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President Harper,

Dear Sir,

As you have possibly noticed, my two sisters have been attending the university this summer, taking work in the Graduate School.

I am very desirous of having one of them continue work here through the winter. In order to do that it will be absolutely necessary for her to obtain
work as a library attendant in Petersburg.
Mr. Robertson tells me that there will be a
change in the appointment of library attendants
hence I wish to find out what I can depend
up on for the fall, before 

I will my sister, Millie Mae Dean, and myself,
and myself,
can have work as
library attendants we
will be able to continue
our studies here this
year, otherwise we will be

I cannot do as well.
I have positively no
money except what I
My dear Dr. Harper,

The more I consider the matter of taking up the work of an Employment Bureau, the more diffident I become about attempting it. While I firmly believe that I could do the work as satisfactorily as the average man, I cannot help feeling that it would be almost an impossibility for me to make a success of the work, and, at the same time attend to a business from which my salary would be derived. The obtaining of work for students would be difficult at the best, and should receive nothing less than the undivided attention of one man. I might work faithfully for the next four or five days and only bring you half a dozen promises of jobs. With your permission, therefore, I beg leave to withdraw from my candidacy for this position.

In order that I may know how to shape my own plans for the future, may I ask for an expression of your intention regarding the Express Office? I think that the Express Office has fully demonstrated its right to live, but I do not suppose that the University would care to have it run much longer as a private business. If my services in this connection are desired, I would be glad to continue in charge of the office, and have no doubt that an arrangement satisfactory to both parties could easily be made. If the University, however, does not deem it wise to offer anything permanent, I would prefer to withdraw now, rather than three months or a year hence.

Yours truly,

M.H. MacLean.
The more I consider the matter of taking up the work of an Employment Bureau, the more arithmetic I become about the attempt. I think I have my doubts that I could be of much use as a statistician in the matter, and I cannot help feeling that it would be most unimprovable for me to make a success of the work, and at the same time

impossible for me to make a success of the work, and at the same time

impossible to persuade me with my supply of money to continue. The option

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February 4th, 1905.

Dr. William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago,

My dear Mr. Maclean:-

I have your letter of February 2nd in which you propose a gift to the University towards the cost of the new scenery. This is surely a very nice thing for you to do, but I am wondering whether you ought to do it. We cannot refuse to accept it, but is there something to be said in explanation? I shall appreciate very much indeed a talk with you in reference to it.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

M. W. Maclean
My dear Dr. Harper,

The more I consider the matter of taking on the work of an Employment Officer, the more glibly I become about attempts to make a success of the work. Perhaps it would be wisest not to attempt it at all. While I firmly believe that I could do the work as satisfactorily as the matter may, I cannot help feeling that it would be wise to turn to business opportunities to work which my training would be of great service. The opinion of students would evidently be of great weight at the next term of the College and only those who can work satisfactorily at the next term or have been recommended, I feel, would be able to continue in charge of the College, and I am glad to hear that you are going to continue in charge of the College.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
I have your letter of February 5th in which you propose a trip to the University campus the next day. There is surely a very nice time for you to go, but we cannot leave to accompany you. If you are able to arrange to be back in expectation I am sure you will make much use of the fall with you in reference to it.

Yours very truly,

R. Harber
Chicago Feb. 2, 1905

Dr. William R. Harper,  
The University of Chicago,  

Dear Sir,

I wish to ask if you will accept a small gift from me for the University. I would like to contribute Five Hundred and Ten Dollars towards the cost of the new scenery recently installed in Mandel Hall. If you will accept this amount I will send a check at once.

Sincerely yours,

M.W. Maclean