The books which are most appropriate for the schools in small towns and country districts are not likely to be the books which should be used in the schools of a large city. We need variety in the text books used in the Chicago schools in order to secure the best results. In Chicago we have been developing steadily away from a rigid city uniformity of text books and if the schools of Chicago should be forced to adopt a series of text books prescribed for the State, it would set them back in their development for many years. If the State Uniformity Bill is passed by the Legislature, Chicago should be exempted from its provisions and should be left perfectly free to choose its own text books.

The experience of Indiana, as presented by the school men of that State, leads to a belief that State uniformity of text books is not for the best interests of the schools and the experience of California would lead to a conclusion that the State manufacture of text books is very expensive and is not efficient in securing the desired results.

It may be that the Legislature is determined to pass some text book bill during the present session. If so, I would
The experience of California is that it is not expedient at any time to have State text books制成

The legislature is not in favor of having them made at the State expense and it is not advisable to have the

experience of California. It would be very expensive and is not advantageous to have State text books at all. The State is not in favor of having them made at the State expense and it is not advisable.

If we may expect the legislature to get rid of the present system, it is only right to propose a better system.
much prefer to see the Local Option Free Text Book Bill passed rather than the State Uniformity Bill as it is merely a further extension of a principle which has already been recognized by the Chicago Board of Education. Forty per cent of the books now used in our schools are purchased by the Board and it would not involve a very great additional expenditure if the Board should purchase all of the books used in the schools. As far as I am able to learn, the Free Text Book Bill has all of the advantages possessed by the State Uniformity Bill and in addition avoids many of the serious defects which the latter bill possesses.

If I am correctly informed, the State Uniformity Bill has already passed the House and has reached its second reading in the Senate. If this is the case, our Committee should use every effort to prevent its passage.

Yours very truly,
Chicago, May 28, 1897

Presidential W. M. Harper

Hon. J. A. Chicago

My Dear President—

Re: Times—Herald of Current Date—Friday—The letter about试剂 is not the one I refer at all.

I made a penciled copy like that, and considered the letter one which should not be published or misinterpreted another entirely different—

and which did not in any way precipitate a change—

So it is to be responsible to change a book in the Schools without other circumstances,

or conjectures on the part of the press, through sensational reporters.

As you have been...
Elected in confidence to shape the action of the Committee on this vital question, I hope you will ask Mr. Halewut to hold down or lived up these men whose most sleightful pleasance is to deal in the "Jigglery" I words to this deception, not the enlightenment of the public, and to throw discredit on the highest interests of education. I should know that the press accursed their hatred of publication will serve no good purpose.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Syracuse, N.Y.
June 12, 1879

My dear Harper:

Your wisdom in taking counsel with "practical" men always met my approval for one reason: that we can so rarely ask anything so much from those as literary fellows.

But remembering that in Germany the Oriental Seminary is under the control of the Haldens, Minister, I expect that eventually we will all agree literarily or you practical.

But here I am asking for a favor, or at least for so much of your kind attention as will help to secure a just recognition of the merit of my cousin Jennie S. Stivater, a Chicago teacher, in the exercise of her official work at the School Board. She is a teacher in the fifth grade of the Lawndale School Chicago.

She writes me: "After fifteen years of faithful service in the Chicago Schools, my much desired to get the position of Head Assistant. She is such a nice girl that I hate to recommend her for any position but a good nanie with any position that has the position of Head Assistant."
Chicago, Ill., July 22nd, 1897.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,
Ashville, N. C.
My dear Dr. Harper:

The plans for the Kozminski School are in a very unsettled condition and you are the only man who is in a position to act with authority and settle them promptly. The board did not appoint me principal of the school, partly because for some reason Mrs. Hull and Mr. Strong desired to oppose the recommendation of the committee that the appointment be made at a salary of $1500, and partly because Mr. Strong felt that it was your affair and that, if you had wanted it to go through, you would have been there to put it through. Mr. Errant is no longer on the board and there are two new members of the Sixth District Committee, so it rests with you to take whatever action is to be taken before August 11th. At that time the board will meet and will appoint the principal and teachers, but before that time there are many things that should be done to prepare for the opening of the school early in September. The manual training equipment should be chosen with care and put in place; a strong effort should be made to provide for manual training in the lower grades; the manual training teachers should be selected; the elementary housework and
May 19th, 1939

Mr. H. H. HEBBERD

Dear Mr. HEBBERD,

I write to you as the Chairman of the Board of Education to express our appreciation of the appointment of Mr. HEBBERD as the new head of the secondary school.

The Board has been pleased to appoint Mr. HEBBERD as the new head of the secondary school, and we are confident that he will do all within his power to continue the fine traditions of the school.

We understand that Mr. HEBBERD has a reputation for strict discipline and high standards of scholarship, and we are assured that he will maintain these standards in his new position.

We hope that you will continue to support the principles and ideals of the school, and that you will give your best efforts to ensure the success of our educational program.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
cooking equipment should be decided upon and put in place; the corps of teachers should be built up carefully in consultation with Assistant Superintendent Lewis and the principal of the school. This will take considerable time and careful planning and should be commenced at once. I am not in a position to do anything at present and without an understanding between you, as the only old member of the District Committee, and Mr. Lane and Mr. Lewis I cannot be put in a position to take any action in this matter before the board meets again.

Would you be willing to write letters as follows:-

1) to Assistant Superintendent Lewis, asking him to make certain, the appointment and to secure the co-operation of Errant and Waterman in planning the work; 2) to Superintendent Lane a similar letter; 3) to Mr. Errant, asking him to advise with the superintendents and board members and to present the plan that you and he have discussed and desire to carry out; 4) to Waterman, asking him to proceed in this matter as if he had already been appointed principal of the school.

There is one appointment that I am especially anxious to see made, viz., Miss Anna Murray, teacher of manual training in the Agassiz School, to be teacher of manual training in the Kozinski School. Miss Murray is the best manual training teacher in the city. She has planned all of the sloyd work in our Vacation
The subject department really does not go beyond any part in place: the
teacher of teachers really does part of the faculty in cooperation with
Assistant Superintendent Rowe and the principal of the school.
The will take responsibility for any case, but we are in a position to go according to
my own request and without any interference between you and the only one
member of the district Committee, my name and that is all I can
not do but in a position to take any action in this matter. Perhaps
not do but in a position to take any action in this matter.

Weekly you do nothing to write letters as follows:

(i) to Assistant Superintendent Rowe, asking him to make certain
the superintendent that he be able to have cooperation of Grant and Water.

(2) to Superintendent, asking him to send the work.
Refuse (3) to Mr. Hurst, asking him to have cooperation with the superintendent
for any purpose and not necessary any to have cooperation with any purpose
but to cooperate in this matter as if he has already been prepared

practicable of the school.

There is one objection that I am especially excited to
see made viz. none and Mr. Curtis, director of manual training in the
Agriculture School, to be teacher of manual training in the Connecticut
School. Mrs. Munroe to the past manual training teacher in the
School. She was planning all of the story work in our Vacation
and
School this summer and is the only manual training teacher in the Chicago Schools to whom I would be entirely willing to intrust the carrying out of plans we have made for this department of work in the Kozminski School. She is at the Stockholm Exposition this summer studying the manual training work of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark, but she expects to return about September 1st.

Hoping that you may be willing to take such action in this matter as will insure a successful opening of the school in the first week in September, I remain,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Richard [Signature]
School. I am aware that it is the only method of obtaining teachers in the

Inclined Schools, so now I would be entirely willing to inform the

seating out of them, we have made for the Department of Work in

the Commonwealth School. He is at the Education Department since

work, studying the mental training work of several, however, wanting

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the first week in September, I remain

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Doctor William R. Harper,

N. E. Corner 59th Street & Lexington Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:---

I have two children in the Kosinski Grammar School, 54th Street and Ingleside Avenue, in the fifth and eighth grades respectively. I have a boy in the 54th Street Branch of the Hyde Park High School.

This is my excuse for writing you, as one of the members of the Board of Education, by way of complaint.

My daughter, twelve years old, in the Kosinski School, says, there are forty-eight in her room under one teacher, and that this teacher, Miss Wood, is Acting Principal of the School, no Principal having been as yet appointed. I learn also that in the fifth grade, there are about the same number under one teacher.

You will appreciate that it was a grave error on the part of the Board of Education to neglect until now to appoint a Principal for the School. You will appreciate also that, while you are making experiments, that the children have but one chance in their lives. I wish I might speak with enough earnestness so that you and the other members of the Board of Education would appreciate your duties and act promptly now, and as far as you can, mitigate the damage that has been done the School by such
September 18th, 1939

Chicago, Illinois

Doctor William R. Harper

25th Street and Kedzie Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:--

I have two children in the Kosmantski Grammar School.

At 73rd Street and Logan Square Avenue, in the 6th and 7th grades respectively. I have a son in the 6th Street Branch of the Hyde Park High School.

This is my excuse for writing you as one of the members of the Board of Education, in my capacity as a member of the Kosmantski School.

My daughter, twelve years old, in the Kosmantski School, save there she fourth grade in the room where one teacher and theirthree teachers, Miss Wood, Acting Principal of the School, no principal having been as yet appointed, I learn also that in the Principal's Office there room the same number under one teacher.

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dilatory, and, as it seems to me, inexcusable lack of decision. Forty-eight are too many for any one teacher to attempt to instruct at one time. Where scholars are well graded, a teacher may take care of thirty-five; forty are too many.

The same tactics appear to have prevailed in the 54th Street branch.

I think I have a right to ask that the Board of Education take prompt action and appoint in the Kosminski School, an experienced Principal, and so divide the school and furnish instructors that no teacher may have the burden of as many as forty-eight scholars, and that some one may be assigned to be permanently at the head of the 54th Street Branch.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George R. Barton,
5307 Lexington Ave.
affection, and as it seems to me, inexcusable lack of cooperation.

Forty-eight were too many for any one teacher to attempt to

manage alone. The school's need for younger teachers

may take care of thirty-five, forty or even more.

The same factors appear to have prevailed in the past

for the parochial. I think I have a right to ask that the Board of Education

take prompt action and appoint in the Kommetjie School, an acting

principal, perhaps, and to give the school and its members immediate

further notice, and that some one may be sent here to permanently

superintend the Head of the Sixth Street Branch.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Mr. George P. Barton,

5307 Lexington Ave., City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21st. inst., to Dr. Wm. R. Harper, Member of the Board of Education, with reference to the condition of the 54th St. branch of the Hyde Park High School, and at the Kozminski School, was referred to me.

The Board of Education has found it necessary to arrange that 54 pupils be accommodated in a school room, the minimum number of seats to be 48. The amount of money allowed the Board for educational purposes is not sufficient to employ one teacher for every thirty-five pupils.

Since writing your letter principals have been elected for both of these schools. Trusting that there will be no occasion for further complaint,

I remain,

Yours truly,

Supt. Of Schools.
Mr. George L. Larrabee
2057 Lexington Ave. . N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 19th. inst. . to Dr. W. H. Herrick, Member of the Board of Education, with reference to the continuation of the school in the park near the school and the Central Park School, has been referred to me.

The Board of Education has found it necessary to continue the purchase of the electric stoves to be accomplished in a special fund. The minimum number of stoves to be purchased is two, The amount of money allowed the Board for educational purposes is not sufficient to employ one teacher for each one-thirty-five pupils.

Since writing your letter, plans have been made for the purchase of the stoves and the heating of the school. The amount of the purchase will go to the account for the Central Park School.

I remain,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Superintendent of Schools
Chicago, Sept. 29, 1897

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,

Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I herewith return Mr. Barton's letter, with a copy of my reply.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
Mr. W. H. Bennett

Member Board of Education

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I hereby return Mr. Bennett's letter with a copy of my reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Chicago, Oct. 5, 1897

Dear Dr. Harper:

Notwithstanding all, including the letter which I received last night from you, I think that the matter can still be settled in the direction desired. I saw Mr. Cameron this morning, and he is not unfriendly though feeling that the Superintendent should be sustained in his decision.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

(on)
Dear Mr. Wilkey:

Looking through all the correspondence, the matter can still be settled in the interest of justice. I have no objection to the removal of the court. I would like to say that the Superintendent should be included in the decision.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]
Dr. Wm. R. Harper:
Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I acknowledge the receipt of letters as follows:

(1) From Dr. E. Fletcher Ingalls, in behalf of Miss Higgins, who was dismissed from the service in June last. You will remember that she pleaded her own case before the Committee on School Management, and that the committee unanimously voted to sustain the recommendation of the Superintendent.

(2) From Mr. Herbert R. Jordan, applying for a position as teacher of stenography in the evening schools. If any vacancy should occur in that department I will be glad to do what I can for Mr. Jordan.

(3) From Miss Charlotte O. Bailey, a teacher in the South Division High School, asking that she be placed in the first group of high school teachers, which would allow her salary to advance $100 per year from $1500 to $2000. There are as many in the first group in the South Division High School as there should be, and if Miss Bailey should be advanced many others would also have to be advanced.

(4) From Mr. W. C. Gordon, in behalf of Miss Adeline Mills, who is seeking a place as additional teacher of Drawing in the city schools. Miss Locke recommends her for appointment. The Committee on Drawing has concurred in this recommendation. It was submitted to the Committee on School Management but they opposed the appointment of another teacher of drawing. While there is plenty of work to be done, it is unwise to push the matter of the appointment of another special teacher of drawing at the present time and I stated that as my view of the matter, to the Committee on Drawing.

(5) From Mr. Erastus A. Barnes, asking that he be given the principalship of the Harrison Evening School, instead of Mr. Alfred Harvey. I cannot recommend him for the place. His own statement "I am not very strong and sometimes when the weather is damp catch colds that bring on asthma. In such a condition I am helpless", indicates very clearly that he ought not to be appointed to the evening school, and that his strength should be reserved for his day school work.

I have placed these letters on file so that you may obtain them if you need them for any purpose.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Supt. of Schools.
I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 3, 1937.

I am writing to express my appreciation for the committee's recommendation of my appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools. I am greatly honored to be considered for such a significant role.

I am confident in my ability to contribute to the success of the school district and I am eager to begin my duties in this new capacity.

Thank you for considering me for this position. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Chicago, Nov., 8th., 1897.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper
University of Chicago,
City.

Dear Sir:—

You will remember my call upon you some three weeks ago in reference to a petition which you had signed endorsing Mr. John McClurg for the position of engineer of the "Ward School" in district VI in which you are a committeeman, and which petition was handed to you by my old friend Dr. Thomas Goodspeed, who also referred me to you.

I am informed that, through some misunderstanding, the petition of Mr. McClurg, which is signed by all three members of the District Committee, was not presented at the last meeting of the committee on Janitors and supplies, but that through some alleged undue activity, the name of another man, who had only two signatures to his petition, was placed before that committee and action taken recommending his appointment by the Board. Mr. D. R. Cameron, who is in possession of all the facts in the case, but was unable to be present at the meeting of the committee on Janitors and Supplies, refused to sign the recommendation, and action on the matter was not taken at the meeting of the Board last Wednesday evening. Mr. Gross, one of the committee, stands firm for Mr. McClurg, and I am informed that it now needs but your support to land Mr. McClurg in the position.

I fully understand your busy and almost burdensome life, but I feel it my duty to make this last appeal to you in behalf of Mr. McClurg, as an American citizen and a supporter of the Public Schools
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Dear Sir:

You will remember that I called upon you some time ago for an appointment. I have been informed that the position of the Committee is now vacant, and I am therefore writing to inquire whether you will consider the possibility of my being considered for the position.

I have had some experience in the field of committee work, and I am confident that I can bring a fresh and active approach to the task. My experience includes serving on various committees, both in a professional and personal capacity. I believe that my background and skills would make me a valuable addition to the Committee.

I would be grateful if you could let me know your thoughts on this matter. I am available to discuss the matter further at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]
I would earnestly urge you to at least suspend your final judgm-
ent in the case till we have had an opportunity of bringing all the
facts before you in the beginning of the week.

Yours respectfully,

J. Crawford Whitfield

To the undersigned respectfully recommend
The appointment of Mr. John Melburg
to the aforesaid position.

E. Erskine McMillan atty of law—
James C. Whiteford B.P.

Kittredge Wheeler.

Wm. W. Lawrence
To go with application for an engineer's place.

The President

connection with my application for the position of engineer under the City Board of Education, I was neglected to tell you that I am a student at the School that I desire to be engineer of, is the Ward School, 24th Street and Shields Avenue, which is in Dr. Parker's district.

Please add this to other matter in your possession and further oblige yours very truly,

John McElroy
To go with application for an engineer's place.

The Presidents
2952 Parnell Ave.
Sept. 20, 1897.

Rev. Dr. R. W. Goodspeed,

Dear Sir:

When I called, in company with Mr. Whitehead, to see you last week in regard to securing your influence with Dr. Harper in connection with my application for the position of Engineer under the City Board of Education, we neglected to tell you that the school that I desire to be an engineer of is the Ward School, 21st Street and Shields Avenue, which is in Dr. Harper's district.

Please add this to other matters in your possession and further oblige. Yours very truly,

John H. Cline.
and replied, 

"Yes, Mr. Smith,"

and continued,

"We will look into it right away and provide you with an update."
There is no readable text on this page.
November 11, 1897.

Dr. William R. Harper,
Member Special Committee.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the President has appointed the following committee to confer with Governor Tanner with a view to having him include in the call for a special session of the legislature the matter of granting the Board of Education the right of eminent domain, and also to consider the advisability of seeking legislation whereby the tax levy for educational purposes may be increased: Messrs. Gresham, Harper, Mark, Cusack and Harris.

Awaiting your pleasure, I remain

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Secretary.
Honourel II, 1899

Dr. William E. Harper
Member Special Committee

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the President and supporting the following committee to confer with Governor Terrell with a view to prevent him from the call for a special session of the legislature to consider the matter of extending the scope of the civil service examination and of contracts, the subject matter of which law for the establishment of the Board of Education, Messrs. Greenlaw, Harper, Meriwether, and Hurst.

Awaiting your pleasure, I remain

Very respectfully,

Secretary
December 11th, 1897.

W.R. Harper Esq.
Board of Education.

Dear Sir:-

I am advised of the pending resignation of Mr. Morrill as Attorney of the School Board. If Mr. Morrill should resign I would ask your kind consideration of the claim of Daniel J. Mc.Mahon, a college friend of mine at St. Ignatius College, and a well known and talented young lawyer of this city. In the early part of this year I offered Mr. Mc.Mahon a place in the Corporation Counsel's office, which at that time he did not feel at liberty in justice to his clients to accept. The present position I am led to believe would prove congenial to him and I feel every confidence his appointment would reflect credit upon the management of the School Board.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Dear Sir:

I am sanguine of the pending consideration of the matter in that Department on the occasion of the gross injustice I have seen and that I have for many years been subjected to a college and have been of the Committee of the Board of Trustees and have been in the habit of writing to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

I do not take a place in the Committee's estimate of the affair to neglect the President's petition I have not failed to give you complete information of the affair; and I have every confidence in the appointment made by you early last month.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Chicago,

Jan 31-98.

Dr. William R. Harper, Prest. Univ. of Chicago,

57th Street,

City.

My Dear Doctor Harper:

Next Saturday evening the George Howland Club and the Ella F. Young Club, which are composed of Principals of our schools, are to have a joint meeting at the Palmer House.

There will be a social meeting from 5 to 6 o'clock, and dinner at 6 o'clock. We want very much that you and Mrs. Harper should both be present as our guests. If you can not stay long, come and stay as long as you can. I trust that you will be able to spend the evening with us. Be kind enough to let me know whether it will be convenient for you to do so.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Asst. Supt. of Schools.
Mr. [Name]

Next Saturday evening the George Hotel

11:00 p.m.

would like to see you back at the Hotel. We have decided to have a social gathering at the Palmer House.

There will be a social gathering from 8:00 to 10:00, and dinner at 6:00. We want very much that you and [Name] attend. Please let us know if you can make it and if you will be able to come and stay as long as you can. I trust that you will let me know to bring the evening with us.

Whether it will be convenient for you to go on.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Jan. 31, 1890

2804 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your surprising letter came this morn-
ing and troubled my conscience, as some-
thing inside of me. To-day I luned with
Mr. McCormick and he "labored" with
me. The result is that if you will
kindly send a note to the Mayor and
he cares to arrest my resignation un-
til Friday morning, I will come to
the meeting of your division for Wednesday
evening. Than the matter reconized
and finally decided.

I quite agree with your general
views that citizens once all V.S. They
can save their city. I agree also that
the work of the Commission is of the
very first importance. My dif-
facility is that I do not see how I can do a man's work on the Commission and keep up my other work, engagement boundless in prior and part of which is not a matter of voluntary choice but of constrained obligation. I am working now to about the full limit of my time and capacity, and I am "scattering" such a degree that I seem to accomplish nothing.

Let me add that I have been afraid for you, in the multiplicity of your high duties. Pardon me for venturing to say that slow suicide is better - a triple - that instantaneous suicide. I think that it is worth while for you to live - say - forty years more.

Very sincerely yours,

J. D. McPherson.
Chicago, Jan. 25, 1898

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,

Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Mr. MacDonald, of the McClellan School, addressed to you, asking whether an extra teacher was to be appointed to that school. The report of the district committee was laid over by the committee on school management, and no action has been taken.

I have notified Mr. MacDonald of the action.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
Jan 28, 1928

Mr. R. Herber,
Member Board of Education

Dear Mr. Herber:

I acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Mr. MacDoanald, of the Headmaster School, addressed to you, asking whether an extra teacher was to be employed to teach at the High School. The report of the Principal and the report of the committee was read over by the committee on school management, and no action has been taken.

I have notified Mr. MacDoanald of the action.

Yours truly,

Superintendant
Prof. W R Harper,

48th St & Ellis Ave., City.

Dear Sir:—

I very much desire the pleasure of an interview with you concerning the introduction of my method of performing the preliminary examination of school children's eyes by principals, in the public schools of Chicago.

This method has been in satisfactory use for two years in the Minnesota State University and the Minneapolis public schools. This fact you may be familiar with if you have read the June number of the "Review of Reviews", and the Sept. number of the " Educational Review" both of which contain articles by myself on the subject.

My method has been endorsed by the Ophthalmological Section of the "American Medical Association", and is now quite generally used throughout the United States.

It is inexpensive, practical, easily comprehended, efficient, and does not bring the oculist appointed by the Board in personal contact with the scholars. The latter feature recommends it highly, avoiding as it does, professional friction. Under my method scholars are not examined by any particular man or institution, are at perfect liberty to consult whomsoever they choose, or to attend any dispensary or infirmary they may elect, or in fact need not consult any one if they do not desire so to do. It simply warns the parent that ocular defects are believed to exist in a given child and throws the responsibility of caring for the child entirely upon the parent.

I trust to be able to bring this matter before the notice of the School Management Committee, of which you are a member, and before doing so would beg the privilege of a personal interview. I might add
Dear Mr. Nelson,

I am writing to express my interest in the possibility of an interview with your school. The school's reputation, the opportunity for growth, and the innovative curriculum all make it a prime destination for educators like me.

I have thoroughly researched the school's mission and values, and I believe that my background and experience align well with the school's goals. I have experience in curriculum development and is dedicated to fostering a learning environment that encourages critical thinking and creativity.

I am particularly drawn to the school's commitment to diversity and inclusion, and I am confident that I can contribute to the school's efforts in this area. I have participated in several diversity initiatives in my previous roles and have a deep understanding of the importance of creating an inclusive community.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these topics further in an interview. I am available at your convenience and can be reached at [phone number] or [email address].

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
that no salary is involved and the only expense consists in a little printed matter.

Knowing the value of your time and being desirous of not encroaching upon it at an inopportune time, I would beg you to mention a time and place when I may have the pleasure of seeing you for a few moments. I might add that my office is situated in a central location, and that if it should be convenient for you to see me here, my time will be at your disposal whenever you may honor me with a call, either in my office hours or out of them. If it should be convenient for you to communicate with me by telephone, my number is, Main 5346.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Frank Allport
that I am sorry to intrude and the only excuse common to a matter.

Knowing the value of your time and being anxious of not encroaching
the hour it is not important time, I wanna beg you to mention it to
me when I may have the pleasure of seeing you for a few moments
and please when I may have the pleasure of seeing you for a few moments
I might ask that as an office to attend to a certain transaction and that
if it should be convenient for you to see me here at the time appointed
your assistant whenever you may point out with a call, attend to an office
above room or out of them. If it should be convenient for you to see me
in accordance with my conversation, my intention to mail this.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am,

Very faithfully yours,

[Signature]
Monday, Feb. 28th, 1898.

Pres. William R. Harper,
9th St & Ellis Ave., City.

Dear Sir:—

Your kind advisory note is received, concerning the adoption of my plan, by the Board of Education, for the examination of school children's eyes and ears.

I have already made some progress along the lines which you suggested. Messrs. Halle, Brenan, Strong, Pettibone and Gross, have expressed themselves as being emphatically in favor of my plan with perhaps some unessential modifications.

I had the honor of appearing before the School Management Committee Feb. 17th, and am satisfied that the matter would have gone through easily, had it not been for the opposition of Mrs Sherman, who it seems has talked over some similar plan with Prof. C. A. Scott, of the Englewood Normal School. I have no doubt that Mrs Sherman is actuated by the most conscientious motives, but must say that I believe an experienced Eye and Ear Surgeon better qualified to plan methods for the development of latent eye and ear diseases in children, than any one else. Besides this, without wishing to be intrusive, I think I may say one or two things in my own favor. For instance, I am, so to speak, the father of the plan for the systematic examination of school children's eyes and ears by principals. I have had two years actual experience in the working out of the method in Minneapolis, during which time I have superintended the examination of about fifty thousand school children. I have consulted ophthalmologists and practical educators personally, and by correspondence all over the United States, and have thus been enabled to perfect and round out my plan until I believe it to be reliable and trustworthy. My plan is now in use.
Dear Sir:—

Your kind offer to receive, accommodate, and entertain the group.

I must advise you that the matter of reservation for the examination of

school officials' space and time,

I have already made every provision for the time when you may

request, secure, arrange, and have the necessary staff of

preparation of the printed materials to hand on my plan, with,

which I have some acquaintance and knowledge.

I had the honor of presenting before the School Management Com.

I have no complaint to make for the Secretary of Education, but I feel

the need for a new method of procedure. I write to you to say that I

have gone through the most

connection to matters, but I must say that I cannot see any

development of that one and my experience in education that may

ever have me

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add one to two things

the report on the plan for the student examination of school space

and special classes in science and mathematics. I have not two years' study

departure in the matter of the method in mathematics, but I have

strong objections. I have constant objections and requests, and

moreover, that I have experience to back up and along on my plan,

of course it to be realistic and practical. My idea to your. To me.
in St Paul and almost every sizable city in Minnesota, and I may say being generally adopted throughout the United States. Of course modifications are made here and there, to suit individual ideas and locations, but the central plan remains the same. My plan was officially endorsed and recommended at the last meeting of the Ophthalmological Section of the American Medical Association, in June, 1897. This Section is composed of the most representative American Ophthalmologists, is a very conservative organization, and its official endorsement is correspondingly significant. At the last meeting of the "Minnesota Associated School Boards", held in St Paul, last Fall, I read, by invitation, an address upon the subject of "Physical Defects in Children", which will shortly appear in print. In this address I outlined questions calculated to develop the existence of ear diseases in children, which I have incorporated in my plan, and which I hope to use in the Chicago schools, if the Board of Education sees fit to grant me permission. I brought with me when I left Minneapolis, cordial letters of recommendation for my plan, from some who have witnessed its actual workings. These letters were from, Pres. Northrup, of the Minnesota State University, Prof. Kiehle, Professor of Pedagogy, Prof. Gale, Professor of Psychology, Mrs Grays, Pres. of the Minneapolis Board of Education, and Supt. Jordan, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools. These letters I presented at the last meeting of the School Management Committee, and if you desire to know any more of me, I beg leave to refer you to Prof. Judson, of your own University.

I ask for no salary, and the expense to put this plan in operation is practically nothing. For the two years during which it has been in operation in Minneapolis, it has not cost the Board of Education one hundred dollars. The expense simply exists in getting out some
Dr. Frank Alpert

60 State Street
New York, N.Y.

November 13, 1970

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the outstanding work of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Jewish Women, and to thank you for your untiring efforts in support of the United Nations. Your efforts have been of great significance in advancing the cause of human dignity and freedom throughout the world.

In particular, I wish to express my gratitude for the support and encouragement you have given to the work of the American Friends Service Committee, which has played a vital role in promoting peace and understanding in the Middle East.

May I also extend my congratulations to the Jewish Community Council of New York City, which has played a significant role in fostering unity and cooperation among all segments of the Jewish community.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation for the outstanding work of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, which has been a force for unity and cooperation among the major Jewish organizations in the United States.

I am confident that your continued efforts will contribute significantly to the advancement of the cause of justice and peace in the world.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Frank Alpert

Chairman, United Nations Pacific Organization
printed matter. There is absolutely nothing underneath this matter through which I can make a profit. I mention this fact because several members of the Board of Education have asked me how I expected to be remunerated! Business men I think hardly understand the satisfaction with which a professional man witnesses the development of a plan, instrument or procedure, which he himself has evolved. I cannot deny that my appointment as Board Oculist for the City of Chicago, might give me some reputation and might assist me in building up my business in this city, which I have selected as my future home, but this certainly is legitimate and cannot be avoided. I would not come into personal contact with the school children of this city. My plan especially prohibits this idea and is really the central point upon which the whole matter revolves. The children do not need to come to me if they receive cards of warning. They may go where they choose, or they need not go anywhere. My only remuneration for doing this work will be my professional satisfaction in witnessing the operation of my plan in this city, and personally superintending it, and whatever reputation may legitimately come with the appointment.

I trust you will pardon me for taking up so much of your time, but I think you as a professional man and a liberal educator of vast experience, can understand this whole matter better than any one, and I hope for your friendship and co-operation. I know your influence on in the Board, and am confident that a few words from you to the ladies on the Board and Prof. C. A. Scott, would dissipate all opposition.

Again begging your pardon for consuming so much of your time, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you at the next meeting of the School Management Committee, on Tuesday, March 1st, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Frank Allport.
There is a speciality holding my impress of this letter. Therefore, I can make a report. I mention this fact because I expect to be
a member of the Board of Education have asked me for I was expected to do
something. I think the matter is very important. I am concerned with the development of a plan. It
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4626 Champlain Av. Chicago
January 25, 1898.

President Harper, Dear Sir:

The interview for which Miss Parker and I requested we no longer desire. We wished to tell you how much of the increase in teachers' salaries if obtained, would flow into the University Extension Department.

I am sorry we inconvenience you even to the extent of a note.

Very truly yours,

Harriet L. Seavey.
7626 Champlain Av. Chicago
January 26, 1898.

President Harper,

Searcy,

I apologize most sincerely and heartily for having credited you with so mean a motive. I considered you that hypothetical economic man who has not motives but mercenary ones and forgot all about your personality and noble aims. Please forgive me.

Most humbly,

Harriet L. Seavey
Chicago, Feb. 28, 1898

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,
Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Yours of the 21st inst. came during my absence from the city. Prior to my leaving for Chattanooga I requested Mr. Waterman to securing the endorsement of Mr. Gresham and Mr. Brenan, Chairman of the Committee on School Management. They both approved his request to be absent without loss of pay and Mr. Brenan instructed the Clerk to make up his check in full.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
Dear Dr. Harper:

Yours of the 11th inst. came giving my reasons for the city.
Prior to my leaving for Galveston, I forwarded my recommendation of Mr. Warriner to secure the
appointment of Mr. Crossman and Mr. Brennan, chairman of the committee on school
management. They were appointed the directors to serve without term at my
request.

Yours truly,

Superintendent of Schools
Chicago, Feb. 8, 1898

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,
Member of the Board of Education.

My Dear Sir:

I herewith return Mr. Thurber's letter in regard to the appointment of Mr. Dunlay as a census enumerator. When the committee on census has determined how many census enumerators shall be employed, you will have the authority to appoint a certain number.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
Dr. R. R. Harper
Member of the Board of Education

My Dear Sir:

I hereby return Mr. Thompson's letter in regard to the appointment of Mr. Dunlap as a certified substitute when the committee on certified staff are determining how many certified substitute teachers should be employed. You will have the authority to appoint a certain number.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Superintendent
Chicago, March 26, 1898

Dr. W. R. Harper,
Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Yours of the 24th inst., enclosing letters from Mr. A. A. Sprague and his niece, was received. I have conferred with Mr. Lewis in regard to the expected vacancy; and should it occur, we will be glad to transfer Miss Atwood to the position. She has done well in her work and is entitled to favorable consideration. I herewith return the letters.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
March 29, 1933

Gentlemen,

I have been informed that you have received a recommendation letter from Mr. A. M. Stuart and I have been advised to refer to the letter in regard to the position currently held by Miss A. M. Stuart. She has gone well in her work and is entitled to your continued confidence. I have the pleasure of recommending her for the position.

Yours truly,

Superintendent.
Chicago: Jan. 10th, 1898.

Wm. R. Harper D. D.,

President University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Doctor:—

My niece, Miss Bessie Atwood, is a teacher in the over-flow room in the Brownell School at Anglewood. She informs me that there is a vacancy temporarily filled by a cadet, in one of the permanent rooms in the second grade, which she is very desirous of obtaining.

Miss Bessie, I believe, received high honors in High and Normal Schools, and is a superior girl. It would be especially desirable for her to obtain a permanent position in the Anglewood School, for the reason that she lives with a widowed mother, and would thus become, not only, a help and support of the family, but also a companion for her mother. She is the only daughter who is able to live here; her older sister, being banished to California on account of pulmonary difficulty, is living with my brother.

Very sincerely yours,

A. A. Sprague
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President of Chicago Teachers' Club
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Receipts, However, So Free Prices Cannot Be Maintained.

Trade in produce was on a fairly active scale yesterday, there being more shipping orders on the street than for some time past. Strawberry receipts were between 35,000 and 40,000 cases, and under the influence of these heavy receipts the market was inclined to go to pieces. Michigans ranged all the way from 35c to 75c, the higher prices being asked early in the day, while before the close of business commission houses were willing to accept most any figure offered. Two or three days of cheap berries has spoiled the local trade, in that grocers and other purchasers have been trained up to expect them to continue. Condition of the fruit is decidedly better than it has been running, all signs of excessive moisture having disappeared. If anything cheaper than present fruit comes on the market it will be the last picking, which will be of inferior quality. Housekeepers are making extensive purchases for canning and preserving purposes, and commission houses look to this class of buyers to keep the street cleaned up. It is extremely doubtful, owing to the lateness of the season, if better berries come on the market than are now being received. Yesterday's Wilsons were in particularly fine condition. The street continues overstocked with wax and green beans and tomatoes. Several carloads of watermelons were received from Florida in fairly good condition. The demand is slack, which makes prices tend downward. Gems are coming in half box baskets, but not selling well.

The following are quotations on wholesale lots from store:

Butter—Creamery: Extras, 16c; firsts, 15@15½c; seconds, 14@14½c. Dairies: Extras, 13c; firsts, 12c; seconds, 11c.

Cheese—Fancy full cream, cheddars, 7c; Young-
5227 Wabash Ave.
June 21, 1898.

Dr. W.R. Harper
President U. of C.

My dear sir:-

Enclosed find the newspaper denial I wrote of in a former letter.

Sincerely!

Jennie Goldman
Pres. C.T.E.
Dr. W. R. Harper,
Member of the Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Mr. Joseph A. Bache is the second division teacher in the Lowell School. He has been successful in his work in Chicago. I shall be glad to recommend him for promotion when a suitable vacancy occurs.

The new building at the corner of 49th & St Lawrence Ave. will probably be ready by the first of September next. Mrs. Young and I have agreed to recommend the transfer of Mr. Stahl, principal of the Taylor School, to this building, and I desire to recommend Mr. W. H. Campbell to succeed Mr. Stahl at the Taylor School.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
Mr. Joseph A. Blake is the second assistant teacher in the Lowell School. He has been successful in his work in Chicago. I am pleased to state that he has had the opportunity for promotion within suitable vacancies occurring in the new building at the corner of 4th & E. Lawrence Ave. with propriety. He is ready by the first of September next. Mr. Young and I have agreed to recommend his promotion to Mr. Campbell, principal of the Taylor School, to the Superintendent, and I am sure his recommendation will receive Mr. Campbell's approval.

Yours truly,

Superintendent

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Member of the Board of Education

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Yours truly,

Superintendent
My dear Mr. Harper:

I almost think myself a mean fellow, it was only last Saturday that I had been kindly invited by you to participate in a dinner given by the Merchants Club, which I enjoyed very much, and to-day I was compelled to remind you that you had an other one.

Now some as Member of the Board of Education expires March 9th.

"Sic transit gloria mundi." So if you want more glory you will have to have yourself re-appointed by the present Mayor.

I remain dear Sir,

Very truly,

[Signature]
CHICAGO, ILLS., March 30, 1898.

Pres., W. R. Harper,
Chicago University,
City.

Dear Sir:—

I was somewhat surprised to learn a few days since that the School Management Committee of the Board of Education had again called on Supt. Lane and his assistants for another report in regard to the relative merits of the new Johnson's Universal Cyclopedia and the International. I had supposed that this was settled some time ago, and that the Committee was fully advised as to the relative merits of the two publications. I understand that this matter will again come up on the Board shortly, and I take the liberty of enclosing you a few additional papers in regard to the matter, which I hope you may find time to glance over.

Trusting that you will overlook any annoyance I may cause you, and thanking you in advance for any assistance you may render, I am

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Initial]
Dear Sir:

I was somewhat surprised to learn a few days since that the School Management Committee of the Board of Education had again called on Superintendent and the SS. I was sent an additional copy of a report in regard to the superintendent's committee's plan to raise money for the new kindergarten. It is most gratifying to the principal and the committee who have so long been so active in the matter to receive your letter expressing your approval of the plan. I understand that the matter will again come up on the Board meeting and I take this opportunity to express you a few suggestions in regard to the matter which I hope you may find time to consider.

I trust that you will accept my assurance I may write you,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Board of Education,  
Office of Superintendent of Schools,  
Schiller Building.  

Dr. W. R. Harper,  

Member Board of Education.  

Dear Dr. Harper:  

I acknowledge the receipt of letters in behalf of Mrs. Jane Perry Cook, who now holds our high school teachers' certificate. I think we shall be able to find a place for her next year.

I also received yours of the 11th inst., in behalf of Mrs. Ada Atkinson, who will take our next examination for a high school certificate. If she is successful in the examination, I will try to arrange a place for her if there are any vacancies.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
Board of Education,
Office of Superintendent of Schools,
Schiller Building.

Chicago, May 11, 1898

Dr. W. R. Harper,
Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I acknowledge the receipt of the letter from Mr. W. A. Ring, addressed to you, in regard to the duties of "head assistants" and "extra teachers".

The "extra teachers" and "assistant principals" are required to perform duties assigned to them by the principal of the school. Their work embraces the supervision of primary grades, mostly, and substituting when teachers are absent. They also attend to some of the clerical work such as keeping records, marking examination papers, etc. In case of absence of the principal the rules of the Board make the "head assistant" the next in authority. However, in many schools the "extra teacher" really performs the principal's duties in his absence.

I know of no instance where an "extra teacher" has had no "further experience than in first grade work".

The tendency on the part of the Board to elect "extra teachers" who have not taught in all the grades was one reason why I suggested that in schools having 24 or more rooms the "head assistant" should be relieved of the work of instructing the eighth grade and should perform duties assigned by the principal. This would dispense with "assistant principals" and "extra teachers" and would simplify the whole system.

I herewith return Mr. Ring's letter.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Supt. of Schools.
Dear Sir:

Please reconsider the action taken by the Board of Education, November 3, 1897, in reference to equalizing the salaries of the head assistant and the extra teacher.

There is no parallel existing between the work and the duties of the two, and such a measure should be vigorously opposed by all head assistants, as well as all others interested.

The work of the head assistant is onerous, and, one might say, tremendous, the grade work having been more than doubled and really embracing the work of the first year in High School. She has had years of varied experience in all branches, because the unfinished work of the lower grades accumulates in the eighth grade.

The responsibilities of the principal devolve upon the head assistant in the absence of the principal.

Many of the extra teachers occupy their positions without having had any further experience than in first grade work. They may be seen flitting about from room to room, ostensibly doing something but in reality evading any work, and, in the case of a teacher's absence, scorning (maybe for a very good reason) to take the room, while the city has to bear the expense of a special substitute, often at four dollars a day, to take that room.

The duties of the extra teacher are so indefinite that no one has yet been able to find them out.

Some of them have been assigned to rooms where the principals have not wanted extra teachers, because there was no extra work to be done.

They are literally EXTRA teachers without any EXTRA work.

I have had both and I know how necessary the head assistant is and how totally unnecessary the extra teacher is.

That such an action is unjust, is putting it mildly, and I trust you will resent it with all the influence to which your position entitles you.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Board of Education,
Office of Superintendent of Schools,
Schiller Building.

Dr. William R. Harper, Member
Board of Education,
City.

My Dear Doctor Harper:— I acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Miss Harriet Seavey residing at 4626 Champlain Avenue, Chicago, asking for a transfer from the J.N. Thorp School to some place near her home. It will be a pleasure to transfer Miss Seavey to some point convenient to her home, as soon as possible. There are no vacancies at the present time, but I will enter her name upon the record of applicants, and will adjust it as soon as I can.

Yours very sincerely,

(Dictated)

[Signature]
Supt. of Schools.
Dr. William F. Keller, Member
Board of Education,

[Handwritten text]

Yours very truly,

(Handwritten signature)
Chicago, May 16, 1898.

Dr. William R. Harper, Prent.

University of Chicago,

City.

My Dear Doctor Harper:— Your letter of April 5, was mislaid or it would have received an earlier reply.

Permit me to say that the rule regarding the promotion of teachers is, that when a vacancy occurs in a higher group we have been expected to select some worthy teacher from a lower group and promote him or her to that vacancy. All, or nearly all, of the promotions made last summer were in accordance with this rule, and my son was among the rest. He took a position where the work assigned him was mostly the same that had been done by one who receives $1900.00. This is next to the last year of the first group. My son was promoted only to the first year of the second group, salary $1200.00. There were several others similarly situated when promoted. Hoping this may be satisfactory, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(A.F. Nightingale)

Supt. High Schools.

(Dictated)
Dr. W.R. Harper,

Member Board of Education.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I acknowledge the receipt of letters from Mr. Frank H. Hall, Supt. Of the State Institution for the Blind, at Jacksonville, Ill., and from Mr. John B. Curtis, also of that institution.

I have been, opposed to the project to build a school for the blind on the site located in the western part of the city. I think the suggestions of Mr. Hall can be carried out and all the blind in Chicago of school age instructed in our regular schools at a less expense than would be required to care for them in the proposed institution. The Board of Education has already taken action in the matter of erecting a building for this purpose on Southwest Boulevard, south of Douglas Park, on land owned by the Board immediately adjoining the State Workshop for the Blind.

Would it not be advisable to discuss this question before the Committee perhaps on School Management immediately and thus postpone the erection of the proposed building could be postponed for a year or two until the experiment of teaching these children with the seeing children can be tested. I will retain the letters in my possession so that they can be at your disposal if the matter should be brought to the attention of the Committee on School Management.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Schools.
June 19, 1898

Dr. W. A. Harper,
Member Chicago Board of Education.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I do not know whether you attach any importance to newspaper items or not, but I was annoyed to see in several Sunday papers that a delegation from the "Chicago Teachers' Club" was to wait on the Mayor Tuesday to protest against your reappointment on the School Board. There is no truth in the item. We have no appointment with the Mayor for Tuesday and have prepared no such.
I have written to the papers asking them to correct the statement. Our club adjourned for the summer June 17th and there fore no such action could be taken by the club and has not been taken by the directors.

Sincerely,

Anna Goldman,
President C.T.C.
President W. R. Harper,-

University of Chicago,
Chicago.

June 3, 1893.

Dear Dr. Harper,—

I have just received the enclosed letter, which I forward to you in the hope that you can secure the continuance of the course in astronomy now given in the Chicago high schools. It would seem to me a great misfortune to discontinue this work, as it certainly is of great value to the students. I frequently have occasion to wonder at the ignorance of the simplest astronomical phenomena displayed by otherwise intelligent persons who visit the Observatory. Some of the best known men in Chicago have asked me whether we use an electric light for illuminating the Moon and stars when we photograph them. It seems to me that a high school course in astronomy would be sufficiently justified if it did no other service than to prevent the possibility of such lack of information on the part of intelligent people. Fortunately, however, it does far more for the student in broadening his view of natural phenomena, and in stimulating thought regarding matters which are too often taken for granted. Will you not therefore use your influence in favor of continuing the present course?

Very sincerely yours,

George E. Hale
June 6, 1930

Dear Dr. [Name],

I have just received the enclosed letter, which I am happy to

You in the hope that you can receive the confirmation of the course in

anatomy now given to the Chicago High Schools. It would seem to me a

great misfortune to discourage this work, as it appears to be of

great value to the student. I understand that in various schools the course in

anatomy has been offered to students of talent and promise of interesting

persons and that the opportunities have been excellent in some cases. I am

therefore pleased to have the opportunity of informing you of

the interest the School of Anatomy has shown in this course and the

fact that a high school course in anatomy may be of importance to many

students. The School is anxious to promote the development of anatomy as

an integral part of the curriculum and believes that it will be of great

value to the student in preparing for further work of a scientific type.

I hope you will consider this suggestion in view of your influence in

furthering the development of anatomy in your school.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]