raised for endowment? Iowa Baptists could possibly be pressed to give $20,000. A great school with the various industrial, scientific, de.

partments is bound to come here in the West. I do not see how those departments could be an injury to the literary classical courses. If we can get an equipment ample and our own land naturally contrivance to procure it. The

565 acres campus is 2 1/2 miles due north of our half of the new

due north of our present location. The new
site is very fine steam motor run to it and paved street. The old location can be disposed of so that we can get out of it all we have invested. The endowment would be raised only in proportion to the rate the money is raised here, i.e. when $100,000 are raised here by these means, $100,000 of endowment would be called for. What do you think a technical, industrial, literary, classical education under positive religious control is the need of the West? And what would you have this do for our denominations? I would like to have your judgment of the prospect of raising the endowment on the above conditions.

Very Truly yours,

N. P. Stetson

Prof. W. A. Harper
Des Moines, Iowa, April 10, 1887.

Dear Friend:

Today I spent the following to Rev. D. I. Gates to present to the Executive Board of the Conn. Bapt. Ed. Society.

At the request and by the direction of the Executive Committee of the Wesleyan University of Des Moines, I hereby submit this proposition for your consideration.

If there can be furnished for this institution the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars payable either within the present calendar year or in 12 installments that is every ninety days, from
June 1, 1889, to June 1, 1892, I will guarantee, provided I live and have reasonably good health, the accomplishment of these results by June 1, 1892:

1. The patronage of the college shall be doubled.

2. The faculty shall be maintained at its present force, 10 instructors, at least.

3. All the expenses and liabilities of the college shall be paid.

4. The amount invested in new apparatus and books
May 6th, 1921

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you that the spelling of the word " Außerdem" should be corrected to " Außerdem". I believe there was a misunderstanding or a typographical error in the document.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I have enclosed the correct version of the word for your reference.
shall not be less than $5,000.

5: There shall be added to the endowment either in money or in first-class interest-bearing notes One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.)

If the above named $30,000. should be paid within a short time it would be divided into 12 equal parts and loaned, made payable as above indicated, with first mortgages on real estate security as safe as No. 1. bonds at 8% interest per year. This would be quite an advantage
I am unable to read the text on this page.
To me:

I have so thoroughly examined into the affairs of this college and so carefully considered all that is involved in what I stated herein and so well understand the conditions prevalent here that I know these five things can be accomplished. I am so confident of this that I would be willing to quit a long with the forfeiture of all I am worth in case of failure.
unless some unforeseen and

dreadful calamity.

A special reason for
this request in this form
is that it will enable me
to elevate all my time and
energies at once to the college.
As we are now situated I
must serve this church as
pastor to live. To run the col-
lege, raise money for
expenses, books, apparatus,
and endeavor and perform
the duties of pastor of this
important church will pass me my health if not my life.

Further it will at once place the college where it will command respect and win confidence.

Again. If I must go this state asking for contributions for our expenses it will prevent securing funds for endowment. The people will not give twice a year to the same cause.

And again. It will take some little time for me to quote
The acquaintance of the men
who must do the heavy giving
and win their entire confidence.
I have never met them with
but one exception.

Still further this
college has never asked and
never received any help
outside of the State from $10,00.

For these reasons
I have asked for this money.
If received I am quite sure
it will go a long way toward
buying the two Baptist colleges
of Iowa together. This is strictly
winter was. The Bella people
are descendant. They are not
look. If we get help such as
I have indicated they are
all the State will at once
understand when the prophet
of the denunciation will be
given. It will have a
powerful effect.

The man who could,
if he would use his in-
sfluence, lead the Bella
people to come here is Rev. Geo.
W. Gardiner, D. D., of Winches-
ter, N. Mass. He continuing the
لا يوجد نص يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي من الصورة المقدمة.
interest at Bella Vue. Do you know of any way or of any one to approach him in this when him the importance of his doing this?

I would suggest that you ask Rev. H. A. Rogers of Worcesters to write Rev. Fred. P. Gates and ask for a confidential statement of the matters of our college.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Stetson.

Prof. W. R. Harper.
In accordance with the law of 29th April the author has
published a certain work or discussion
and to the inhabitants of Krasnay
whereby the

of the


Signed

P.M. Nennes
Dear Mr.:

I have just received a letter from [blank] stating in answer to my proposition for the $30,000, saying that no money will be given to pay the debts of any school. My proposition does not mean that we expect to use any of the Society's money to pay debts. None of it will be so used unless we receive permission to do so. If the Society will help us get books and apparatus, it will also help us run the school for three years. I will provide for all debts with money from other sources if I will do the other things.
Specified I do most sincerely hope the Society will not make its gift whatever condition it may be upon our paying debts raising endowments at the same time as within the same year. It cannot be done. I am going to work for the successful maintenance of the School and endowment. The debts can then be handled, not as they stand in the way of doing these two things.

Very Truly,

H. L. Stimson.

Prof. W. R. Harper.
Des Moines, Iowa, March 23, 1892.

My Dear Friend:

Your kind favor of the 21st inst. just received. I am very grateful to you for your very kind aid in getting for me from the Education Society the appropriation of $1,500. You do not know how much it will do toward going through the year in anything like a good working condition.

I am sorry if my note in the Standard was not correctly understood. I used the exact language of Mr. Gates when he made his address before our trustees. I am aware that our facilities here are not what they will be at Chicago; but the University has agreed to confer its degrees upon those of our students who pass its examinations. That was what I intended to emphasize.

I cannot understand the requirements as you do for the full course or for either of the colleges. In the Academic College there
Dear Mother, I owe, March 31st 1910.

My dear friend,

Your kind note of the 8th inst. just received. I am very glad to say you are doing very well and I trust you will continue to do so. We are all very happy to hear from you.

Thank you for the subscription of $5000. You are of course very kind to me. I hope you will continue to do so.

Please write soon. I am very anxious to hear from you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
are six terms, that is, three terms in each of the two years. This will admit of twelve Majors. But how can you get twelve Minors into six terms? As I understand it, in each term there are two Majors and one Minor. That makes a full term's work. Even if you add a fourth term each year you can get but eight Minors, and sixteen Majors. But it has been stated that your undergraduate course would be no longer than four years of thirty six weeks each, or 144 weeks. This is the same as three weeks of 48 weeks each year. If you intend to require for graduation four years of 48 weeks each, or 192 weeks, I am very sure that affiliation would never been adopted. If that is the requirement then it means that we shall graduate very few. Four years of 36 weeks each will admit just twenty four Majors and twelve Minors, for there are just twelve terms, and there can be as many Minors as there are terms and twice as many Majors as there are terms, for two Majors and one Minor make a term's work. Perhaps my arithmetic is wrong, or something else. I am very anxious to understand this.
we six face, three faces to say of the two because this will
say of three faces. But how can you get twelve faces into the faces
we in Michigan to to see them there and only on one hand.
that makes a full seven work. Even if you end a trumpet term each year you
said out through, and six persons. But it is seen that they
can set out through three any extension. But the seven week that
your understandance comes would be to longer than your nerves or thirty
six weeks each of the seven. Life to the same as the same week of the weeks
six weeks each. If you intend to reduce for deduction from years to 16 weeks
each year. If you want some that attention you heaven peace in
about 16 weeks. If by much such a situation you heaven peace in
and twelve months, you there are the reasons and twelve as work months of the there are the
very few come knew of 86 weeks will comes same as work months or time
and twelve months. You there are the reasons and twelve as work months of the there are the
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we go to about so something else. I am very sureance to understand this.
It is of the utmost importance that I should comprehend this subject. I shall be in Chicago at the Seminary Commencement.

If I can be admitted for degree of Ph.D., regular post-graduate course, I desire to do so. I have degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Seminary. I think I can arrange to spend twelve weeks each year at Chicago.

We shall want eight teachers to help us next year.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

President: W.R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.
It is of the utmost importance that I convey comprehensive appreciation.

I材质 to the Office of the Secretary of Commerce.

If I can do anything to expedite the delivery of equipment, please advise.

Of course, I agree to go on. I understand the importance of expediting this transaction.

As for the matters after precautions to help us next year,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

President R. E. Herber

Office, III.
Des Moines, Iowa, March 9, 1889.

Dear Friend:

Concerning our matter it is very important I have some information if possible at any early date. You remember your Washington Maurise. You also know of Mrs. Rockefeller's offer of $100,000 to the Ex. Board of the Am. Bar. Ed. Soc. Once Ex. Comm. will ask for some more in that. What I desire to know is this: if we get something through the Board from Mr. R.'s gift will you regard that as the fulfillment of your Maurise, as will you
expect to see your name discharged in addition to
that I leave the matter with
you entirely to say but I am
quite desirous of knowing
which way it will be. Of course
if we could get two gifts one
would be pleased.

This will probably be a
meeting of our Trustees very soon
to change the name of our
school. Have you one to suggest?
Get us $50,000 or $100,000. You
will give it your name?

Very truly yours,

A. L. Stimson.

Prof. W. R. Homer,
New Haven, Conn.
Des Moines, Iowa, April 26, 1887.

My Dear Friend:

I saw an editorial in the Christian Secretary of a late date which made me very vexed. It was to the effect that the reason why the educational enterprise at Belgrade is not consummated is a large gift secured from Mr. Rockefeller is a certain opposition to you for President of the institution that the reason of that opposition is your supposed views in regard to some Old Testament matters. We have been long enough acquainted for me to ask you whether it is your desire to be President of the proposed institution at Belgrade, whether Mr. Rockefeller wants you to be President.
there is an opposition to you whether it is due to the cause alleged in the Secretary? I know there are painted personal questions, but I wish you would answer them frankly. I will tell you why.

If affairs are as the Secretary intimates of Mr. Rockefeller wants to aid higher Christian education in the West I want to make a proposition: it is this that the basis of those things be moved about four hundred miles West. This would be no difficulty in making you President here. I could I would step down and, if necessary you could have the whole management, as if such an institution should be founded here as I know in my mind I could have what would
suit me very well. If then could be assured an endowment of $1,000,000
from entirely reliable parties outside of Iowa, I am perfectly confident
then could be raised here from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000. To equip the
institution with buildings, apparatus & library. I have two reasons for
my belief. First—there is a gentleman here who is worth at the lowest
estimate $1,000,000. He has no family except a wife. He wants his name
to go to some great educational enter-
mise. His friends all say he would
give the most if not all his property if
in favor such an institution founded.
Second then could be secured not-
less than 1,000 acres of fine land
all within 21/2 Miles of our post office
which would be worth within ten years not less than $1,500. per acre
an $1,500,000. So confident am I of these two things that I am almost on the
point of attempting to make the one secure the other go into the
enterprise single handed. We
would have just such an institu-
tion as we might want. We
could know our own way. We
could carry on our work embanked
by a lot of middlesome fellows.
Of course the West—now educationally
is not as attractive as the East—
but here you would not be subjected
to the everlasting criticizing the
finitive spirit found in the East.
Such a school would mould
the educational destinies of all
the territory between the Mississippi.
Rise of the Rocky Mountains—The mightiest portion of this continent in the future. It would do as a work second to none in America. The day is not far off when there will be a great Trans-Mississippi school of higher learning. It is no better place for it than this city.

My notion for a school is much broader and more comprehensive than anything in our denomination. It's courses of study would be different. District fains different.

Now if things are as the Secretary intimates let the Whigs fellows prove it awhile. They don't deserve anything. I am out of all
Patience with this abominable spirit of repression. Let me think a
thing. I do not know much about the "Higher Criticism" but
I should as soon think of being afraid of my grandmother's ghost. I believe
in the divine antiquity of the Bible, how it came I do not know.

If you want to wield as mighty an educational influence as our man exercised the King of
the destinies of a vast territory came West. I mean this in all
seriousness.

Well starts the Chicago ex-
terprise ought to go over as far as
another soon. It may the light of way
but it must not remain another
track too long. Very truly,
H. L. Metcalfe.
Des Moines, Ia., June 20, 1891.

My Dear Friend:

Your confidential memorandum of contract for affiliation of colleges with the University of Chicago, duly received. I have not been able on account of the great pressure of duties connected with the closing of our canvass for the $100,000. and the exercises of commencement week, to give it the minute and careful examination which I desire, but I perceive one difficulty in the way of our adopting the plan. We are under contract to perform full college work, or we forfeit our campus and buildings. We are, therefore, compelled to carry our work through four years. Possibly there might be, on your part, some modification by which your requirement could be met and our contract kept. I can see many advantages which might accrue to us through such affiliation.

I am deeply interested to know what relation will exist between the University and the institutions at Osage, Burlington and Pella. If these become academies under your control and matronage, it will go hard with us, for instead of being feeders for our College they will draw students from us. If they could be to us what the three Baptist academies of Maine are to Colby University we would be greatly strengthened and able to send you a goodly number of students well prepared for post-graduate work.

You have learned, ere this, of our success in raising the $100,000. and sufficient to meet all indebtedness. It has been a long and hard struggle and I am utterly worn out. Though we have succeeded, we are in greater need of additional funds to-day than ever in the
Dear Mom & Dad:

My dear Father:

Your confidential memorandum of contract for tuition.

I am writing to acknowledge your generous gift of tuition for the academic year 1980-1981. I have not been able to report the magnitude of the financial burden that this gift represents. Despite the obstacles I face, I remain committed to pursuing my academic goals.

I have been fortunate to receive financial aid, but I have encountered significant difficulties. The examinations and coursework have been very challenging. I have made progress, but I still struggle to keep up with the pace. I have sought help from tutors and my professors, but I still find it difficult to keep up.

I have been working part-time to earn some extra money, but it is not enough to cover all my expenses. I have been able to find employment in the evenings, but it is not consistent. I am currently working in a local restaurant, and I am able to earn around $100 per week.

I am also concerned about my progress in my coursework. I have had difficulty in certain subjects, and I have struggled to keep up with the course material. I have sought help from my professors and classmates, but I still find it challenging.

I am grateful for your support and encouragement. I am committed to meeting the challenges that come my way, and I am determined to succeed. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With love and gratitude,

[Signature]
past. How to secure them, is now the great question. Will you require actual residence at the University and how long to secure the degree of Ph. D.? I wish I might be the first to win that honor from your University. What will be the requirements?

Very respectfully,

W. R. Harper, Ph. D.,
New Haven, Ct.

W. I. Stebbins
W. R. K. N.

...very respectfully,

W. R. Waters, Ph. D.

New Haven, Ct.
Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1892.

My Dear Friend:

Yours asking when the next meeting of the Trustees of Des Moines College will be held duly received. It will occur on the evening of the 1st of next month in the First Baptist church. It will probably extend through the next day. It is certain to do so. It will be a pleasure to us all to have you present and to have you fully explain "affiliation". I am looking forward to your coming with a great deal of personal enjoyment.

I had written thus far when I received your telegram from New York withdrawing the proposition to affiliate. I am most sorely disappointed and deeply wounded. I am put in a position of the utmost embarrassment. I have asked our Trustees to consider it, and I have already turned the College in that direction by getting some of our students to take your examinations and adopting your system of recitations. I was
Dear Mother, I saw you today.

I was excited when the next meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was convened at the tech of next month to the Parent-Teacher Association. I will attend all the meetings that are scheduled in the next few weeks. I am sorry to say that I will be unable to attend any of the meetings due to my health and to have you explain "little" matter. I am looking forward to your continued support with a great deal of pleasure.

I have been told that you had moved to a new residence. I am hearing from the student body and teachers that they have received your message. Your附身Kate is not present in the classroom, and your students are very sad. I hope you understand that I have received your message. I have heard that the students are preparing for the college to start registration by setting some of the necessary forms. I will take your advice and support your efforts in registration.
working quietly working for it in such a way that I fully expected it would carry next month. There is a great deal of opposition, but it is based for the most part on a misunderstanding of what is proposed. I had thought that you could remove all that when you came. I was at work on some other difficulties. Now I am hung up in the air. Will you please write me fully and exactly just the reasons for your withdrawal of the proposal? You do not know how utterly collapsed I feel. I use these words sincerely. I am too disappointed to write more.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

W. R. Harper, Ph.D.,

Chicago, Ill.
Thank you for your very kind letter and for your friendly intentions. I am very pleased to hear from you again. It is always a pleasure to receive a letter from you.

I have been working on the manuscript of my book, and I am happy to say that it is progressing well. I hope to have it completed soon, and I will send you a copy as soon as it is ready.

I am very grateful for your support and encouragement. I feel that your support is an inspiration to me, and I am confident that I will be able to complete the manuscript as expected.

I hope to see you soon, and I look forward to our next meeting.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]
Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 7, 1891.

My Dear Friend:

Yours of the 4th inst. received. Some matters of interest to report. Another one of our teachers, a young lady, I have persuaded to decide to take a post-graduate course at The University of Chicago. She is a full graduate of Coe College with the degree of B.S. She is the best teacher of elementary English I have ever seen. She will want to work in the English language. She is poor and will have to receive help. By no means would I consent to her absence except to receive instruction which will enable her to come back to us qualified to perform better work. She is one of the rarest of young ladies in every respect. What can be done for her and the other young lady I wrote you about?

Tonight the faculty voted to go to work next term on the major and minor system in the college classes. They regard it as an experiment and desire to test it first with the upper classes. If it works well it will be adopted in the academic classes.

Several of the students are arranging to take examinations
Dear Mom,

Iowa, Dec. 24, 1882.

My dear brother,

I hope you are well and that the recent snowfall has not affected your health. Some winter storms are very unfortunate for travelers.

I was very interested to read of the successful outcome of your recent trip to Europe. I am proud of your accomplishement. You have been traveling for too long.

I have been busy with my studies at the University of Chicago, where I am taking courses in philosophy. I am currently engaged in writing a paper on the philosophy of science. I have been doing a lot of reading and have found the material to be quite challenging.

I am looking forward to the spring semester, when I will have more time to focus on my work. I plan to continue my research on the topic of evolution and will be publishing a paper on the subject in the near future.

Enclosed are a few pages of my notes on the topic. I hope you find them informative. I would appreciate any feedback you may have.

Please take care of yourself and let me know how you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
so that if the affiliation take place they can get the degree from The University of Chicago when they graduate here. How many there will be I do not know, but there will be several.

Of course I understand that you have no money you can pledge personally to our College, but you and Mr. Gates can get it when it is necessary. Your hearty co-operation is what I want promised.

The faculty is as yet not agreed on affiliation. Four of us favor; one is undecided; two are trying to reach a decision; two are somewhat opposed. They fear that there will be an effort to get rid of them soon after the affiliation to make way for some favor of yours. They do not like the way the examinations are arranged. I have made no promises as yet that none of them shall be disturbed. I think they will all come round right after a little while. There is very strong opposition on the part of some of the Trustees. They say that the terms of the proposed affiliation imply and say to the world that you do not have confidence their ability to manage what they have created here, and that you cannot trust them. They resent that. I shall have to explain a good deal that this is not your intention. Some object on the ground that it
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is the application in education of the methods of the Standard Oil Co.
in business. Some cannot as yet see any advantage to the College, but
they say that it will give the impression that it is no longer an in-
stitution under the auspices of the Baptists of Iowa, but is a Chicago
school, run for the benefit of The University there. Some of the opposers
are my warmest personal friends. I have a delicate job on my hands. I
think that I shall not have the matter come before the Trustees until
the first week in Feb. I can do better then than I could this month.

It is probable that it will be necessary to make some modi-
fications of your terms in order to comply with the contract with the
company which gave us our land. These modifications will be largely ver-
bal and will not affect the vital points. I will let you know in time
what changes are needed so you can express your opinion on them before
the Trustees meet.

Very respectfully yours,

H. L. Stimson,

Pres., W.R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill