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My dear Mr. Mallory:

I am afraid that long thinking on the subject of the correspondence work has somewhat disturbed your equilibrium. Instead of receiving from you definite, practical suggestions, you make the proposal that the Senate require every Junior College student to do nine Majors work by correspondence. In this way you suggest that the Junior College Faculty could be reduced and funds set free.

Without dwelling on the absolutely impracticable character of such a proposition from the point of view of the Senate, permit me to say that the Junior College work is now producing more money by 25 or 30% than it costs. No funds would be set free since this work is more than self-supporting, and it is for the very reason that the correspondence work covers the same ground that it ought to be self-supporting and can be made self-supporting. With other correspondence schools coining money we ought to be able to develop the work on this policy. "Cheer up! the worst is yet to come". Let me have the definite and practical propositions.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. November 22, 1904.

My dear President Harper:

Since our last interview I have given more thought to the matter of recommendations than to any other one subject but have made very little headway. Everything that I think worth recommending calls for money. The situation in the Lecture-study Department does not encourage me to recommend any increase in fixed charges and this would certainly result if we put our instructors on salary or change from a piece to a time basis of payment.

What I can most earnestly recommend and urge is that as soon as possible this work, which has proved its worth, be put on the same basis as residence work and not be expected to pay for itself. Why not require every student to do a certain number of Majors by correspondence? In this way the Junior College Faculty could be reduced and funds set free. I wish that in addition to increasing the allowance of correspondence work which can count toward a degree from 12 to 18 Majors, the Senate would go a step further and enact that at least nine Majors of Junior College work must be done by correspondence. The University would turn out better equipped men and women and would increase its prestige.

The unqualified success which has attended this work places on the controlling bodies a responsibility which they may not long ignore. We are not only losing a great educational opportunity but in my judgment neglecting a most effective educational method.

I hope that when any change is made it will be in accordance with a broad and fundamental principle.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.
Aberdeen, So. Dak.
Aug 27, 95


Dear Sir:

There are but five weeks
before Oct. 1. As yet nothing in the way
of a "1500:00 or better" opening has obtruded itself to obstruct the pleasant prospect of reentering the University next fall.

I am rather glad that affairs have been thus providentially decreed for altho the financial pressure is the same I am increasingly assured that the life plan—religion instruction—in the formation and adherence to which you have so patiently helped me, is the only one which I can ever whole-heartedly adopt.

I trust I may not long be hindered from a life of activity along this line.

I wish to ask if, in connection with the fellowship or its equivalent
which you kindly promised me, it would be allowable or advisable for me to secure some such position as I had in the Chicago Academy during '92-'93 or if I better depend upon tutoring to make up the necessary living then I hasten to recall that Mr. Mann said he believed he should have enough classical work to necessitate his hiring an extra man for an hour or two a day and in case he has not already engaged I should like to communicate with him.

Tutoring, in general, affords a rather precarious income.

I most sincerely hope that the summer's heat and strain has not worn you out and wish that you might have some of the opportunities for rest and recreation that you enjoy. Very respectfully, H. F. Mallory.
Hamilton, O., June 19, 1879.
Mr. H. F. Mallory,
The Univ. of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.;

Dear Sir:

This morning I received your inquiry concerning my intention of taking up work for the summer in residence at your University. I hasten to say in reply that I find myself so wearied, physically, by my year's work, that I have decided to join a party of teachers from Southwestern Ohio to the S. E. I. at Los Angeles.
This journey, I think, will restore my strength. Next summer, however, I shall be with you, and I shall bring my sister who is a teacher, also. I spent the happiest summer of my life at Foster Hall. Miss Webster was kind enough to ask me to share a room with her again this year, and Miss Alexander, of Vincennes, Ind., who is to be with you, has also written to me concerning a choice of rooms. I cannot say enough in praise of your Summer Quarter, and I regret exceedingly that I am too tired to profit by it this year.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth M. Hancock,
#518 Main St.