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Kathy Appenzeller
Dear Dr. Harper:

I spent yesterday at LaPorte, Ind., and today at Fort Wayne. At about 4:30 this afternoon I was preparing to take a Wabash train for Logansport, when I received a telegram saying that my father, who is in Wisconsin, is very ill, and that I must go to him. Of course there was nothing to do but to take the first train for Chicago. I have just arrived (10:30 P.M.). I shall take an early train for Wisconsin tomorrow morning.

Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Franklin, and Dr. Shepardson are in the office. I will write to them suggesting something that I should have attended to myself on my return. All matters were arranged between us for my absence this week. I am confident that all will go well there.
The University of Chicago,
Office: 1312 Chamber of Commerce Building.

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Besides regretting the illness of my father, I particularly regret that anything calls me away just now. I shall return at the very earliest moment possible.

I am confident of good results from my visits at St. Paul and at Fort Wayne. Many people in both cities are greatly interested in the work.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Nathaniel Butler Jr.
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of recommendation on behalf of [Candidate's Name]. The letter was not only complimentary but also provided a detailed account of [Candidate's Name]'s professional background, academic achievements, and personal qualities. Your endorsement has been invaluable in supporting [Candidate's Name]'s application for the position of [Position].

I am confident that [Candidate's Name] will excel in this role and bring valuable contributions to the organization. I would be delighted to provide any further information or assistance if necessary.

Thank you once again for your support and partnership in [Candidate's Name]'s success.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Position]

Chairman of the Board
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Dear Dr. Harper:

I hoped in vain this afternoon, for opportunity to say to you what I am now writing — that I feel that I must ask you to release me from my promise to stay at my post here, the releasing to be in effect January first. The documents I enclose explain themselves. They were a great surprise to me, I seriously believed that my repeated refusal to consider the invitation had at last closed the matter and that it would never be re-opened. But while it was a great relief to me in many ways to feel that the question was settled, I could not dismiss it, nor could I dismiss some grave doubts about the conclusion I had reached. When
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I feel it my duty to communicate to you the fact that I am unable to do anything further to promote the cause of our movement. It has been a great privilege to have been associated with the National Board and to have served as its President. I feel that I have done my best to promote the cause and that I have been faithful to the principles which we advocate.

I am unable to continue in the position of President of the Board and I must resign my position.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]
Drummond's telegram came. I was satisfied that if certain minor conditions could be met I ought, after all, to accept the work at Colby. I wrote him a long letter accordingly, intending, upon receiving his answer, to go over the whole matter with you. But instead of replying to the letter he answered one of its points by telegram and issued a call for a meeting of his trustees. I have been informed that they will meet September 30th.

I have repeatedly tried to find a twist for telling you of this change in my purpose. It is not a thing that one can speak of at every turn and place, and no suitable situation has been found yet. I hoped that I might tell you alone, and that it might be kept from others. I am afraid however that at the other end of the line a different policy may be pursued.

Perhaps it is better that I explain this as I have done before. We take up the details of the work of the Division Thursday evening. I am sure you will believe that my interest in the work and my devotion to it will not be abated in the least. I am prepared to present my resignation to the
...
Board at whatever time seems best. My proposition that I take effect January first is made in order that I may keep the engagements made for my courses at the Centres, and that I may keep the administrative work in my hands until suitable arrangements can be made for transferring it to another.

Since we can speak of this fully, I need not write further. I feel that it is not pertinent for me to add anything in this, of my own personal feeling in taking a course separating me from you and from the University.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.
(Reading or handwriting not legible enough to transcribe)
Dr. W. R. Harper,
President of The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I beg leave to present to you and to the Board of Trustees the request that I be released from my duties and position in the University of Chicago, the release to be in effect January first, 1896.

It is due to you that I state clearly my reason for this request. For the third time, and after I had twice declined to consider it, the Trustees of Colby University have tendered to me the presidency of that institution. My determination to remain in my present position in the University of Chicago, and therefore to decline this call, was reached six weeks ago, after much thought, and upon consultation with the President, and that decision was declared to me by the President, in good faith.
and with sincere intention. Upon the reopening of the question by the Trustees of Colby University, I again communicated to them my decision to remain at my post here. Nevertheless, while I regarded the question as settled, and believed that it would never be reopened, considerations in favor of my acceptance of the work at Colby University presented themselves to me with ever increasing weight. When, therefore, contrary to my serious belief, the question was presented to me for the third time, I was clearly of the opinion that I ought to make the request I am now writing.

It would not be proper for me, in this communication, to recite at length the considerations that make it very hard for me to choose this course and to make this request. I may perhaps be allowed thereby to refer to my strong attachment to the University of Chicago, almost every stone in whose buildings I have been set in place, my feeling of personal identification with all that this University
represents, many of the earliest plans and
hopes regarding which I have heard discussed,
(could in some of those earlier, as well as in
later plans, I have had some small part); my
sense of appreciation of the personal
and official kindness of members of this
Board, and especially of their recent and
generous expression of confidence and approval;
your strong personal regard — may I say
affection for the President, whose kindness
to me has been unremitting. I could not
give an account of my course in presenting
this request, if I were not convinced that
the work to which I have been invited has
been presented to me, in some sense pro-
visionally, and that it is therefore my duty
to ask you to release me from my obligations
here, so that I may enter upon it.

Assuming that this request will be granted,
I beg to offer you, herewith, my resignation with
the further request that it be in effect January first
1896. Your acceptance of
my resignation will render it obviously improper for me to receive the addition to my salary, which the Board of Trustees kindly voted at its last meeting.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Please write on this note.

I'm not sure what to do.

Can you help me?

Thank you.

[Signature]
The University of Chicago.

Aug. 4 - 1894

Dear Dr. Harper:

Last evening I received from Miss Stover a note in which she announced to me her resignation of the position which she has held during the past year in the University Extension office. Upon inquiry I learn that she concluded to resign, not primarily because she desired to change her work, but because she supposed that her hold upon the office for another year is somewhat doubtful. The resignation is, therefore, not conclusive in the sense that she could not reconsider it.
I very much hope that I may not seem to you obdurate or unreasonably persistent in this matter, and that you will understand that I am quite willing cheerfully to conform to your wishes and judgement in the equipment of the University Extension office, but I cannot help the conviction that more will be lost by a change of this kind now than can be gained. Miss Stover has thoroughly in hand all of the lines of routine work connected with the business of the Division; she is prompt, faithful, clear-headed, and in all respects does her work well. I suspect that I am not very generously endowed with the genius of organization, and that may be the reason why I have never been able quite clearly to see what a head man-clerk would do in our office which is not already being done, unless, indeed, such a clerk were to take the place of one of the Secretaries. With Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Shephardson, Mr. Leopold, Mr. Raymond, and myself on the ground, the difficulty of providing enough work to justify the expense involved in this change, appears to me to be considerable.

I hope that I have made it clear that I am moved in this matter by any desire to show personal kindness to anyone, or simply to hold in position one who has been faithful in her work. I am moved solely
Now by my inability to foresee what we can do to justify the change after it shall have been made. If, however, you still think it desirable and will send me word to that effect, I will say to Miss Stone that her resignation is accepted, and she can at once conclude arrangements with the school authorities who have offered her a place.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.
Feb. 13, 1890.

President Wm. R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:

The deacon who introduced me in Dr. Lottriner's pulpit in Music Hall last Sunday morning said: "We are to hear this morning from Chicago by way of Maine. Next Sunday we shall hear from a New England educator by way of Chicago." He then went on to say that President Harper was expected to occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning. At once I determined to write you and ask whether you cannot arrange to come to Waterville before you return to Chicago. Of course I need not say that this would be a very great pleasure to us and to others. But I want to point out that I believe such a visit from you would be of immense value in confirming relations between Colby and the University of Chicago. We have at least two men now who would be almost certainly pointed toward Chicago if they should meet you, and others
General Phillips

West Point, New York

February 16, 1930

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am introducing me in the following:

In your last telegram I was unable to meet the morning train from Chicago by way of Milwaukie. Next Sunday we shall meet you in a new natural location by way of Chicago. He then went to meet President Emeritus and expected to occupy the new office. I was able to meet President Emeritus and expected to write you about next Sunday morning. We have been trying to come to Waterfall because we believe that you cannot attend to come to Waterfall because

We have of course made a very exact plan to do and to arrive. But I want to join our course. I believe many a point from you won't be of importance. We have at least two men who would move to St. Paul.

Sincerely yours,

General Phillips
I am sure would follow. It is really not much of an undertaking to run down here from Boston. I hope you will be able to send me word that you can come. I am writing in a good deal of haste and will only add our cordial remembrances to your household.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.
Pres't. Wm. R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:—

The impression left upon every one by your visit is altogether delightful. Your address to the students was most profitable and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The various members of the faculty have expressed to me their exceeding gratification at what you said. Dr. Pepper and Prof. Taylor were especially emphatic in this. Various students have spoken to me in the same way. As I said to you, the visit more than fulfilled my hope and expectation regarding it.

I have sent you a paper which I think will interest you somewhat, in view of one or two matters which we talked about. I am strongly encouraged to hope that we shall get practical assistance from the alumni in our efforts to strengthen certain departments of the work here. I would like to remind you that you said you would have me informed in regard to the new plans for the development of the university extension. I shall look for this information with great interest.

My household join me in sending to you and the members of your family our cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Mr. R. Hackett,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hackett:

The impression left upon me by your visit

Your attention to the matter as well as

place to the various members

of the society have expressed to me their express regret

Dr. Patten and Prof. Taylor were especially

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expectation regarding it.

I have read you a paper which I think will interest you somewhat.

view of one or two matters which we talked about.

In accordance to hope that we may get started the various departments of the

the stimulus to our efforts to bring this plan for the development of

the University Extension. I will look for this information with

With respect,

Your family and closet regards,

[Signature]
June 19, 1896.

Pres't. Wm. R. Harper,

The University,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:

The circular announcement of the spring finals and the quinquennial convocation was awaiting me on my return yesterday from Providence, where I have been attending a part of the Brown commencement. The reading of these announcements has filled me with a strong desire to be upon the old ground and to see these great celebrations. I am bound to confess that these announcements would make me a little homesick, if I were not so busy just now that I cannot stop to indulge that sentiment. I am sure that this great anniversary will be one of great rejoicing to all the friends of the University of Chicago, which I am sure means not only the entire city and the north west, but every one who is interested in the solution of the questions of higher education in this country. The farther I get away in time and distance from the University, the more clearly I can measure its magnitude, not only as compared with other institutions heretofore existing in this country, but as compared with any that have at any time come into existence.

With best wishes for the success of the anniversary, and with cordial regards from my household, I remain

Sincerely yours,
June 19, 1936

Dear Mr. Hartner,

The University

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hartner:

The occasion tomorrow of the speaking

Tribute of the University is now over. I have been attending

receptions and affairs of the University. The meeting of the

day was attended by a number of distinguished guests, among

which were many friends and acquaintances. It was a great

pleasure to see them again after so many years. I was

honored to have the opportunity to address the assembly.

I am sure that the speeches made will be of great

value. I hope you will find the program of the day

interesting and instructive.

With cordial regards from the University, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
December 2, 1897.

My dear President Harper:—

I remember that you received in a not unfriendly spirit my suggestion that you deliver for us at the next Commencement the Phi Beta Kappa oration. I need hardly assure you that I was quite in earnest about it, and I am now writing to get your definite promise to do this for us. This feature of our anniversary season is on the whole the most prominent of them all. It occurs on Tuesday evening of Commencement week, when all the visitors have arrived and none are yet preparing to go. The oration has always been given by persons of distinction. Names of no less note than those of Ralph Waldo Emerson and George William Curtis are upon our records. Dr. Lorimer pronounced the oration last year.

Commencement at Waterville is an occasion of especial interest, not only to the Baptists of New England, but to a large circle of alumni and friends outside the denomination. Boston and other parts of Massachusetts are always well represented. I think that no announcement would arouse such enthusiastic interest in all who care for this anniversary as the announcement that you are to give the Phi Beta Kappa oration. This Chapter will be glad to have your consent that they elect you to honorary membership in the society.

Commencement occurs on the Wednesday preceding the fourth of July. All the anniversaries fill the days between Sunday and Wednesday. The oration, as I have said, occurs on Tuesday. I hope you will let me put this down as fixed for our next Commencement. Of course we shall expect the double pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Harper and yourself. I am sure that you would both enjoy seeing Maine at that season.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]
December 8, 1927

My dear Mr. President:

I remember that you recently asked me not to raise
my voice during the discussion of the new program
in the House of Representatives. I have kept quiet
because I was trying to keep the new program in
the background. I am pleased to see that the
mission of the new program is now being discussed.
It seems to me that the most important thing is
not to get involved in the political party. The
question of the new program may now be handled
by the party leaders. I am happy to see that
Dr. James C. O'Hara and George William Curtis
are now our leaders.

With the best regards,
[Signature]
December 10, 1897.

President W. E. Harper,
The University,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Harper:—I have your kind letter by this morning’s mail. I believe that I can, without resorting to higher mathematics, figure out the situation to our complete satisfaction. The evening upon which the Commencement oration should occur will be Tuesday, June 28. This of course would bring you uncomfortably near to the time when it is important for you to be in Chicago. However, even then you could take a Boston train at 10 o’clock that evening, and then leave Boston for Chicago at 10:30 on Wednesday, the 29th, reaching Chicago at 2:40 on Thursday, June 30. Thus you would be in season for the first day of the summer quarter at the University. If such swift work as this is objectionable, we could so change the order as to have the oration on Monday evening. Tuesday, however, is altogether the best time, for, as I have already explained, by that day all the friends who are to attend the anniversaries have arrived and none have yet gone. We should hope that you and Mrs. Harper would reach Waterville at all events as early as Saturday afternoon, June 25, so as to spend Commencement Sunday with us. Now, does not this solve the problem?

Assuming that it does, I shall be very much obliged if you will write me once more in regard to the business side of the transaction. The college of course pays your travelling expenses. I shall be glad to know what you would regard as satisfactory in addition to that. You
December 10, 1940.

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will understand how I wish that this side of the matter need not be at all considered, but no one knows better than you that we have to consider the business phase of all these things.

The rest of our college year will be pervaded with the pleasant anticipation of seeing Mrs. Harper and you in June, and of having the friends of the college hear you.

My household join me in sending cordial regards to yours.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Butler.
Dear Dr. Harper:

I. On last Tuesday, I went to Newton Centre, and from there hurried up to extreme northern Maine, reaching one only last night (Saturday). I found your letter and telegram. "Oh, what lovely dangers!" I cannot disguise the truth that these tidings are most disturbing to us. The fact is that the arrival of Tuesday evening is the nearest, the closest, the heart, the climax of the whole Commencement work. And it is well known throughout New England that you are expected here this year. The Associated Press has spread it to the Boston and other papers, and announcements like the one enclosed have been sent to all the colleges. It is a "situation," and no mistake.

This must go to Professor Burton, of course. I knew that whatever he would do would be excellent. There is no doubt about that point. But you can see without difficulty that his coming would be no very meet expectations. To the most of our constituency and even to many of our own...
John D. Rockefeller

21, May 1938

Dear Mr. Rockefeller,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your generous support of the arts and education in our city. Your commitment to the community has been invaluable, and I believe it has had a significant impact on the quality of life for many residents.

I understand that you have a passion for the arts, particularly in the areas of opera and ballet. I have had the pleasure of attending several performances in your honor, and each time I am struck by the beauty and elegance of the performances.

Your support of the arts is not limited to the performing arts. Your generosity has also benefited our local schools, where students have access to a variety of educational programs that they might not have otherwise.

I want to extend my gratitude for your continued support and commitment to the community. Your contributions have made a real difference, and I hope that in the future we can continue to build upon this foundation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
trustees, Burton is unknown. You can see how it is. One general principle I learned is that there is one general principle only, but it is additional to these. It is one of very specific principles and anticipations. Now these are the facts, and they might be truthfully stated in much stronger terms. Thus endeth the first lesson.

II—Whether the situation at Chicago is too grave to admit of your being here, I am sure to admit if you alone can judge. I can see that if you alone can judge it must come to the question of sacrificing the interests to be affected by your presence at the meeting of the 29th or sacrificing what is represented by your being here, it is clear that we ought to release you. I will ask two questions, and then cheerfully leave the decision to you, and we will unhesitatingly and warmly accept the resulting situation:

1) In view of your long standing engagement that the meeting of the ...
Columbia University

The Memorial Church

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Later, or even before you would have to leave for Maine. (2) Could you not (supposing that the 27th must stand as the date of the meeting) be here for your address at 11:30 Monday June 27th? You could leave Waterville on a first class Pullman train at 10 P.M. that day (immediately after your address); you would reach Boston Tuesday morning (28th), have ample time to make the 10:30 foromorn train by the Albany road, and reach Chicago at 2:40 in the afternoon of Wednesday the 29th. "There you are" and there you would be for the meeting. Again my mathematics triumph.

I beg you to believe that I gratefully appreciate the very kind way in which you put this whole matter and, as well, the difficult situation in which it places you. I would not, by misunderstanding
add a feather's weight to the embarrassment. If, however, you can be here Monday, that will completely solve the problem, for we can perfectly well transpose the appointments of Thursday and Tuesday.

Will you then please give that proposition careful consideration and then telegraph me what you judge to be best?

As to what we should do if you cannot be with us, I should want to confer with my committee, and this, perhaps, would be the best thing to say to Professor Burton with my sincere thanks to him. No doubt the committee in that case would say, "Aut Burton aut nulius."

Sincerely yours,
Nathaniel Butler.
President William R. Harper,

The University,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I have just returned from an absence over Sunday spent with one of our affiliated academies. To-morrow I start for the extreme north of the State, and on my return have to go over to the Eastern State Normal School to participate in their graduation. I explain this that you may know why I am writing so hasty a letter at this time.

I assure you that I have not abated at all my anxiety to send students from our region to you. It is not impossible that some theological students will go from us to Chicago next autumn. One or two have discussed the matter with me quite seriously. Of course you can see that to overcome whatever attractions Newton and Rochester and Colgate may possess requires some skill and energy. I will give your letter careful attention.

Our year has been a delightful one. There has not been a ripple in the calm of good order and earnest co-operation. We are going to open our new chemical building for the commencement reception. I see that you are to be at Newton. I heartily wish you could and would — or to put it more forcibly — that you can and will run up from Newton and be with us during a part of our commencement week. Commencement Sunday will be June 25th and the week's exercises will terminate on Wednesday, June 28th. I am sure that you do not need to be told that we will give you the freedom of the city and the best welcome that our surroundings make possible.

Mrs. Butler and her mother lately took a trip to Washington and to Mrs. Sheppard's New Jersey home, and on returning they were the guests of Robertson and his wife at Park Hill. I met them in New York, where I went to attend the spring meeting of the Colby Alumni Association, and we had a nice little time there and a pleasant return home. They all join in sending to you and yours most cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.

P.S. I add a word that I hardly cared to dictate - I have
Colorado College

M. F. T. M.

President's Office of Student

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August 17, 1899.

My dear President Harper:—

I hope the favor I am about to ask of you will not involve the consumption of too much of your time, necessarily so much in demand for other things.

The case is this: I am before long to read at Worcester, Massachusetts, a short paper upon a subject whose form I have not yet determined, but the matter is this: Does the modern college do its part well in encouraging and equipping men for the Gospel ministry? The subject has been assigned me, and I think that the notion in the minds of those selecting it involves the question whether the colleges of to-day are not less efficient than those of former times in encouraging men to go into the ministry and in equipping them for their studies and work. I shall be very grateful if you can put me in the way of getting any statistics bearing upon the question. Does the number of students in the theological schools and their character as students warrant at all the conclusion that the modern college is not as efficient and encouraging an agency for the ministry as the college of former days?

My own impression is that the college of today affords more and better encouragements to men who, before entering college, have decided upon the ministry, and that it equips them better for their work than at any former period; and that perhaps the fact that for every vocation in life men now seek the colleges, whereas formerly they sought the college chiefly as a preliminary to one of the three learned professions, may have created the impression that actually fewer men go into the ministry than used to. Further, it has seemed to me that the fact that so many avenues of directly religious activity are open to laymen in every walk of life may have resulted in the choosing of other vocations by Christian young men in circumstances in which, in another generation, they would have felt bound by their Christian convictions of duty to have entered the ministry. The choosing of secular vocations by such men would not, therefore, warrant the conclusion that the college was doing its work less well, nor offering fewer encouragements to young men to enter the ministry. Probably in former times the ministerial college student had set his face and his feet towards the ministry before entering college, and did not derive his intention to enter the ministry from any encouragements which the college afforded.
I hope the letter I send to you now will serve as a note of your farewell. It has been an honor to serve as the Principal of this institution. I have enjoyed my time here and hope that the students and faculty will continue to succeed in their endeavors.

The years at Tillotson College have been filled with challenges and opportunities. I have appreciated the support of the faculty and staff, and have been proud to see the growth and development of the college.

I hope that the students at Tillotson College will continue to strive for excellence and make a positive impact on the world.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]
(2 - President Harper)

However, I find myself working out the subject, which it is not pertinent to do here. But I repeat, if you can put me in the way of getting any information as to facts or any suggestions bearing upon the question, I shall be exceedingly grateful.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Rust

P. S. I am much interested in the University Record of the 11th containing an account of the conference on correspondence study. As I read the account, I seem to feel myself present. I am glad that the work goes on so well.
However, I have been notified that the proposed price for the "Rainbow Knife" is $200.00. This is not consistent with the prices set by our competitors, and I am concerned that this may affect our ability to remain competitive in the market. I am willing to discuss this matter further if you would like.

With best wishes,

[Signature]

"Rainbow Knife" is scheduled for release in Q2 of next year.
Colby College
Waterville, Maine

Sept. 7, 1899

Dear President Starker:

Your kind letter of the 4th. just received, offers me a great pleasure and certain an important service. You will, of course, realize that I could not think of undertaking to give so important an address, with so short a time for preparation, unless I can adapt something already prepared, to the occasion. Scarcely a month will intervene between now and the date of the annual meeting of the Union. Meanwhile I am preparing my paper for Worcester, and one or two short addresses, in connection with the opening of the college. A good many months would be more than long for the reading and thought that this address demands. I should like, if it were possible, to discuss "Theological Thought and the Scientific Spirit." But this is quite out of the question for me.
Dear [Name],

I am writing to...
Now the best I could do would be to give an address upon "Some Assumed Verities of the Christian Faith," the aim being to emphasize the point that whatever mysteries and themes for speculation we may encounter in the realm of our religious thinking, the fundamentals of the Christian faith are no more matters of conjecture than are the phenomena with which material science deals, that the former are just as truly verifiable by experimental proofs as are the latter, and that the legitimate aim of theological thought is to lead to a clearer apprehension and firmer grasp of these fundamental verities—God, duty, salvation, immortality.

It is too bad, for an answer to your invitation, to foist you with this long letter. But I do so simply because I do not at all know what sort of an "address" is usual or expected. Obviously what I have outlined above is
And therefore if the address is not expected to be sermonic, what I have outlined will not do, at all.

Ergo, and you see what I can do.

What not, in the time available, you will have no sort of hesitation in letting me know of the only thing I could offer, is not of the nature of what the occasion asks for. I beg of you to do this for your own sake, for the sake of the occasion, and for mine.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butter
The President's Office

Enclosed is a copy of the ... to be forwarded to the appropriate

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September 15, 1899.

President William R. Harper,

The University,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Harper:

I thank you for your kind letter of the 12th, which I received yesterday. In accordance with my former letter, I shall gladly accept your invitation to be present and deliver the annual address before the Theological Union October 5th. I suppose the address is to be given in the evening.

You will easily judge, I am sure, that I shall undertake this not without a good deal of diffidence. I know this to be a notable occasion, and I shall certainly have an audience before whom -- whether numerous or otherwise -- one may hesitate rashly to appear. Since, however, in the light of my explanation of the best I can do, you have renewed your invitation, I shall dismiss all doubts and apply myself to what you have asked me to do to the best of my ability. May I ask that the subject be announced as: Some Assured Verities of the Christian Faith.

I am very grateful for your hospitable invitation, and shall gladly accept it. Mrs. Butler will not be able to accompany me on this journey. I rather think now that I shall plan to leave here Sunday night, October 1st. That would bring me to Chicago on the 3rd. I should then be able to leave Chicago the morning of the 6th and get home early Sunday morning. Please do not suppose that I am planning to tax your hospitality during the whole of the intervening time. I know that relatives of Mrs. Butler in Ravenswood and in Aurora will expect me to at least look in upon them, and my friend John Lenox at Oak Park will doubtless make me some urgent and hospitable overtures. Most of all, however, I shall enjoy being at your house and about the University. To this especially I shall be looking forward with the most pleasant anticipations.

My family join me in sending cordial regards to all your household.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler, F.
August 10, 1900

Dear Dr. Starker:

I was unsuccessful in my three attempts to find you today. That did not surprise me, as I knew that this would be an unusually busy day, even for you. Of course I was and am much interested in what we talked of this morning. You will no doubt want to think about...
it further. If, by and by, you see your way to make a proposition, I shall be very glad to consider it.

In the meantime, I thank you very much for what I have enjoyed during the six weeks, in general, and for your many special courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.
August 13th, 1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,
Colby University, Waterville, Maine.

My dear Dr. Butler:

I was very sorry indeed not to be in when you called. I was in the city on important business. You will be pleased to know, perhaps, that on that day I succeeded in closing up an important transaction by which the University becomes the possessor of still another new building, which will cost not less than a hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand dollars. This is confidential.

I was talking seriously that morning when we were riding, and I should like to have you consider the suggestion then made. I should think it important for the work to begin January first. Will you not let me know what you think of the plan? As soon as I hear from you I will write more definitely.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
To: [Recipient]

Subject: [Subject]

Dear [Recipient],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to address an important matter that has been on my mind for some time. I am aware of the ongoing situation and understand the concerns that have been raised.

The decision to proceed with the implementation of [Implementation Plan] requires careful consideration. It is crucial to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to [Reason for Concern].

I believe that [Alternative Plan] would be a more suitable approach. This option would not only address the concerns but also [Benefits of Alternative Plan].

I would be happy to discuss this further with you. Please let me know if this is convenient for you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
August 15, 1900

Dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter of the 13th came to day. As I have already said, I shall be glad to consider seriously a definite proposition looking to my return to the University. I am happy here, and am glad to have been here as I have. It may be that I can do no more here; but in any case I should be very strongly drawn to the University of Chicago now, by a plan that seems practicable from every point of view. The experience of the six weeks just closed has been delightful, and leaves me with a distinct desire to keep in, or soon return to, the same atmosphere.

I am very much interested in the suggestion of organizing and extending the affiliations of the University. It would be a very agreeable work, and almost without limit in influence for the University and for all concerned. In any proposition, I should be glad to have my teaching relations to the University made a pretty distinct and
April 21, 1940

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to inform you of the recent developments in our college. Our enrollment has increased significantly, and we have had to expand our facilities to accommodate the growing number of students. The financial situation remains tight, and we are in need of additional funding to ensure the continued operation of our institution.

I have also been informed of the recommendations by the President's Commission on Higher Education. Their suggestions include an increase intuition fees and the implementation of a new curriculum that focuses more on practical skills. I am seriously considering their advice, as it seems to be in line with the current demands of the job market.

I would appreciate your input on this matter. Any financial support you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I assure you that we are doing our best to ensure the prosperity of our college and that we will continue to strive for excellence in the education of our students.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. President

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Galt College

Warner Avenue, Chicago

April 21, 1940

[Additional notes and signatures]

[Note: The handwriting is legible, but due to the nature of the document, further details or context cannot be transcribed accurately without additional expertise.]
important element.

I am clear in my judgment, however, that it would not do for me to undertake to drop this work during the course of the year. It would be impracticable, I think, to make those who are interested in the college feel in any other way than that injustice and injury had been done to its interests, if the change were to be made before the next commencement. I think that Small would judge in the same way from his acquaintance with the situation and the people here. Of course it would be in the highest degree desirable that my leaving here, if it comes to pass, should be such as to occasion only the best of feeling all around. Equally, of course I ought, as soon as it becomes clear that the change is really to be made, to notify those most concerned. I could ask to be released at the close of the fall term, but I could not feel the change to be practicable without the cordial assent of those most
concerned. And that assent seems to me improbable.

What you report respecting another building is certainly most cheering. It is very interesting that after eight years of actual work, the material growth of the University is as visible, as rapid, and as vigorous as at any time in its history.

Mrs. Butler joins me in sending cordial regards to Mrs. Satterlee and to you and your household.

Sincerely yours,

 Nathaniel Butler
August 21st, 1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,  

to the President of  

Colby University, Waterville, Maine.

My dear President Butler:

I am authorized by the Board of Trustees to negotiate with you for your return to the University, and I write to make the preliminary form of a proposition.

1. The University will invite you to accept (a) a professorship in the department of pedagogy, it being understood that at least one-half of your time will be given to the actual work of teaching in the classrooms in connection with that department; (b) The directorship of the co-operative work of the University, with the understanding that you will be expected to travel during a maximum of one quarter; (c) An editorial position on "The School Review", this to be shared with other members of the department.

2. It is understood further that the salary will be the regular salary of a professor. three
thousand dollars ($3000.), and that in addition the University will pay such expenses as you would incur in traveling on behalf of the University.

Hoping that you will consider this proposition and that I may receive any suggestions from you with reference to it, I remain

Very truly yours,
PAUSE
August 25th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Harper:

Your letter of the 21st has just reached me. Before replying to it as an official letter, I want to write to you personally and more freely.

President Nathaniel Butler, out the responsibilities of the Presidency, "to live Colby College, Waterville, Maine," and move and have (your) being. Comparatively few professors in the University have a larger salary.

My dear President Butler:

Your letter of August twenty-fifth and in time this might be increased. I am hoping has been received. I think I appreciate the points that you will give the matter your most careful consideration.

I have always thought to myself that your experience at Waterville ought not to have too much influence in this matter. As President there undoubtedly have come upon you many expenses which you would not need to incur in Chicago.

As the matter now looks, I do not see how the Trustees could arrange for the salary which you suggest. By great effort it is possible that the sum of five hundred dollars in addition to that mentioned in my former letter might be secured.

This, however, would be the maximum which the University could at present reach. I am hoping that the time will come when the salary of the professors will be somewhat increased, but at present we are not able to do more. I am inclined to think that you ought to be able on that salary, and within
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Catholic College, Wernerville, Maine.

My dear President, 

Your letter of August twenty-first has been received. I think I appreciate the points you make in the letter. I think, however, that your experience as Wernerville can make your point more interesting in this matter. As President there undoubtedly have come upon you many experiences which you would not need to know in College.

As the matter now stands, I do not see how the President can agree for the salary which you suggest. Your effort at the president of the three hundred colleges in addition to that mentioned in my former letter might be regarded as a step toward the maximum which the University can and does present. I am hoping that the time will come when the salary of the President will be somewhat increased, but at present the rate at which you are not able to go more. I am inclined to think that you ought to be able to get an equal salary and with-
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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
and I'm looking forward to the opportunity of spending more time with you and your family. I hope you will enjoy the rest of your trip and that this letter finds you well. Please extend my regards to your family.

Very truly yours,

[signature]

As for the matter you referred to in your letter, I can understand your concern. It is great that you have taken the initiative to write to me and express your thoughts.

As for the classroom situation, I understand your students' situation and appreciate your efforts to help them. I am sure that you are doing your best to support them.

With regards to the travel plans, I hope you will have a safe and pleasant journey. I am looking forward to taking care of your family.

I hope this letter finds you well. Please take care of yourself and your family.
August 25, 1900

Colby College
WATERVILLE, MAINE

Mr. Harper:

Your letter of the 21st has just reached me. Before replying to it as an official letter, I want to write to you personally and more freely.

You have very kindly kept before my mind the possibility of returning to the University. I have therefore thought about it a good deal and always with pleasure, and with the hope that it might come to pass. I have said to myself that when those conditions exist, I should feel perfectly clear and free from hesitation. These conditions are:

1) That the prospect of doing what is to be done here, does not justify my keeping at it longer;

2) That the work proposed for me at the University should be such that I should feel assured that I could do it well; and 3) that in the position to which I might be called I could, without too much thinking "about to-morrow", provide for my family and especially educate my boys, giving them such surroundings and advantages as they ought to have. My experience in Chicago, as well
makes it perfectly clear to me that I do not do this at a salary of $8000.00, and my income for this year will be something over $4000.00, and I shall no more than come out even with the world, at that. The first two conditions referred to, seem to me to be fulfilled. But I do not think I should be justified in turning away from this work and taking my family back to Chicago, unless I could be sure of earning $4500.00 a year. With that income, I could "live and move and have [my] being", and do my work and feel that I was giving to those dependent upon me no more than what they really ought to have for present comfort and for future usefulness.

This is just what is in my mind. I will add explicitly what is implied, that I should be very glad if it might appear that I could really earn $4500.00 in the service of the University. One cannot, of course, fail to be impressed with its
Copley College

Westminster, Niner

I write to ask if you would be interested in a position of 

Professor at this University. I have a background in 

Mathematics and am well-versed in the subject. I am 

available to discuss the possibility of a position if you 

find this interesting.

Thank you for considering my application.
Colby College
WATERVILLE, MAINE

self, immense and rapidly growing influence, in this country and beyond. Through the co-operative work that influence would be extended most wide and intimately, I think. It is a great prospect, and I should gladly have a part in realizing it, if the way might be open.

I am quite sure that you will fully understand what I have tried to say, and that you will not regard the position I have taken as strange or unreasonable.

With kindest regards to you and your household, in which Mrs. Butler joins, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Butler.
Colby College
WATERVILLE, MAINE

September 2, 1900

Dear Dr. Harker:

On my part, I appreciate the force of the point you make and the kindness of your letter. It is difficult for me to avoid the appearance of trying to "drive a bargain," in writing about this — a rather, it would be difficult if you did not know, as I am sure you do, that I am not wishing to do anything of the kind. For reasons I have already named, I am ready and shall be heartily glad to take up the work you have outlined at the University, if it proves practicable. I have gone over the whole question anew, since your last letter came, with the purpose of seeing what is practicable. My experience of living in Chicago and here, together, constitutes a pretty good basis for my conclusion. And that conclusion is that I deemed not best to move my family from Illinois to Chicago, to live there.
with my growing boys to educate, and to meet the demands that I cannot avoid, on a salary of $3500. As a matter of fact my gross income this year has been more than $45,000. This, of course includes what I earned this summer at the University. But much of it has come from my constant opportunities to preach and lecture — work for which, even if I should have as many calls, I could not give the time and strength in my new work. My expenses in Chicago would be different, but not so much less, when the higher rates of rent and of domestic service are counted.

I would not weary you with these details, save to show you the only reason why I "stood out." I do, however, think, upon careful consideration, that I should feel safe and confident to undertake the new work for four thousand dollars a year. And I even
hope that, when the greatness of the proposed work is considered, you and your trustees will see you way clean to name that amount in the salary paragraph of the outlined proposition your first seat.

I am sure that you will entirely understand all that is behind this letter, and that as you will acquit me of any wish to annoy you by "haggling."

Sincerely Yours,

Nathaniel Butler
Chester College
Woolchester
England

[Handwritten text]

[Signature]
Sept. 29, 1900.

President Nathaniel Butler,
Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

My Dear President Butler:-

Your letter of September 2nd was received in Chicago, forwarded to me in Boston. It was in Boston not very far from you that I had the pleasure of reading it. I think I understand your situation and entirely sympathize with you. The difficulty with the case lies in our situation not in yours. I wish it were possible to talk about a larger sum than was named in my last letter. My greatest difficulty will be to get the trustees to consent to that sum. This would not mean that they were not anxious to have you come,—but that situation as we are and with the rate of interest constantly decreasing we are not able to increase expenses.

I shall hope that we may be able to talk the matter over sometime soon.

Yours most sincerely,
Dear Professor H. H. Butler,

Gorham College, Gorham, Maine

My dear Professor Butler:

Your letter of September 13th was received in

October 1st, having come to me in October. If we in Boston

hope to ever visit your town, you have the pleasure of receiving

my letter.

I think I mentioned your attention and sympathy

in my letter of September 1st. I wish to make

these to our attention not in your own but to your

possibility of telling your letter and then we would be in

time to read it. My request attention will be to get the

letter read. My request attention will not mean

I have not been to your to your

impress the occasion to your own

that they were not expecting to have you come to, and that when

as we are, I am with the hope of interest on the subject.

we are not able to interfere any more.

I hear hope that we may be able to talk the matter

over sometime soon.

Yours most affectionately,

J. F. S.
October 12, 1900

Dear President Harper:

President Nathaniel Butler, your kind letter of September 29th, I am very glad to get. It comes to me that my last letter to you was perfectly understood. I was a little afraid that I might not have expressed myself just exactly as you were pleased to be assured upon the point. I expect in the course of the next month of yours and my acquaintance, that you consent to give four courses of University Extension lectures. You ought to do this any way and this will enable us to get the sum you have been in Boston indicated, namely $4,000, this on the supposition that I and the Senator can persuade the Trustees to put in that other $500.

What do you say?

Yours most truly,

[Signature]

Nathaniel Butler
Dear President Harper,

I am very glad to go...
Oct. 4, 1900.

Dear President Harper:

I have your kind letter of September 29th. I am very glad to get it because it assures me that my last letter to you was perfectly understood. I was a little afraid that I might not have expressed myself just clearly. I am very glad to be assured upon that point. I appreciate the kindness of this letter of yours and I confess that I still hope that something may be realized out of what we have been talking about.

I am wondering whther you may have been in Boston when I was myself there. I spent both last Sunday and the Sunday before with the First Church.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Dr. Harper:

I like very much your suggestion about University Extension lectures, assuming that the whole can be arranged. Of course I should want to avoid having too many I deemed want to avoid having too many.

Your letter of October 19th is received. I am glad that we are so near an agreement. I have asked Professor Dowey to write you in response to the point raised in your letter as to the character of the Pedagogical courses. You will hear from him very soon.

Yours very truly,

O: 18, 1900

Oct. 23, 1900.

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Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

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Yours very truly,
Oct. 30, 1900

Dear Mr. Bulter,

Goshen College, Gettysburg, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Bulter:

You are of October 26th to receive. I am glad that we are now near an agreement. I have asked Professor Ebrein to write you in response to the point raised in your letter as to the possibility of the Pedagogical conference. You will hear from him very soon.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]