My Dear Prof. Harper:

Alas! One great opportunity has gone. If you are not made everlastingly glorious in the near future remember that fortune once was ready to smile on you, but somehow or another you dodged while she was ready to let fly a beam marked for you. The Graphic of this city a creditable illustrated paper proposes to publish next week an article on the Baptists and wished to have your picture to go with it in connection with a number of others. I wrote you about it, or at least, have it so marked on a list I kept. Either I did not write and am the cause of allowing your effulgent light to be thus snuffed out, so far as the Graphic is concerned, or the letter did not reach you. Which ever is the case I regret it, as the thing proposed looks now as if the publisher was intending to do a nice thing. I wanted your genial face to appear with the others.

This is the meaning of the postal-card; this alas the failing of a well-meant plan. Weep with me.

Yours very truly,
My Dear Prof. Hatler:

Almost one great opportunity has gone. If you are not made exceptionally proposition in the near future to some department you will probably have to resign. The graph of life is a complete plateau and it looks as if it is going to continue in that manner. I have planned and arranged to leave the capitol in a couple of weeks and I am not sure what I am going to do, but you will be able to resign yourself to the ease of the position and to the idea that we are going to put up a fight.
My dear Dr. Harper:

I have spoken to Dr. Smith and Mr. Goodman and they both appreciate highly the honor you propose to pay them. So far as we now can see, May 23 would be satisfactory. Mr. Goodman makes the suggestion that the dinner part be made as simple and thereby we may be able to get away all the sooner. He ventures to make this suggestion in view of the condition of his eyes and his health. I should be glad to be of any service in the matter that may be advisable. The thought that you had suggested this means to testify to their service in the standard for the denomination touched each of them most forcibly. Let me know, if you think best, what further steps ought to be taken.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Dickerson.
Have not yet had time to formulate the other matter but will continue to think over it. I am convinced in my own mind that the idea is practicable and desirable.
CICAGO

The Baptist Union

National Young People's Union of America

[Missing text due to handwriting quality]
Think we saw an abundance of means, and are getting good horses, which thoughts are far from being formed on facts.

Thanking you again for your thoughtful kindness, and wishing you all prosperity in the University. I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Emma P. Dickerson.
Standard, which cleared
up errors and misrepresen-
tations.

I know, some of our writers
then would accept the
advice of Dr. Gray, and
put to one side the paper
that a ton of gold would be
to all of us, and what
a wonderful help! I
think few understand how
greatly we need just such help.

Many, I know,

Denton Center.

May 31, 1895.

[Signature]

President W. R. Harper.

Dr. Dr. Harper:

I write just a note to thank
you very heartily for
your kindly thought in
suggesting and arrang-
ing for the recent
Lincoln green in honor
of The Standard.

I was just reading the reports
of the speeches on that occasion, and I am sure they must have been particularly gratifying to Mr. Smith and to Mr. Goodman, as well as a great inspiration and stimulus to Mr. Dickens. It was certainly a most lovely thing to do, to show such appreciation.

The two noble men who are now feeble and aged. They have indeed, as you said in your address, been in fullest sympathy with the University from its inception. I have often heard remarks here in Boston, of satisfaction in reading some article concerning the University, i.e., The
My Dear Dr. Harper:

I have had one or two conferences with Dr. Smith with reference to the matter to which you and I devoted some attention the other day. I am happy to say that Dr. Smith is greatly pleased with the whole idea. The only trouble that he sees at all in the arrangement is that he does not see how twelve men could write regularly for THE STANDARD without treading upon each other's heels, editorially, but I think we can fix that all right and by systematic planning can make it easy for them all and exceedingly helpful for THE STANDARD. As I think it all over, I grow enthusiastic and am grateful that you thought of the matter. If, therefore, you are so minded, I should be glad to have you call the meeting which you suggested. It would be very hard for me to be with the committee on Monday, and I think on the whole it would be better that I should not be there at the first meeting, under the circumstances. However, I will be there if you think it desirable.

With reference to the other matter I have made some progress also, Contrary to your supposition and my own Mr. Goodman takes somewhat kindly to the increase of capital stock on the line proposed. I was fearful, you know, that he would be unwilling to allow anyone else to come into the corporation, but he does not say positively that he would not. Suppose I let you see his letter, - I think there can be no harm in it. (Kindly return it to me when you have seen it sufficiently.) I have written to him since his letter was received saying that the idea is not to sell any more of the stock now on hand but to increase the capital stock and sell the new shares. I ought to say in reference to the words "increased salaries" that I had said to Mr. Goodman that I presumed there would be no objection, indeed that there would be a desire, that if the new cap-
To Dear Mr. Header:

I have had one or two conferences with Dr. Smith and I thought it would be a good idea to refer the matter to you and I thought you might be able to be of some assistance.

I am happy to say that Dr. Smith is greatly pleased with the results there. He was only surprised that the errors are so few as to fit in the standard paragraph and I think we can fix most of them on sight and say—

accept, accept, accept.

And I think we can fix most of them on sight and say—

accept, accept, accept.

Without prejudice to the other matters I have heard some hypotheses that the increased

of the standard stock on the fine proportion I am ready, you know, that as many as

millimeter to silence the whole are too coarse to do conversation. One cannot

so different from quite a few of the others, because I am ready, you know, that

J. E. Dickerson

Dr. Dickerson
ital was raised there should be an increase of the salaries of himself and Mr. Goodman, and possibly of the rest of us. The burdens that some of us are carrying and that others have carried are so great that really they ought to be higher. If enough money is secured, we might care for Dr. Smith in a better way during his last days than we can now see our way clear to do.

Should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience and will do anything further which you suggest.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Handwritten Signature]
I am unable to convey clearly or in a manner of the salutation of the article.

...
Dr. W. R. Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Would Prof. B. F. Riley, of the University of Georgia, Athens, make a good correspondent for THE STANDARD in the South? He knows you pretty well, it seems. I am somewhat anxious to get such a man as he to represent us in the South, if possible, because he appears to be a man of broader mind and wider horizon than the average southern Baptist. I understand he has been interested in the University of Chicago and his correspondence from the South might be helpful to the University. If you think he would be a good man, will you drop me a card?

I am now struggling with the announcement for THE STANDARD for 1896. You will remember that in our talks we have spoken of the possibility of securing certain men as writers. Have you been able to give this any thought? I want to be able to make the announcement of contributors during the year 1896, within two weeks, and if you have anything to suggest in this line I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible.

Permit me as a sort of an outsider, to express my admiration for your lectures. I was permitted yesterday, for the first time, to listen to one of them, and I am amazed at the vast amount of research which your lectures show has been made, at the magnificent arrangement of this vast amount of material, and at the interest which you are able to arouse in a subject which naturally would not appeal to the individual known as the "average person." Yours very truly,
My dear Dr. Harper,

University of Chicago

Chicago

Would you feel it seems I am removing myself to get such a man as me to go to
the Medical School of the University of Chicago? I have been interested in the University of Chicago and its correspondence for
the last years to be able to attend the University. If you think so I would be a good
man for you to get in contact with the announcement for the STANDARD for 1933.

I am now writing with the announcement for the STANDARD for 1933.

Will remember for in our talks I have spoken of the possibility of securing
a certain position as a writer. Have you been able to give the same opportunity
as you have shown to 1933 and I have made the announcement of correspondence during the year 1933. With
in two weeks may I have your opinion to speak to this line I would be glad to
hear from you as soon as possible.

Please me as a sort of "outcast" to express my appreciation for your care.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
My dear Dr. Harper:

The points named the other day are substantially as follows:

1. Reorganization looking to an aggressive management of The Standard and Woolwich as soon as practical. The employment of a first-class editor.

2. Increase of capital stock to $20,000 (now $60,000) new stock to be sold at 50 cents.

3. Increase of board of directors to five (now three).

4. Retirement of E. G. from active direction with an assured dividend to be paid him and E. R. D.
June 30, 1918

Mr. President:

I have been unable to attend the other Admissions Commission meetings and understand the important events which have taken place during my absence from Chicago. Since my return, I have received a letter from the President of the Board of Education of the University of Chicago stating that he has been unable to attend the Admissions Commission meetings and that I am hereby appointed to fill the vacancy.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
5. Business management to be in hands of J.S.D.

Incidentally, making The Standard the leading Baptist paper in United States; pushing out into new territory; Bittner's name mentioned as editor; J.S.D. to have one or two shares of additional stock so as to have control; editor to have general policy outlined for him to be free from dictation within these limits.

Yours truly,

J.S. Dickerson
Dr. William R. Harper,
University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

We who have had the honor and the burden of carrying on THE STANDARD enterprise for so many years to its present position of influence, appreciate to the fullest extent the cooperation and sympathy which you have brought to us at this time, and we wish to express our thanks for your words and your deeds.

In the brief conference we held with you on July 12, together with Mrs. E. R. Dickerson, comprising at that time all the stockholders of the company, you will recall that, in view of a proposed movement to push THE STANDARD to the front, to which you promised generously to give your assistance to the best of your ability, and to add, so far as was possible, the cooperation also of other influential men, we of THE STANDARD agreed to take the following action and to make the following changes:

1. To offer for sale $50,000 worth of the capital stock of the Goodman & Dickerson Company at par, (or enough to equal that amount including sales of $8,000 then being negotiated), the proceeds to be used in paying the debts of the company and in enlarging the business and scope of the paper.

2. To change the by-laws of the corporation so as to provide for three directors instead of three as at present, the two new directors to be chosen from among the new stockholders.

3. To use our utmost endeavors to make THE STANDARD the leading Baptist paper of the country and the equal of any religious paper published, thoroughly aggressive in policy, thoroughly modern in literary material, and mechanical excellence.

4. That as soon as practical the services of a strong editor be secured.

5. That the officers of the corporation remain as at present.

We are prepared to fulfill all the obligations imposed in the foregoing plan of reorganization, in spirit and in action, and declare that on our part we desire to be and are fully committed by this informal action already taken. We propose to make THE STANDARD a paper with which it will be regarded a high honor to be connected, outspoken, progressive, and up to date in all respects, provided the funds are furnished as proposed, of which we have no doubt.

We enclose herewith for your inspection and criticism a form for a subscription to the capital stock of the company which stock it is proposed to sell.
January 12th, 1908

DEAR Mr. Harper,

The Standard Company has extended its operations to the purchase of a large number of cotton ginning companies, and the President has been authorized to enter into negotiations with you for the purchase of your company. The Standard Company has reached a point in its progress where it is necessary to make this move in order to expand its operations and ensure its continued growth.

The President has been authorized to present to you an offer to purchase your company at a fair and reasonable price. The offer is contingent upon your willingness to enter into negotiations with the Standard Company. If you agree to these terms, the Standard Company will proceed with the purchase and will negotiate the details of the sale.

The Standard Company is committed to maintaining as much as possible the current operations and management of your company. We understand the importance of your company to the local community and are committed to upholding the same standards of excellence.

We believe that your company can benefit from the resources and expertise of the Standard Company, and we look forward to the possibility of a successful partnership.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Company Name
above. Please let us know if this meets with your approval, as we feel with you that the new movement ought to be pushed to a successful conclusion in the immediate future.

It is our understanding that in the new organization that, (1) matters of importance in the conduct of the affairs of the company shall be brought to the board of directors; (2) that the editor and the managing editor, (who in our organization is the business manager) each shall be supreme in his own department, and that while there shall be the fullest cooperation practicable between all the officers of the company, so that there may be a unity of thought and action, yet that editor and managing editor may be free to plan and push the paper ahead unhindered by any obstacle save such as may be offered by the board of directors, (3) that no one officer of the company shall use his position to oppose or hinder the policy of the paper, or the plans of the business and editorial management save such action as he may take as a director in accordance with his duty as such. In other words, we understand that if you are to in due course come into the company there must be an unhampered opportunity for the business and editorial management to place the paper in the front rank, to this end using the most aggressive and energetic means, without reference to former precedents save in so far as they are deemed wise and desirable.

May we ask an answer to this communication from you so that we may know that now everything is satisfactory and that we may join with you in an advance all along the line.

Very truly yours,

Edward Goodman

J. S. Dickerson
Chicago, Ill.

Please let us know if this meets with your approval, so we feel able to go forward with your government's request to become an associate in the mercantile business. While I cannot guarantee the success of an association, the government's request is one that we feel it is our duty to respond to.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Letterhead: The Standard]

A Baptist daily paper

Goodwin & Drexler Company

20 Merchants Exchange

[Address: Indianapolis]

[Address: New York]
April 17, 1899

My dear Mr. Harper:

For several weeks past I have said it in bread to write to you hoping thereby that a reply would come which would ease one of some anxiety.

Two or three times during the last few months I have asked Mr. Dickerson, in writing to him, whether he had seen you lately and told your plans with reference to the Standard—now—

Know if you can do me any service or if late in trying to secure stock purchasers, and just what the prospect is before us.

Mr. Dickerson keeps up a cheerful face and tries to keep up courage to outsiders, but he often says we are great the burden and the anxiety bears down upon him, until I feel troubled lest he will not hold out until relief comes.

Then too I naturally feel anxious concerning any
Felt that the stock would not be taken so soon as you had expected, but the delay would not alter the result. That ought to be assurance enough since there is little hope of your as it so far our ability to overcome whatever obstacle confront you and, having whatever you undertake to a successful consummation. But as our Annual Meeting, the first of May is near at hand, it would be very gratifying to
I hope you are well and that your affairs prosper.

I am very sincerely,

Emma R. Dickinson.
Dr. Harper:

My daughter Grace and I came on from Newton Center about ten days since, and expect to be here several weeks. We shall hope when we are in the University neighborhood to have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Harper. We shall not do much far-away visiting until Mr. Dickerson and his wife return from California.

I write just as a line now on business. I trust still hope to see one
I have thought that—possibly 1 may be able to help Mr. Barton or Mr. McLeish. When
Mr. Barton was in Denver last winter he spoke of your plan, as
proved it heartily, and said he
expected it would go through. I
am it in mind if he did make
that offer, to talk with him be-
fore he leaves for Europe about
the first of June. If he could
still make that offer I should
feel quite confident that some
other would also buy stock. But
if he has not made it, and would
not care to do so, it might be

of your Board of Trustees and be associated with you. I should feel that he would respond readily to an appeal from you, and if he would be the first to buy stock I should confidently expect he could sell to the amount of 10,000. I have a wealthy friend in Philadelphia, and I think he will try some shares, as he told me almost so much some months since.

Do you think you could sift, since Mr. Galtos, who is with Mr. Rockefeller, who used to feel a deep debt to the Standard-
and was very friendly towards Mr. Dickerson, to buy some stock, and would Mr. O'Cee and Mont Carroll be likely to take some?

Please reply at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

Emma R. Dickerson.
Mail. Spencer Dickerson,
The Standard Publishing Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dickerson:

I am going to send my son, Paul, twelve years of age, to Morgan Park. At first I thought to put him in a single room, but lately, I have thought that if I could find an older boy who would be willing to room with him and to some extent befriend him, I would prefer that arrangement. In addition, I am anxious to find someone who would assist him in his mathematical work. Mr. Chase assures me that your son Dwight is the boy of all boys who could do this, if he was so disposed. I am writing to ask if you think he would feel inclined for such an arrangement. The suite taken would be one in East Hall, and it would be arranged, of course, that it should not cost him more than he pays for his single room.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

- Very truly yours,
September 12, 1930

Mr. Spencer Dickerson

The Scottish Publishing Co.

Chicago, Illinois

Mr. great Mr. Dickerson:

I am going to send my son, Ernest, to Mount Hope. I have done all I could to get him into a single room, but I am afraid I have been unsuccessful in finding one. It is my wish that I could find another room for my son, as I would like him to have a room with a view and to be able to see something of the world. In addition, I am sure that he would benefit from being exposed to different viewpoints and ideas.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the Scottish Publishing Co., I would appreciate it if you could let them know of my son's situation.

If you think it would be possible for him to work as an intern, I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Jan. 4th, 1906.

Mr. J. S. Dickerson,

324 Dearborn Street,

Chicago.

My dear Mr. Dickerson:—

Yours of the 3rd inst is received. Of course I fully appreciate the situation and understand what it is that you want to accomplish. It is a task in which I shall share with a heavy heart and yet, of course, I will do my part. I will try to get the material into your hands as early as possible. At the same time I do not want it to be a rush matter because, so far as possible, it ought to do the subject something like adequate justice. Nothing in the shape of full justice can be done short of a comprehensive study taking much time. Perhaps later something of this sort will be found practicable.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,
Mr. J. S. Dickerson
351 Governors Street
Conibo
My dear Mr. Dickerson:

Yours of the 29th inst.

is received. Of course I fully appreciate the
attention and congratulate you on your successful
endeavor. It is a task to which I shall devote
with a high degree of interest. Of course, I will go
my part. I will try to get the material into your
hands as early as possible. At the same time I go
not want to do a hurried manner, but you can
be patient, I ought to do the subject something like
adequate justice. Notice in the shape of Hull
justice can do gone spot of a comprehensive study
taking many time. Perhaps later something of this
sort will fill your present position.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,
Chicago, May 2, 1912

My dear Mr. Dickerson:—

Hereewith I am enclosing notification of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Goodman & Dickerson Company. I thought I disposed of my stock long since. Would it be of any use to you personally? If so it will give me pleasure to transfer it to your name.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. — L.

Mr. J. S. Dickerson,
THE STANDARD, 235 E. 40th St., Chicago.
Hi gear Mr. Robertson

Honest I am awaiting notification of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company & Directors. I thought I observed a my watch for time. Would it be of any use to you personally? I do not think I can plan to get me there for the presentation of your name.

With part regards I am,

Very truly yours,


Mel. E. Robertson

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Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
Univ. of Chicago,

Chicago.

My dear Dr. Judson:

Upon my return from Rochester, I have your very kind note of May 2. We have long been hoping that the stock of the Goodman & Dickerson Company might be made a dividend-paying proposition, but notwithstanding all the effort put upon the paper and all the money which you and others have poured into it, it does not seem possible to reach this end. If you would like to turn the shares over to me, of course I should be glad to have them, but it does not seem as though I ought to take them without giving you some equivalent. I am not in a position to do that, however.

I very much appreciate your kindness in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Dickerson
May 16, 1918

Dr. H. P. Houghton

Editor, The Standard

Dear Dr. Houghton,

Upon my return from Europe, I have your very kind note of May 6. We have been busy preparing the first of the Goodwin-Dickerson Company's propaganda. We have been working on the paper and all the accompanying stuff. We have all been feeling the effects of the strain but none of the paper men feel the strain of the paper. If you would like to turn the matter over to me, or anyone I might have here, to finish it, I do not see why not. It does not seem as though I should be kept from doing it. I have some experience in a position to do that. However, I very much appreciate your kind offer, and I hope Sincerely yours,
Chicago, June 7, 191

Darre returning the certificates, in accordance with my talk with you, I shall give you further information later.

Yours very truly,

GOODMAN & DICKERSON CO.
Dear Mr. Dickerson:

I am in receipt of the certificate of stock in accordance with your conversation with me yesterday. I am very much pleased with the new outlook for the "Standard", and hope that it will be fully realized. Herewith I am returning memorandum which seems to have slipped into the wrong place.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. J. S. Dickerson,
"The Standard", 700 E. 40th St., Chicago.
June 2, 1912

Dear Mr. [Printed name]:

I am in receipt of the certificate of stock

in accordance with your conversation with me yesterday.

I am much pleased with the new outlook for the "Enterprise" and

hope that it will be fully realized. Meanwhile I am returning

recommendations which seem to have slipped into the wrong place.

Very truly yours,

H. R. T. - L.
Secretary of the

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ills.
105 Munroe St.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I may be the oldest living alumnus of the University. When the New {illegible} of the University was being started I was a young minister with a salary and gladly gave $130.00 to help start it.

Very Truly,

W. W. [Name]
December 24, 1925.

Reverend W. W. Everts,
105 Munroe Street,
Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Dear Reverend Everts:

When you fired your postal-card at the secretarial target you did know probably that you are aiming at your old friend and companion who signs this letter. It is a pleasure to hear from you and get your message. It must be a source of great satisfaction to you to know that the amount which you gave in 1890 is producing such great dividends. One hundred and fifty dollars in the days when the University was in the process of organization was a most helpful amount to receive, as it took long weary months to raise the first $400,000 but once secured with Mr. Rockefeller's $600,000 in addition, the institution has gone on with notable advance. While it took a year or so to secure the first million dollars of endowment, the University is now spending over $3,500,000 on current expenses and there enter its doors each year approximately 14,000 students. The oldest living graduate of the University is one whom you know, James Goodman of the class of 1862. H. C. First of the class of 1866 is still living and I
Dearest Mr. W. W. Harter,

To Lancaster, Pa.

Re: Lancaster, Mass.

December 28, 1928

Reverend Mr. W. W. Harter,

TO: M. W. W. Harter,

ROCKY ROCKETT, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Reverend Harter:

When you turn your postcard count

of the secretarial register your next move properly

that you are writing of your own free time and

companion who wrote this letter. It is a pleasure

to hear from you and let your messege. It must be

a source of great satisfacton to you to know that

the amount which you gave in 1920 to the College in

East Girgans, one hundred and fifty colleges in

the area when the University was in the process of

organization was a most helpful amount to receive.

The area took long weeks to raise the first

400,000 and once reached with Mr. Rockefeller's

gift of 500,000 it was sufficient for the institution to

reach its aim to become the first million college or achievement.

The University is now beginning over $3,000,000

in current expenses and these enter the college

yearly beginning at $400,000 students. The average

living expenses of the University at one month you

know. James Goodman of the office of 1896. He

knows.

I/P. at the office of 1896 is still living and I

know.
think there are one or two members of your class of 1867 still living. If you are interested, I will endeavor to get the Alumni Secretary to furnish me more definite information.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.
I think there are one or two members of your class at 1867 still living. If you are interested, I will endeavor to get the Alumni Secretary to furnish me more definite information.

Yours very truly,

[Signed]

Secretary
My dear Mr. Dickens,

Thank you very much for your kind and good cheer, which reached me in New York just before sailing. I am in very good health and in the first new ship. Much rested by the voyage, feeling light. Our journey will fail to prove very interesting. Very dull. I hope not while to remain here and to the good cause. I have always think to the friends at home, and therefore wish to bring them a message of cheer from far away. This is only the opening of things at the sea. I wish I were at liberty now to tell you all about the voyage, but will not mix myself with warmest regards.

Mr. J.J. Dickens
The University of Chicago

Very truly yours,

H. B. Spode
Dear Mrs. Wilson,

I am sorry for the misunderstanding and any inconvenience this may have caused. I understand the importance of timely delivery and commitment. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the shipment was delayed.

I have been informed that the package was redirected to the nearest delivery center and will be dispatched within the next few days. I assure you that we are working on it to ensure the package reaches you as soon as possible.

I hope this clarifies the situation. If you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]