February 3, 1916.

Dear Dr. Judson:

Circumstances on both sides made a little delay in my interview with Mr. Joseph H. Choate. He is under positive orders from his physicians not to risk any such travel or effort as would be involved in going to Chicago. He was obliged to decline going to Harvard last June to make the address at the opening of the great new library building.

Mr. Choate was exceedingly pleased with the invitation, and was very complimentary, and even enthusiastic, in his expressions regarding the development and greatness of the University of Chicago. He asked me to tell you that he regarded this invitation as one of the most complimentary that he had ever received. He seems in good health and spirits for a man who was eighty-four last week; but he explained the circumstances under which he feels it impossible to make any of the engagements that he would be glad to make if he were younger and stronger. I hope you will call upon him some time when you are here, because I feel that these elder statesmen should not be overlooked in the rush of our current affairs, and that they should receive
Dear Dr. Johnson:

Circumstances are such that make it difficult for me to take up my position as professor with the University of Chicago. I was to leave next June to make the change from the great west to the east coast. I was undecided as to whether to go to Chicago or not.

Mr. Crane was very anxious to please me and make the change. He was most courteous and gave me every satisfaction. He has very kindly asked me to stay for a year or two and he will have a new extension building ready for me next year.

He was willing to make me an offer at any time, and he is willing to write to you at any time to answer your questions.

I hope you will call upon him some time when you are free, and I can feel that there is much sympathy and encouragement in your name at our present situation, and that your support and encouragement will be appreciated by me.

Yours truly,
[Signature]
due honor and courtesy. This letter follows a telegram that I am also sending.

It was a great pleasure to see you at Lakewood.

Sincerely yours,

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