President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 29th. For some days I have been considering the advisibility of requesting you to send Dr. Small, but have been unable to see how I could get the trustees together so that he could meet them. I finally decided to show your letter to Mr. Grote asking for his consent knowing that if he gave it the trustees might be gotten in shape for an interview with Dr. Small. As I feared he said NO, and added that Mr. Lord had asked him yesterday if he (Mr. Grote) thought your presence here would be helpful. Mr. Grote replied that if you came no one with money would attend a meeting, that a personal canvass was out of the question (being beneath your dignity and requiring time which you could not give) and finally that he would be ashamed to have you meet in Elgin so many men of wealth who were too narrow and too little to give to such a cause.

Mr. Lord wanted to resign from the board but Mr. Grote told him that they two must stand by the institution to the end.

Mr. G. informed Mr. Lord that if they decided to close the Academy as they probably would, he felt that he, Mr. Grote, was under obligations to write and inform you of their action before it was made public.

There remains but one hope viz: that you request in an urgent letter to Mr. Grote that he come to the University for a personal interview
familiar with the University and its facilities. I am sure I have never seen a more beautiful or more welldesigned place. I wish you would come and see it soon. It is a wonderful place to live and work. I have been there several times and I am always impressed by the beauty and the order. I hope you will come and visit soon. It will be a pleasure to show you around. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I have included a few photographs of the University for your reference.
and let you know the situation, that the University with the Academy as an affiliated institution should know all the details. Then find out if the University with the assistance of Mr. Grote cannot influence a certain Mr. Stuart (or Stewart) of St. Charles to give $10,000, also a Mr. Waterman of Dundee to give $80,000 more. Then let Mr. and Mrs Lord take care of the rest. It was Mr. Grote's plan to do this. He has seen Mr. Stuart, talked to him three hours, gained his interest and his consent to do something, but Mr. G. fears he will not do very much. If this could be done, Mr. G. is sure that Mr. L. will be all right.

I of course do not know whether this is possible from the point of view of the University. I feel that you should see Mr. Grote under any circumstances, and at once as matters are moving rapidly now. Mr. G. is an intelligent, levelheaded, shrewd, energetic, religious and uneducated German, worthy of great respect and confidence, with I believe Congressional aspirations. I think he would feel honored by a request from you for an interview. He is closely connected with the money interests of Elgin and vivacity, and whatever the outcome concerning the Academy his interest in the University would be of possible value. Should you consider it wise to write him as I suggest kindly advise me as I should wish to inform him that I had written you respecting the two men mentioned.

I now believe that Mr. L. is sincere in thinking that he cannot carry the whole burden. Mr. Grote informs me to-day that the Y.M.C.A. is troubling him.

Yours very truly,

George Newton Sleight
I have just learned that the stockholders have met and filled out
the required number of Trustees (12)
Mr. Lord and B. Chace 90%
The condition remain same Meeting
called for Fri. or Saturday. Because
you are the God, please send further
to live as followers. And I write
give you to the effect that he advised you
not to send the Senate and that he felt
you were doing all that he could and
the meeting with the postess are
Mr. Charles are to proceed
Mr. Steen have not been and still waiting
I think you here and waiting for a answer
however I think no information at this time necessary Also the news, information
of helping my anxiety may appear the course of events the prospects
the interest in the Cannon will not be possible without your
I don't know if I was alive and I was There simply suppose me to be there.
unanswerable as we are alive and we cannot answer because you are around the same well


May 21st, 1902.

Mr. George W. Sleight,
Elgin, Ill.

My dear Mr. Sleight:

The Trustees have decided to continue the Academy. The plans are not yet perfected, but it is the intention to open as usual in September. TheLord's $23,000 is known by the public.

I should be glad to know that the work has gone forward.

I am most anxious to prevent your pushing forward the new plan, I remain

Yours very truly,

George, Newton Sleight.
ELGIN, ILL., May 19th 1912

President William A. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Mr. Harper:

The Trustees have decided to continue the Academy. All plans are not yet matured, but it is the intention to seek an endowment. Mr. Loeb's $25,000 is known by the public.

I regret to say that the Academy was closed last week when a little misunderstanding was put into it and the matter pushed through.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Newton Sleight.
ELGIN ACADEMY
Affiliated with the University of Chicago.
George Newton Sleight, Principal and Dean.

ELGIN, ILL., March 2

President William A. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I enclose you the letter requested written from the point of view of the University to such a man as I knew Mr. Lord to be. It may be wise to add a hint respecting the perpetuating of Lineham by a liberal endowment. You will please modify the letter as you think best. It may not for you to state that you asked me for Lineham addressed. You will also note that her letter enclosed gives Mr. H. the opportunity to write a longer letter explaining why the University cannot give financial aid. A letter to Mr. William Howe, Elgin, Ill., Vice President of the trustees, might be of great value. He should very closely Mr. Lord. The letter 2 telegraph contains the following points:

1. My resignation
2. The value of the Academy as an educational factor
3. A thought on the Trustee role

With all best wishes,

[Signature]
every effort possible.
5. The

signature action of the student

in their petition.
6. The fact that I stated
to you that I believed that
money could be raised if he, Mr. Buley,
could but undertake it & Quilling
was on the part of the University & co-
operate as far as possible.

I accept your further
pleas in this matter.

Yours very truly,

George Newton Sleight.
ELGIN ACADEMY
Affiliated with the University of Chicago.
George Newton Sleight, Principal and Dean.

ELGIN, ILL., Feb 26

President Mr. A. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Harper:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 24th stating that you desire to talk the matter of my resignation over with me before any action is taken by the Trustees.

I can call at the University Friday P.M. February 28th at about 7 P.M. if it is possible for you to see me at that time. If no telegram reaches me by the morning on Thursday, I will arrange to meet the University at about nine o'clock. Very truly yours,

Geo. N. Sleight.
Telegram

Elgin, Ill., May 1, 1902

President Wm. R. Harper, University of Chicago

Trustees will meet in Y. M. C. A. Saturday 10 A.M. Grote consells to Dr. Small coming there.

George N. Sleight.
No employee of this company is authorized to give any promise of this kind.

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ELGIN, ILL. May 21st. 1902

President William R. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illa.

May 22d, 1902.

My dear Dr. Harper:
My dear Mr. Sleight:

Mr. Lord has expressed a very strong desire that we
I have a just notion to Mr. Lord in reference
add to the diploma a word affiliated with the University of
in the way suggested. I write to say that if the University raises
me objections we will do so.

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

George N. Sleight
President William R. Harper,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

Mr. Lord has expressed a very strong desire that we add to our diplomas the words: Affiliated with the University of Chicago July 1st. 1899. I write to say that if the University raises no objections we will do so.

Yours very truly,

George M. Sleight
Sincerely,

Arthur A. Henderson

Chairman, Committee on Citizenship Education

My dear Dr. Henderson,

I have the honor to express my appreciation of the untiring efforts of the committee in furthering the

interest of the University of Chicago. I am pleased to say that the University may

expect to profit from the work of the committee.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
May 22d, 1902.

My dear Mr. Sleight:

I have just written to Mr. Lord in reference to the diplomas. I think it would be very excellent to have them printed in the way suggested.

Yours very truly,
Mr. Sec'y:

I have a chart attached to this paper for reference.

To Mr. Gilmore: I think if we could get very expert to prove from printing

I see my name suggested.

Yours very truly,