Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.,
April 28, 1893.

Dr. William R. Harper,
President, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant is received. I confess that I am very sorry that you write what you do although I do not see how the Higher Educational Congress can be duplicated as well as some of the other Educational Congresses, those on phases of industrial education and the kindergarten for instance. Because the centrifugal tendency in some of the departments of education is so great that there very naturally arises two parties, the conservative and the radical, and neither party would be satisfied with the program of the other, while a compromised program would be a dead weight. This is not so however in higher education with perhaps the single exception of University Extension, and as I have written to Mr. Bonney and to Prof. Henderson of your faculty this week it does seem to me that a University Extension Congress might be very well provided for by your committee. My ideas about this however are likely enough wide from the conclusions you would form.

I am only afraid lest you should think that the action of my Committee of Arrangements has been unnecessarily lacking in spirit of co-operation with your
My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3d instant is received. I assure you that I was not
sorely tried by your note, and that I do not see how the Higher
Education program is affected by any part of the other Educational
Commission, or any change in the Finance Board. Indeed, I am of
opinion that the higher education program will benefit by the new
organization, and I have every confidence in your ability to
administer it efficiently.

Your suggestion that the Board of Education be asked to contribute
funds for the University Extension program is very much to the
profit of the Board, and I have every confidence in your ability to
administer it efficiently.

I am only asking you to appoint a committee of your own, to
consider the matter further, before final action is taken.

Yours truly,

[Name]
local committees in Chicago. The very high regard and sincere respect which I feel for you makes me very anxious to remove any such impression if it exists. It has been exceedingly difficult to arrange these matters of a Congress under the direction of the National Education Association and make it fit into the plans of Mr. Bonney. I foresaw all this trouble from the beginning and hoped it could be arranged as I suggested, by having the local committees in Chicago adopt the program of the N. E. A. whatever it might be. But when I visited Chicago in October I saw that so much good work had been done and so many important persons secured that it would be wrong to expect, or even to wish that those local arrangements should be set aside, and I conveyed my thoughts to Mr. Bonney who agreed with me that the only way remaining open was to hold two sets of Congresses, giving the local committees the advantage by letting them have the earlier dates.

I will say also that with regard to the whole matter of the Congress under the auspices of the N. E. A. that it was not originally an idea of mine nor the result of any of my counsels, but that I found myself very reluctantly obliged to carry out the wishes of the N. E. A. in this regard and assume the chairmanship of the Committee of Arrangements. The Commissioner of Education owes always to that Association his co-operation in all matters in which the Bureau can be of assistance.

Hoping that these explanations will be accepted by you in the spirit in which they are made,

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Commissioner.
Dear Mr. Lawrence,

The very high regard and sincere respect with which I feel for you makes me very anxious to receive any word of approval or criticism I may offer.

It has been absolutely difficult to arrange these matters of a Committee on the condition of the National Education Association and make it fit into

the program of the N.E.A. A matter of such great importance to the Committee in Chicago and to me personally as well. But when I arrived Chicago in October I saw that so much good work had been done and so many important questions

because such a sum would mean so much to the N.E.A. I found myself in a position to the N.E.A. of my Committee. I am willing to carry my portion

more efficaciously to that Association and co-operation in all matters in which the

now can be of assistance.

Hoping that these expectations will be accomplished, I am in the habit in

[Signature]

With every respect,

[Name]
Dr. William R. Harper,
President, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant is at hand. In the letter to President Gilman, to which you refer, I had not intended to suggest to anybody that the plan for the Department Congress of Higher Education, to be included within the special Educational Congresses which commence July 17, should be laid aside. I simply had nothing to do with them. But I hasten to say that I have no ill will or hostility to them, for I know that some of them will be more largely attended and better managed than the departments of the N. E. A. But the departments of the N. E. A. will provide for certain people who cannot conveniently attend the former. And I wish to state here, secondly, that I do not in any way reflect upon the management of Mr. Bonney who has it seems to me done the best he could and better than another man would likely have done. Such an event as this happens only once in 400 years and it is necessary of course to take it up as a new thing and make all the tracks and all the running gear anew. It goes without saying that a second World's Congress Auxiliary, if held within ten years, might be an improvement on the first one and that a person of less ability than Mr. Bonney might improve on his plan after he had studied the workings of the present plan.
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My dear Sir,
I had supposed up to the time that Dr. Gilman wrote to me, however, that the Higher Educational Congress would not be duplicated and that the one that Dr. Gilman has in charge would be the only one, and if the matter has not gone too far with you already it seems to me that that still had better be the plan. I had myself remembered the conversation with you to which you refer and had been led to suppose that you would as local committee in Chicago approve of the program gotten up by the N. E. A. But after the slight change of base which resulted from the fact that some of the local committees in Chicago had gone so far with their preparation that they could not yield to the plan of the N. E. A., we had not had in contemplation the co-operation of the local committee in Chicago with our own Committee of Arrangements but had moved on independently. And within my own Committee of Arrangements it was decided at the Boston meeting in February that the preparation of programs should be left to the chairman of the Department Congresses acting in conjunction with their representative on the Committee of Arrangements.

This is the situation from my point of view, and it is clear that I cannot speak for your special Congress to be held on the 17th of July, but that it rests entirely with you to have such a department if you choose. If you carry out that plan of course there will be two Congresses on higher education just as there will be two Congresses on kindergarten instruction and two Congresses on industry and art etc.

Of course my Committee of Arrangements cannot claim that they have the
I have supposed up to the time that Dr. Allen would be here, therefore I
have not thought the National Congress would not discuss the plan yet. But
the National Committee Congress won't discuss it until the plan has
finally been drafted and sent out. I think the plan is not ready to go to the
committee at the moment. We will discuss it with you later. I will send you
my report on the committee and Chicago Conference on the program
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Dr. W. R. Harper.

Department Congress of Higher Education, the only one, unless your local committee authorize us to do so. We assume always that other Congresses may be held on any or all of the topics taken up by the N. E. A. Hoping that you will advise me of your decision and briefly of your plans in this matter at your earliest convenience, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Commissioner.
ORGANIZATION AND AIMS.

The work of founding Fisk University was begun in October, 1865, under the auspices of the American Missionary Association, of New York City, and the Western Freedman's Aid Commission, of Cincinnati. At the beginning of the enterprise, the purpose of establishing for the colored people of the South a university that should adequately provide for them the advantages of Christian education, to whatever extent the capacity and energy of the race should in the future demand, was distinctly announced.

It has been the unflagging purpose of the American Missionary Association, and of those who have been its representatives in the University, to make good, in letter and in spirit, this bold and comprehensive promise, made to an emancipated race in the bright morning of its new life.

The University was incorporated under the laws of Tennessee August 22, 1867.

Its charter confers upon the Board of Trustees all the rights, privileges, and powers necessary for the perpetuation and enlargement of the University.

The first class was graduated from the College Department in May, 1875, ten years after the founding of the Fisk School. Two young men and two young women received the degree of B. A. The same year three were graduated from the Normal Department.

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Fisk University aims to be a great center of the best Christian educational forces for the training of the colored youth of the South, that they may be rightly disciplined and inspired for leaders in the vitally important work that needs to be done for their race in this country and on the continent of Africa.

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Answered
Jan 26 1903

Francis W. Shepardson
Secretary to the President.

President Harper,

University of Chicago,

Mr. Charles E. Giddings,

Spearfish, So. Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I write to ask if you are acquainted with a 'National Education Association' or a 'National Educational Association', and if so, what is the difference between the two as it may be asked. I do so in the interest of your fine institution, to learn if you will kindly inform me as to the general function of that body, as it is in any sense, as the name implies, national in character. What are its official headquarters located? A reply at your earliest convenience would greatly oblige me.

Thanking you in advance I am,

Very truly,

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

My dear Sir,

I write to ask if you are
acquainted with an institution, society, or corporation
named as "The National Educational Association." If so, may
I ask you to refer me to your volume and consult as to asks
and if you will kindly inform me as to the official function
of that body? Is it in any sense, as its name implies, national
in character? And where are its official headquarters locate?

A reply at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige me,
thanking you in advance I am, your truly, 

W. R. Harper
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Admission Jan 28, 1903

W. R. Hager

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[Signature or initials at the bottom right corner, partially readable.]
Mr. Gifford Pinchot,

Bureau of Forestry, Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I have been very much interested in your letter of March 27th and have been corresponding with President Butler about it. I am familiar with the letter which he has written you and await your answer to that letter.

The President, by a letter copy of which is herewith enclosed, has appointed a Committee to report to him on various matters connected with the organization of government scientific work. I have been instructed, as secretary of the Committee, to ask your confidential opinion as to the present functions, most useful field of work, and best disposition of the Office of Education, commonly called the "Bureau of Education".

Very truly yours,

Gifford Pinchot.

1 Enclosure.
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Honor of Recognition. Appreciation.

My dear Sir:-

I have been very much interested in your letter of November 12th.

I am familiar with the letter which you are writing

and want you to keep it as a copy of your letter to me.

We are working very hard on the problem of the development of the

work and we are trying to get a statement of the situation as

accurately as possible.

We are also trying to get hold of the necessary material.

Yours truly,

W. F. Healy

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