My dear Dr. Harper,

I have not forgotten your request to talk with you again about the Clark matter, but I have been sick and so delayed it. Now I speak tomorrow and go to visit Acre first after my walk at Hindley. I write a line.

I am not clear in my mind as to what is the best thing to do. His age and feeble
ness must be taken...
I don't understand the context of these lines. It appears to be a handwritten note possibly relating to a scientific or academic topic. The handwriting is quite legible, but without additional context, it's challenging to interpret the full meaning.
into account. His theology is not that of the future, which is without doubt to be simply a sympathetic interpretation of the realities of history. While Locke builds on mysticism, not on history. Of course his coming will imply a reflection on me, and the student and the public will continue it. The demand for Clark grows out of a wrong idea on the part of
the public as to my service as teacher, ignorance as to what the times need, and what theology has to be. I feel somewhat keenly on this whole point. On the other hand, I realize that I am not without responsibility for the trouble.

I think what I want to say most of all is that I
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have perfect trust in your wisdom to do what is best for the department, and in your purpose to be firm and generous to me. And wish to assure you that I will accept without causing you trouble in your own judgment in the matter. But I will repeat my earnest desire, in case Dr. Clarke comes, that
I begiven the Chair of the Philosophy with Dr. Goodspeed or in department V. Philosophy. If this cannot be done again I say I will give you no trouble. Perhaps this note will suffice. If not, I could see you Friday.

G. B. Foster
I write to ask the cause he assigned, the reason, why half of the students get no good from my course. If he knew so much, perhaps he also knows this too, and told you. If he did not know and did not tell you, it seems to me that you should seek to find out the cause by consulting such members of my classes as you may choose. I should know the cause, for the bare news is of no service to me, but is likely to be rather a paralyzing than a stimulus to one's energies.

Yours very truly,

G.B. Foster.
My dear Professor Foster:-

Your letter of December fifth was duly received. It came to hand just as I was leaving for New York, and since my return, Convocation work has kept me busy. I think you have probably taken more from my statement than I intended to convey.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
My dear Professor Postel:

Your letter of December 8th

was only received. I am so glad that on Dec. 12th

you sent me some of your "Commentary" which I keep me present.

I have been trying to learn more from your statement than I

intended to convey.

Yours very truly,

W.R. Haber
Dec. 6, 1901

Dear Dr. Harper:

On reflection, I am somewhat distressed by the information which you gave me yesterday that, according to your information, half of my students got nothing from my courses.

He must have been a responsible party, or it would not have seemed worthwhile to you to tell me what he said. He must have been sure that what he said was true, or else he would not have made so grave a charge against an instructor to the President; otherwise he is no better than a 

[Signature]
My dear Professor Foster:

Your note of December 27th was received this afternoon. I was quite a little surprised to learn that you had offered any courses for the Winter Quarter. I had supposed it was entirely understood that you were to take your vacation during this quarter. As a matter of fact, the ground upon which I have raised the extra money outside to pay Mr. Smith's salary (and you will be interested to know that this has come in sums of $10 to $50) was that during the Winter Quarter there would be on the ground no teacher in the department of Theology. You will understand, therefore that your letter came to me as a matter of surprise and I do not yet understand how it came that your courses were announced. There was of course no good reason for having Smith here if he is to offer courses which no one wishes. This being true, you will understand that I am strongly in favor of your going away. It is of course unfortunate to have had the registration and now to withdraw it. In my opinion, it would be more unfortunate for you to be present during this quarter and run the risk of injuring your health. The question which concer
My dear President Porter,

Your note of December 8th was received this afternoon.

I was quite a little surprised to learn that you had offered any concern for the Winter Quarters. I had supposed it was entirely unnecessary and that you were not interested in the matter at all.

Your assurance that the Winter Quarters would be duly considered by the President upon receipt of your letter came as a matter of course and I do not feel that my suggestion was unnecessary. The men of Company E were not anxious for the change and I am not very much interested in the matter myself.

I am sure that President Franklin will take proper steps to see that the men of Company E are properly taken care of.

I feel that I owe it to the men of Company E to assure you that I will not remain silent if I think that my suggestion is necessary for their comfort.

In my opinion, it would be more satisfactory if you could come to a decision sooner rather than later.

I am enclosing your letter, with the hope that you may be pleased with the decision.
whether the courses you have taken can be carried by Mr. Smith.

In reference to the second matter, no statement had been made touching the extra Seminar which you gave. I myself had supposed that this was an adjustment similar to the adjustments which are made in all the departments, and especially in the departments of the Divinity School in case of the illness of an instructor by which the other members of the departments carry the work. As you know, there is no fund for the payment of extra work in the Divinity School and in no case has extra work been done for payment. On the other hand, I agree that under the present circumstances, it is very important that you should go away and that your wife should go with you. The payment according to the regular rules would be for one minor— one twelfth of the salary at the rate of $5,000 which would be $250, with a deduction of one-third, making a balance of $166.66. I will undertake to secure this money for you if you decide to go. I hope that you will have a very pleasant vacation and I am sure that there is no one who deserves a rest more than yourself.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
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I'm afraid, in referring to the serious matter on which you have
do not mean to pursue the exact same point which you.
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suggestion to theatter latter would be the rate of 30,000 without
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of 90. I will undertake to secure this money
for you if you agree to go. I hope that you will have a
very pleasant reception, and I am sure that there is no one
who appreciates a letter more than yours.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Hunter
Dec 27, 1

My dear Dr. Harper:

I am writing this line for your friendly counsel as well as your discretion. Dr. Pross has written me today to come to the College Arms to deliver a course of lectures to the public in same terms as last winter, my own objections. I would not think of doing this for my own sake but something must be done to tide Mr. Foster over, a kind of nervous crisis, as it seems to me. I want you in case I cannot take care of myself, feel free all.
My course, the re-registration might might give him an
brother spend off, a thing
which seems to me to be
in every way desirable.
3. I won't live in Florida
the course on the essential
nature of the 8th religion, and
I think would not assume
hostility.

Now there are two
difficulties in the way. One is
that incident to a professor
withdrawing his course.
The other is money to pay
Mrs. Foster's expenses.

As to this book — and this
is the rub — my wonder
is whether, instead of vacating...
credit, I would be made the regulation cash payment for teaching doctors with my course. I do not know how much that would be — do not even know whether basis I determine should be his salary or mine. To be sure, I was teaching an extra course, whereas this, and it may be that you cannot do this, or that account. One thing is clear, I cannot go to Mrs. Foster without some money. Well, the case is before you. I shall take your refusal in good spirits, much as I hope that for Mrs. Foster's sake you may take your way to work this matter. Dr. Foster visits me twice a week. Please therefore answer at once.

Oct. 11, 1900.

My dear Dr. Foster:

Your letter of October 9th has been received. I think I appreciate the spirit of this letter and am glad to know that my interpretation of the other letter did not do you justice. I should like to have a talk with you as soon as I return from Rochester.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
Mr. Dear Dr. Kegert:

Your letter of October 6th has been received. I think I appreciate the spirit of the letter and am glad to know that my interpretation of the other letter did not go you justice. I should like to have a talk with you as soon as I return from Kegert.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harte
The University of Chicago
Oct. 26, 1900

My dear Dr. Harper:

I am writing you a line concerning a remark in a recent letter from Dr. W. W. Northup. He says that he wrote me that in case I was not "receiving the full salary I ought to do so without delay." It may be that I have grown overly sensitive as to the matter and that I should take no note of his remark; but I am anxious that you should know that it was through no instigation of mine that Dr. Northup broaches the subject to you. Perhaps I should assume that it would not occur to you to think that I had anything to do with it. But I wish to make it sure that my hurried letter to you, in hearing that you
had construed my letter as an insult, made it perfectly clear that I did not have in mind when I wrote the moral question of your veracity, but the intellectual question of the accuracy of your assertion. Before I lay my head down, I am constrained to add a word as to my finish letter. Not abating the substance of truth which it contains, I could wish that its form and spirit—could have been characterized more by charity in mood, less by fortitude in act. But it was written out of strong feeling due to embarrassments and discouragements. I should be sorry indeed to allow my self to be betrayed into
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anything that looked like a breach of Christian Courtesy. Much as I need money, I do not have it in my heart to pay that price for it.

As you do not know me very well— it could not well be otherwise,— I felt that I should protect myself from being misjudged; hence I have reluctantly taken this much more of your time.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

George B. Foster.
My Dear Professor Foster:—

I have been hoping to have the privilege of an interview at an early date. Will you not arrange with Mr. Hubbard. I can see you almost any day. I am in receipt of your letter of October 26th and thank you.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
October 31, 1900

My dear Professor Boerger:

I have been hoping to have the privilege of an interview at an early date. With you not returning with Mr. Hupbard I may see you almost any day. I am in receipt of your letter of October 8th, and thank you very much.

With cordial regards,

Yours,

W. R. Hafner
Dear Dr. Harper,

I have your letter of above date to mine of Sept. 29, in which you decline to consider the matter of my salary at this time, indicating that no advance can be made before July of next year, and that you are willing to discuss the matter with me. As I think it, however, my letter contained all that I need to say. Yet perhaps I may add a word as to the alleged impossibility of granting my request.

Sincerely and, as I assume some effort has been made constantly to secure a new instructor in the department,
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This has been especially true since the time of the leaving out of the last budget. It must be tried therefore that at least the last budget made provision for the salary of such a Professor. But men have been proposed by yourself who could not be obtained for less than $2000. Indeed you explicitly stated on one occasion that Dr. Stetson for example, should come as Assistant Professor at a salary of $2000. But now your thought is to leave Mr. Smith at $1200, partly as student doing his doctor's work under me, partly to teach some that would leave a margin of $800 from which it would
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Dean of the School of Commerce and Agriculture

Dear Mr. Smith,

I understand that you have been working very hard and that you are in need of some relief. I have taken it upon myself to write this letter to express my concern for your well-being.

I have been following the situation closely and I believe that it is urgent that we take action. I have brought this matter to the attention of the department and I am confident that it will be taken into account in the formulation of the budget.

However, it does not come easy for me to agree to this matter, and I do not think it is the best solution. I believe it is important to consider the long-term effects of such action.

Therefore, I want to add that I have been clear in my letter, and that the situation is not as severe as it appears. If it is possible, I would like to propose a temporary solution that would be less harmful for my family. I understand that this might not be the most desirable option, but I believe it is the best course of action.

I hope that you will consider this proposal and that we can work together to find a solution that is beneficial for all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
The University of Chicago

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Associate...
My dear Dr. Harper:

In view of a remark which you made in your letter of July 19th, I thought I should write you again.

First, as to budget. You said it was not possible to consider the matter of raising salaries during the present budget year. But it occurred to me that now Mr. Smith would come at $1,200, it had escaped your notice that the remainder of the last thousand originally expected to have to begin was increased. My letter was meant to call that to your mind as an amendment. That provision was made for the man in the budget. That was very short, Dean H. tells me.
you are not in the habit of making minor movements beforehand; 
but I knew nothing of that custom 
and I think one would naturally 
assume the contrary. Had I 
known that you made no provisions 
beforehand, I should not have made 
the point. The purpose of the point 
was not to doubt your word or 
candor, to hurt you or incense you 
for from it. I am not that kind 
of man. It occurred to me 
that this movement had 
caused your attention. I am very 
sorry that I have seemed to 
create suspicion upon your honesty 
statement—but it did not occur 
to me to doubt you now.

Second: Reference to my 
behalf and the suspicion was not 
meant as a "threat". Again, I am
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not that kind I mean. Simply have to do my best as to come for my family as to keep Mrs. Jekyll from the insane asylum which threatens her. She is constantly under the care of a physician, doctors' bills are high, help is high, needed to do what she cannot. Rather than a monthly deficit annoying me and weakening my powers to do it is best for the University. For me that is work, a task, of great importance, at which I can properly care for my family. That, and my health, is the plain fact of my remittance. Take an illustration: the rent of this house—$200 a month for my family—was $640 last year. This year, $745. Before I wrote you, the landlord said rent had gone up to $810. In last year or two, The model
Value of $100, is not more than that $125 or a few years ago—
I wrote you in view of these things, with no intention of doing more than is on the face of my letter. I know it is customary to read such remarks as mine as a "threat," but did not express that my letter taken as a whole would amount to such a view.

Third: Of all things in this world, I would rather teach theology, and if I alone were to be taken into account I would not complain if my heart conditions.

But my first duty is to my wife and children. However, because of my reluctance to change work, Mr. John has just suggested that the children give for a year at his father's home in Frederick, caring for him, leaving me here alone. I am willing to do this if it can be arranged. We will look into it at once.
Dear Mr. Smith,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my gratitude for the assistance you provided during my recent stay at the University of Georgia. Your guidance and support were invaluable in helping me navigate the university's resources and adapt to my new environment.

I particularly appreciated the personalized attention you offered, which made me feel welcomed and valued. Your kindness and the quality of your instruction left a lasting impression on me. I am confident that the skills and knowledge I gained during my time under your tutelage will be instrumental in my future endeavors.

Thank you again for everything. Your dedication to teaching and your commitment to student success are greatly appreciated. I look forward to the opportunity to continue learning from you in the future.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
My Dear Professor Foster:—

Your letter of September 29th has been received and has been carefully considered. It is not possible at this time of the year to consider the question of increases in salaries for the scholastic year upon which we are now at work. During the months of November and December we may take up properly the question of salaries for the year beginning next July. It will give me great pleasure at that time and in that connection to take up with you the points involved in your letter. I am sure that the University appreciates your services. The financial situation of the Divinity Department however is well known to you. I should be pleased to discuss the question with you at any time within the next few weeks.

Yours very truly,
March 8, 1920

Dear Professor Kossel:

Your letter of September 28th has been received and
your letter of October 23rd has been forwarded to me.

It is not possible at this time of the year to consider the question of
admission to the University for the academic year upon which we are now set
work. During the months of November and December we may
begin to prepare for the admission of students for the next
year. It will give me great pleasure if you will
join me in the discussion of this matter at that time and in that connection to take up with you the
points involved in your letter. I am sure that the
University emphasizes your service.

I am pleased to have met you and to have
had the opportunity to discuss the question with you and
look forward to the next few weeks.

Yours very truly,
Sept. 29, 1908

President M. Harper,
University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the appointment of an instructor in the department of systematic theology, it has occurred to me that you should be advised of another matter which you might prefer to face at the same time. I refer to the necessity that my salary should be raised at least five hundred dollars at once.

The constant need of my wife, the growing needs of my children, the in-
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crave in the expense of living in Chicago during the last few years, the crippling effect upon my energies of constant financial straits, the requirement in the interest of my health that I should soon have a vacation in which I did not have to earn my support by extra work during that period—these things made it imperative that I should have more money or a less expensive place to live.

I do not state these facts in the supposition that they concern you in your official capacity. I am fully
aware that they give me no claim whatever upon your official consideration. Nor do I desire that they should have any influence in determining your action. I subject myself to the humiliation and pain I account for them simply to indicate that, much as I would be willing to do my present work at a mere love for the vocation aside from all money considerations, I have found out by experience that I cannot prosper 
for my family in this place.
on my present salary.

Having thus pointed out the basis of my action in writing to you at this time I will now state the basis upon which alone I ask that my salary be raised at once. It is that my work is worth more than I now receive. It is that I have a right in justice to be better paid, on account of the value of my services to the department to which I am giving my whole devotion. For some time I have felt that the matter of salary, so far as I was
Concerned, was deficient in equity but how so for inculcating what has proved to be the vain hope that the situation would be altered without my attention.

Now this basis upon which I request an increase of salary may or may not be sound, and the conversion just expressed may or may not be justified. On these points it may be that there is room for difference of opinion. What I urge is not that it is true, but that if it is true, my salary ought in justice to be
Dear Professor [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the recent changes in the course curriculum. As a student, I feel that these changes have not been adequately communicated to us. I understand the need for flexibility and adaptation, but I believe that the course content should be consistent and clear.

I have noticed a significant departure from the previous structure of the course. The new material seems to focus more on theoretical aspects, which I believe is important, but I also feel that practical applications and real-world examples are equally crucial. I have found myself struggling to keep up with the pace of the lectures, and I fear that this could negatively impact my overall performance.

I would like to see some clarification on the expectations for assignments and exams. The recent assignments have been quite challenging, and I believe that more guidance in the form of examples and supplementary materials would be beneficial.

I would appreciate it if you could address these concerns in our next meeting or through a scheduled office hour. I believe that open communication is key to a successful learning experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
raised. It is not only my necessity, but my privilege
to leave the decision of the
case to yourself, and to those
in authority with you. For
myself, I simply claim thought
to have the matter decided upon
it merits one way, or the other, at
once. Should you conclude
to raise my salary adequately
I shall be delighted. If not,
through the influence of some of
my friends who desire to serve
me, I shall immediately seek
employment elsewhere. However,
in consideration of the services which
I have rendered under trying cir-
cumstances, I trust it may not
fair to you, not to serve my relations here
until I have obtained a posi-
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elsewhere, a task which I think I can compass by the
finish of the year.

Regarding to be unable to confirm you with this,

I remain,

Your humble,

George R. Foster.
number of growers who made the
reservation say that the tent without
lamps is no protection whatever.

Prof. Geo. B. Foster is to give a two
weeks' lecture course at the University
Gymnasium, beginning January 22, on
Psycho Physical Culture. It is primarily
a health course, and practical, everyday
helps will be sought, such as breathing,
walking, standing, sitting, mounting
stairs, overcoming nervousness, insom-
nia, self-consciousness, etc. Those
wishing to register for the course, may
apply for tickets at the office of the
University.

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effect on the Plant System on the 14th
inst. and DeLand now gets a double
daily passenger service. B
Express,
Via Savannah and Charlotte, N. C.
Limited,
Via Savannah and Charlotte, N. C.
Mail,
Via Savannah and Charlotte, N. C.
Exchange Limited,
Via Jesup.

Pullman Drawing-Room Sleeping Cars.
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For service than ever before.

between Jacksonville and Cincinnati, N. C., and Knoxville, through
End of the Sky."

...in connection with
De Land, Florida,
March 24, 1900.

My dear Mr. Shepardsen:

I enclose a little clipping that may be interesting to show Dr. Foster when he returns next week. Of course the newspaper man confused Miss Brown's work with Dr. Foster's; but it is lots of fun to hear him about it.

During my month of rest in Carolina I hope to work up a more representative crowd for the Summer Quarter than we had last year. I shall send to you on other circulars as I need them.

Very truly yours,

Thomast H. Briggs Jr.
My dear Dr. Harper,

I would not allow you to be disturbed after luncheon when I called to express my acknowledgments for the many courtesies the University has extended, my admiration for the skill and power of its teaching, and to renew the perhaps sentimental desire I once expressed to you that the divinity school should domesticate, make at home, in the great departments of speculative [critical] and theological study, the two rival views in our progressive age. You have made this provision at the very utmost center in the presence of both sparingly and truly. My special wish is for the future of systematic theology when a vacancy occurs. In Dr. Foster you have a profound, scholarly, and most engaging teacher of the progressive theology in its loveliest Orthohelian form. On this side there is nothing to be desired. Nor, to tell the truth, could I name to you a conservative fit to champion the older view. Maybe there will be one when he is needed. But I knew to turn what I say upon them in public and private, my aspiration for the
Diversity School is that it shall be one to
heed a call that knows presents to show
both sides need not go, as German students
so often must, from University to University,
but may find his own views of doctrine here,
and may here reach the residuum of truth.
If truth can be reached by discussion,
and maybe able men would feel ill at
ease, peculiar schools against school of thought.
But that would be a test of the true liberty
of their minds, and indeed as a measure of
their fitness to bear responsibility in the search
for truth and in its communication. A lawyer
who would not consent to have the other side
heard could not get a hearing for himself. And how
else is truth to come forth as the case?

Of course there are brethren who do not
disagree with me in doctrine but cannot accept
this policy. But you, I know, do not dissent;
and I express my feeling to you as part of that
with which my mind agrees. It is the endorsement
of your plans as far as they have gone. I trust they
will confine along the same noble lines of develop-
ment.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. Johnson
obtain in order to account therefore.

Certain it is that, although we are all agreed now that the six 'days' of Creation are really six 'Epochs' of very indefinite length, yet had you and I lived but one short hundred years ago, we would very probably have materially differed with the man that might have been wise enough to have so taught. Would be very glad for your opinion upon the Pre-Adamic habitations of this Earth by man.

Very Respt.

Coaling, Ala. N. N. Browne
Coaling Ala. Feb 22...99.

Prof Warker;

If not too busy, and already wearied with such questions will you please write me, what you think of the comparatively new theory of man, to the effect that the man created male and female, as related in Gen 1st Chap, was really the Adamic; was not placed in an 'Eden', but in the Earth as Master of the Animal Creation; Multiplied and subdued - animally - the Earth, before Adam was created; and, in view of the seemingly very great age that man has been here, that the 'theory' must yet
President William R. Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:—

I want to write you a word about the valuable services which Dr. Foster has rendered us here in Florida. He has done an important work in our Church; in the University; in the community, and in the state. I regard him as, all things considered, the best preacher I ever heard, and he has made a great impression upon our people. He went to our State Convention and gave the brethren a liberal education by his preaching and speaking. I mail you, in separate cover, a copy of the last number of the "Florida Baptist Witness", in which you will find a letter from a man who signs himself "A Wiregrass Preacher". Please read the part of that which refers to Dr. Foster and you will get a correct idea of the work he did. Dr. Foster's health is delicate, it seems to me, and he could be easily overworked. He had every ounce he could stand up under while he was here, and I advised him, and urged him, with all the strength I possessed, not to take any additional work, though you people up there were trying to crowd work upon him all the time. He wanted to do it.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]

P.S. It is unnecessary to say that Dr. Foster enjoys nothing of this letter.
I want to write you a note about the various courses

while at the University of California in the University in the community and in the other places I have been. I have held many different positions such as a teaching assistant, a research assistant, and a teaching fellow. I have taught courses in various subjects and have had many students in my classes. I have also published several papers and have been involved in various research projects.

I want to express my appreciation for your continued support and encouragement. I hope to have the opportunity to continue working with you in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
CHICAGO, June 25, 1897.

My dear Mr. Foster:

I think it was understood that for your work in the summer quarter you would receive a cash prorata payment. This would be, as I have figured it out, $155. This arrangement was made before you were informed of the promotion and additional salary for next year. I am wondering whether you would not prefer now to receive a vacation credit and thus not lose the one third which otherwise you would lose. I confess I have also another reason for suggesting the matter, namely, the fact that our summer quarter appropriation is likely to be overdrawn, and I am anxious to prevent this if possible. I hope, however, that you will consider the matter entirely from your own point of view.

Yours truly,

William Harper

My dear Dr. Harper:

I ought to be obliged to say that, much as I approve of both reasons you mention, I am not in a position to do as you suggest in reference to the above matter, of which I too, had already thought.

Yours truly, George B. Foster

June 28.
I think it is our understanding that you will receive a copy of the letter which you wrote to me, which contains a request that you be given the opportunity to attend a meeting of your local<br>

I am very pleased to hear that you have been elected to the position of assistant district manager. I am confident that you will prove to be an able representative of the company and will make a valuable contribution to the success of the organization.

I hope you will consider this opportunity seriously and that you will agree to accept it. I believe that you have the qualifications and abilities required for this position and I am certain that you will make a successful contribution to the company.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and to working with you in your new capacity.

Yours truly,
The University of Chicago, Dec. 3, 1896.

My dear Dr. Harper:

You asked me to jot down two or three things in reference to the department in Systematic Theology. They are as follows:

1. The need of an Outline System to give a general survey of the work to be done subsequently more in detail, and to avoid fragmentariness. I offered such a course; it was withdrawn, Dr. N. saying that he wishes to do the work. He studied on it awhile, then abandoned it. He now says he means to give it later. But I do not think that he will. Besides, it would be of much advantage to me to do that work.
I would then have a chance to compass the entire field, organize my thought, avoid being misrepresented as one is likely to be in teaching a fragment here and there, and set things forth in their proper parts. Dr. W. has his system. It is probable that I may teach here longer than he will, and it would be helpful to me to have an opportunity to give this course.

2. There ought to be a course in theological methodology, prior to the above, required of every student. Students should be taught, not simply theology, but most of all, how to theologize. No such course is offered.

3. The history of theology should have so prominent a place in theology, as the history of philosophy has in philosophy. But little is done with it.

4. Ph.D. work in systematic theology
ought to be dropped, or greatly strengthened.
It seems to me that no man should have Ph.D. in theology who has not been trained to do original work. He should not simply know systems of thought, but should know how independently to construct one of his own. I am sorry to be obliged to record my conviction that the men who will soon appear for Ph.D. (such as Derrick Ogland) have not earned that scholar's degree.

The whole department needs tracing.

This is not meant to be a letter of complaint. It is written, as you said, entirely confidentially. But I greatly desire to see the department made more efficient.

Sorry this letter is so long.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

[Signature]
RECEIVED at UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. 

Dated Deland Fla 21

To Dr. Geo B. Haster,

we accept your proposition.

J. F. Forbes
For let me say 'yes' or 'no'
to this to-morrow (M.D.)
or 9 a.m.
of he accepts it will be
necessary for you to re-arrage
your course—winter thing
I give you this early no-
tice that you may be ready—
The matter is now in the
printer's hands, it will and is
done it up as the earliest mo-
ment if need be—
To The Hon. John Dryden
Chairman Board of Governors
McMaster University.

Feb. 26, 1895-

Dear Sir and Brother:

Prof. Forrester arrived at our University at 10 o’clock this morning, bearing the memorial of his Board in which you request us to release him from his engagements into which he has entered with us. The petition was presented at once to Pres. Harper, accompanied by a verbal proposition by Prof. Forrester that he serve us through the Spring Quarter and then return to McMaster. President Harper gave most careful attention to the written document, the verbal request, and all the
Prof. Fales could urge in favor of the proposed arrangement. He then called Dean Hubert and Deely Goodspeed into the interview, and the whole matter was carefully gone over again. Pres. Harper then stated that there was to be a meeting of the Executive Committee in the afternoon, and that he wished to lay the Memorial address, and all the facts in the case before them. The meeting of the Executive Committee was held, and the brethren took the entire subject under most anxious consideration. They tried to appreciate the embarrassing situation in which the McMaster University finds itself—and as well as the urgent necessity of the Department of
Theology in their own Divinity School. They wished
their sister Institution to be apprised of some painful
facts in our own recent history. Prof. Simpson,
son-in-law and in theory
Dr. Northrup's Assistant, died suddenly last June.
Dr. Northrup was himself at that time on a tour of dark-
ness. When the Autumn Quarter opened he was not
able to resume his work. A little later he went to
Atlantic City by advice of his Physician. Jan. 26 he
began to bleed, but at the end of 21 days was obliged
to give up, and is now at Hot Springs, Ark. He
is in his 76th year and is suffering from an incurable
disease. No fear his teaching days are over. His
leaves the Department of Theology entirely unprovided
for. Soon after Prof. Simpson's death, a Committee
Afforded by the Board began seeking his successor. A canvass of the whole denomination was made. East, West, and South. A suitable man could not be found. There are many men who might succeed fairly well, perhaps, in other departments, but unfortunately our Baptist preachers and teachers have not given themselves to systematic theology, and have nothing for this kind of service. If we could go outside the Baptist ranks, we might possibly find in some other denomination a man having the requisite qualifications, but among ourselves no one seems ready to have made himself fit for the demands of this department.
لا يوجد نص يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي من الصورة المقدمة.
In the midst of our canvass and perplexity our attention was called to Prof. Foster, and then we had made ourselves acquainted with his record. The candidate for the vacant position seemed to us to have been providentially indicated. Thereupon the call was extended and accepted. To-day, in view of the complications which our action has precipitated, the Executive Committee, again patiently canvassed the field and are utterly unable to find the man who can be substituted for Prof. Foster. They feel confident your condition is not as desperate as their own, for it is comparatively easy to find a superior.
لا يوجد نص يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي من الصورة المقدمة.
man to teach Philosophy. Your student agitation is
of course temporary, and among Christian brethren
there can be no difficulty that cannot surmount-
able. Therefore, in view of all the facts in the case,
our Executive Committee feel that it is not incumbent
on them to take any action in the premises. They
desire to receive the communication of the McMartin
Governors in the courteous and Christian spirit in which
it was sent, and to assure their brethren that the
Educational interests which they represent have their
profoundest interest and regard—
Expressing the hope that you will see a speedy and happy deliverance
from present embarrassment, I remain
resolutely and sincerely,
[Signature]
لا يمكنني قراءة النص العربي في الصورة المقدمة.
Dr. W. R. Harper,

President of The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

The resignation of Prof. George B. Foster tendered with the view of accepting a Chair in your University was submitted to the Board of Governors of McMaster University at its meeting held yesterday, 22nd. instant. By unanimous vote the Board declined to accept such resignation, and requested Prof. Foster to reconsider the same.

We learn from Prof. Foster that though in his correspondence with you his position has been that he would accept the Chair offered him by you subject to his resignation being accepted by this University, yet in view of the negotiations with you having proceeded so far he does not feel free to give the reconsideration sought by this Board till he has first requested your concurrence.

It is due to Prof. Foster to say that his course in this matter has been in every way honorable. He has kept the Chancellor of the University informed of the negotiations with you and was justified by what passed between himself and the Chancellor in assuming that his resignation would be accepted. This however was without any authority from this Board which under our Charter is the only body charged with the responsibility of dealing with the resign—
Dr. W. J. Harper
President of the University of Chicago

Dear Sir:

The reappointment of Prof. George R. Foster, requested by the Board of Governors of the University at the meeting held this morning, is hereby accepted and a special vote of thanks from the Board is tendered to the same.

We learn from Prof. Foster that through no fault of your University we are unable to accept the position offered to us by your University. We are of course not willing to give the reappointment another vote.

If the Board insists in this course, we must withdraw our congratulations.

The University's friends are aware of the negotiations with you and are aware that the University's position is that of necessity, without any authority from the Board which under no circumstances is to be taken —
ation of members of the Faculty.

The meeting of the Board was called by the Chairman, immediately on receipt of such resignation by him, specially to consider same. The Board was a unit in refusing to consent.

Professor Foster has won the hearts of our Students and people alike; his work has been and is of inestimable value; his department is one which is most difficult to fill in these troublous times; he is thoroughly in accord with our ideas of Christian Education; he has in short become an indispensable factor in our work. The Students are greatly excited over the suggested departure of their beloved and honored Professor in Philosophy. The members of the Board are unanimous in the conviction that to lose Prof. Foster would be calamitous.

In addition, we have a strong moral claim. We took Professor Foster, not from any other Educational Institution, but from the pulpit; we conditioned him to obtain special preparation in Germany before entering upon the actual work here, and we justly claim the ripening fruit of his professorial experience.

You may be sufficiently familiar with the work of higher education here to know that McMaster is the only University under the control of the Baptist denomination in Western Canada. It is supplying a long felt want; its first class in Arts was graduated in May, 1894; and we feel warranted in cherishing the belief that our work so successfully entered upon has much of promise in the future.
The meeting of the Board was called by the Chairman, immediate
ly on receipt of such resolution as I'm especially to conduct
same. The Board was a unit in unity to some extent.
Professor H. Foster was now the Secretary of our University. Any people
affiliated with the work have been and is of importance. Various the reports
sent to the faculty in lecture to faculty in our work. The study
and effort become an impromptu feature in our work. The study
entire and entirely except for the nonessential feature of their part
of the membership of the Board are unanimous in the conviction that to these Point H. Foster
would be satisfactory.
In spite of what we have a strong moral claim. We look Professor
H. Foster not from any other International Institution, but from the
University not from any other International Institution. It is on the
public we count to give him to obtain special preparation in Germany
before entering upon the serious work here. and we distinctly claim the
improving part of his postdoctoral experience.
You may be sufficiently familiar with the work of higher grade
at least to know that Mechanics is the only University under the
contract of the specific recommendation in Westrow Caneva. It is un-
only a joint part, now the first place in which our graduates in
May 1920; may we feel warranted in assigning the best that our
work so successful? Instead should be many of promise in the future.
McMaster University.  
Office, Board of Trade Building.  

Toronto, W. R. H., 2—1889  

But in the judgment of the Board the removal of Professor Foster at the present stage would be simply disastrous to our young institution.

Relying on your sympathetic interest in our work we confidently appeal to you to relieve Professor Foster from any embarrassment he may feel by reason of his negotiations with you having proceeded so far.

On behalf of the Board,

[Signatures]

J. F. Webb  
Chairman.

Secretary.
Saratoga, N.Y.,
April 9, 1891.

Prof. L. M. Harker, Ph.D.,
New Canaan, Conn.

My dear Sir:

I have examined, and mailed to your address, "Bulletin No. 2" for which I thank you.

Friends of education must be gratified with the scope and comprehensiveness of the plan.

I was also pleased to notice that you have
excluded from the lower college are philosophical studies. That will do much to insure previous preparation and sufficient age on the part of students for those studies.

I should be glad indeed to see "Bulletin No. 1," if you are at liberty to send it to me.

Sincerely yours,

E. B. Steere.
Saratoga, N.Y.,
March 4, 1891.

My dear [Name]

Since your last favor I have exchanged letters with Dr. String. He says that circumstances prevent him from interceding with Mr. Rockefeller. But he trusts that you will yet see your way to lay the matter before him.

The privilege of studying a year or two...
in Germany is worth sacrificing for. I think that I could make arrangements for the comfort of my family on this side, and thus be independent simply for my own support abroad. How much that would be I do not know. Hoping that this more specific explanation may make the matter seem more possible and inviting to you, yours very truly, G.R. Foster.
Dear Mr. Harper,

Your letter received. I think that I can reach Chicago by the 1st Thursday in April as you wish.

I have agreed with yourself in reference to the matter with Mr. Rockefeller.

As to my telegram.

The policy of the Chancellor has been to keep my deposit here from the student.

But it has become known
and they have risen up in rebellion that because they have had no opportunity to entreat me to remain, and because in their judgment a sufficient effort has not been made by the Chancellor to retain my services, the Board have been implored me to convey a petition to yourself in the hope that you might use your way to relieve the situation. But it would...
does not wish the students
to return until the last of
my departure. Could you keep
my appointment at the
hospitals?

I am sure it will be
hard work for me to live there
on $28.00, so I would thank
you much to mention my name
to pulver-Co. inquiring for
employment.

I may say that I am
thinking of sending my children
to my father to be on farm
until fall. This would give me
more time to settle and ease the
financial strain.

I wish to thank you
heartily for writing me and
your kindness in general—Your
first letter was lost.

Hastily Yours, S.B. Foster

Toronto, 19 Feb. 76.

Dear Mr. Harper,

I am glad that we
may consider the matter settled
and I believe much of my
come from our new relations.

I dread the first year
for a little, having no time
to call my things together,
but I am sure I may
depend upon your con-
sideration till I feel my
hand in a little

A front in two calls

for a moment.

The Chancellor here.
quest. But then I am not opposed to see. However, the School here has certain an important mis-

sion for Canada & need money. This much I can say.

Again: The Chancellor insist that I shall examine my classes the first Jeffsbe-
for my Connectivism second. This would delay me a week. Still, if you will give your con-

sent, I think it would be wise for me to yield the

point here. It would secure me a montly salary for I hope.

And again: H—
University of Chicago,

My dear sir:

I trust it may not seem too strange to you if I write in reference to the possibility of my going to Chicago.

Your letter, written the 10th, but marked the 12th, according to the postmark, reached me Monday noon before the Tuesday 7th committee meeting. It was too late for any reply in time, so I telegraphed at
My expenses, entrusting the
Telescope to a servant knowing
who has always acted trust-
worthy.

In the failure to have
further talk with you, I
told Dr. Hullbert that
was possible to go to Chicago,
was disposed to go indeed,
would like to go provided
I could support my
family in the 2 along
the same route on my
side. And this was the
meaning of my telegram.
It was intended to
be a sufficient express-
in my willingness in my
part. Was it not so?
I have not heard
what the Committee
did, and infer that