President E. D. Burton,  
The University of Chicago.

My dear President:

Referring to your favor of the 18th, I can well understand why you raised the inquiry. Mr. Dodd and I discussed this carefully. The interpretation which you suggest would, of course, require the entire Board of Managers to execute the deed individually. We concluded that that was not the intention of the action nor the fair interpretation of the language.

The execution of the deed under the resolution unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers was, we think, an execution by them. Respective officers is not a very definite description but is complied with, we think, without any question in the execution by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the attest of that signature by the Secretary.

We have to interpret the action of the Board of Education, together with the By-Laws and under that interpretation the respective officers for the action by the Board are the persons designated by the Executive Committee so that both descriptions point out the same persons.

Very truly yours,

Wallace Heckman.

WH:AG
Board of Managers & Officers of the Board of Education

Pass Resolution and execute deed in accordance with action of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Secretary of State

Certificate of change in Articles of Association to be filed, and certificate thereof obtained from Secretary of State.

Recorder of Deeds, Cook County

Certificate of change in Articles of Association to be recorded.
New deed to be recorded.
Certificate of election of new trustees to be filed.

University to have in its files

Certificate of action by Board of Education, Northern Baptist Convention.
Resolution of Board of Managers of Board of Education authorizing execution of deed.
Copy of new deed.
Record in corporate minutes of
(1) Amendment of by-laws authorizing change in Articles of Association.
(2) Amendment of Articles of Association
(3) Election of new trustees
Certificate from Secretary of State of change in Articles of Association.

Northern Baptist Convention.

I have received from President Burton the certificate of action by the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention which is to be submitted to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting and incorporated in the Minutes.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

WH:AG

CC to President Burton.
Basis of Management’s Office of the
Board of Directors

Petition for disaster and exchange of ideas to reconsider with
section of the Board of Directors of the American Express

Competition.

Secrecy of Trade

Confidentiality of change in Articles of Association to
be transferred and confidentiality granted obtaining from
government.

Reduction of Board, Good faith

Confidentiality of change in Articles of Association to
be transferred and confidentiality granted obtaining from
government.

Unfairness to have in the letter

Confidentiality of section of Board of Directors, knowledge
report of Board of Directors of American Express

Confidentiality of change of Board of Directors, change
of Board of Directors, change of Board of Directors

Confidentiality to have in the letter

Confidentiality of change in Articles of Association,
reduction of Board, Good faith

Note that no such letter

Report on minutes of
meeting of shareholders of the American Express

Confidentiality of change in Articles of Association,
change of Board of Directors, change of Board of Directors

Confidentiality to have in the letter

Confidentiality of change in Articles of Association,
reduction of Board, Good faith

I have reason to believe that the Board of Directors of the American Express

Company has reason to believe that the Board of Directors of the company

should be authorized to be reimbursed for the Board of Directors of the company

with respect to the recommendations in the minutes.

Yours faithfully,
Dec. 6, 1923

66 South Mountain Ave.
Montclair, N.J.

Dear Mr. Burton:

This is a letter of inquiry. The basis of the action of the American Baptist Education Society defining the scope, location and denominational control of the institution to be founded by it in Chicago, the amount and terms of the subscriptions and the procedure to be followed in setting up the proposed college, all this was set forth in a series of ten resolutions. These resolutions are found on pages 16 and 17 of the official report of the first annual meeting of the Society held in Boston May 18, 1889. I invite a careful re-reading of these at this point.

These ten resolutions should not be confounded with the report of "The Committee of Nine." That report was new...
The second statement is:

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adopted by the American Baptist Education Society. Though it was studied and some of its provisions were in substance borrowed. The ten resolutions were made up of these borrowings, plus other provisions wholly new. These ten resolutions were written by me in New York, together with his pledge of $600,000 under the eye of Mr. Rockefeller on May 15th and 16th, 1889. Mr. Rockefeller entrusted his pledge dated May 15, 1889, to me with instructions that the pledge should be delivered only after the Executive Board of the Amer. Bapt. Ed. Soc. should have adopted the ten resolutions without material change, and afterwards adopted also by the Society itself in Convention assembled, thus becoming the official act of the whole Baptist denomination as legally organized in this Society. By these resolutions the President and two-thirds of the Trustees
[Handwritten text not transcribed]
must always be Baptist. This provision was dutifully embodied in the Act to come out in due time, and in the selection and approval of the first board of trustees. This was fulfilled all the requirements of the Baptist denomination ruling denominational control. For violation of the provision for denominational control in perpetuity the denomination suggested no penalty and offered no remedy. Finally and remedy were alike left to the decision of the Court. Nowhere has the denomination suggested penalty or recovery by a reversionary clause in the deed of conveyance to the University.

The resolutions do indeed provide for one reversionary clause. This is made the penalty for mortgaging the premises. If other conditions of reversion had been approved. They would have been included in the resolutions.

If now we examine the deed we are struck with the fact that there are in it no less than three conditions of reversion...
not authorized by the denomination.

1. The first is the 100 year clause. Mr. Field had stipulated in his deed to the Ann Bopf Ed Society that if the premises conveyed are not used for a college or university the premises are to revert to him or his heirs. In the deed to the U of C, on the contrary, the reversion goes to the Ann Bopf Ed Society and not to Mr. Field or his heirs.

2. The denomination required reversion only on "mortgage" but the deed adds alienation for any cause, debt or other. The U of C is here forbidden quite gratuitously so to sell these premises even to remove within a thousand years to any site then found to be more eligible.

3. Finally the deed gratuitously insert, a penalty for violation of the denomination trust control, a penalty never suggested or contemplated by the denomination in the ten resolutions or elsewhere.
I raise the question if in morals and even in law the three extraneous revolutionary clauses, not having been authorized by the ten resolutions, the Boplesh denomination or by any of the provisors to the million dollar fund or by Mr. Field in his deed are not void. Who indeed legally or morally is competent to enforce them? They were gratuitously inserted in the deed a full year and more after the subscribers had been succeeded by the Ed. Sco, and N.Y. Rockefeller and Mr. Field. Up to Aug. 24.

1891. They were wholly unknown. (See report of proceedings of A.B.E.S.A. in Chicago meeting in May 1890.)

All I have said above is merely introductory to the purpose of this letter. That purpose is to make inquiry into the history of this deed from its inception to its present state, recording all with reference to the bearing of the facts when found on the legal and moral enforceability of the extraneous clauses.

For this question of the validity of these clauses may at sometime become absolutely important to our fundamentalist friends, say.
"My memory is a blank as to the deed. I was little at my home in Morgan Port in the summer of 1891 but I was in New York City—July 1, 1891, and doubtless attended the meeting of the Executor Board mentioned in the deed of Aug 24, 1891. The wording of the resolution mentioned in the deed does not indicate that the deed had then been written, but the resolution "annexed" to the deed does not appear in my printed copy of the deed as it should! Can you send me the wording of the resolution?

2 Was the deed in draft, an Executor and before the board when it dated on July 1891?

3 Why is the deed dated to date on Aug 24, 1891 nearly eight weeks later of in draft at that meeting?

4 That attorney wrote it who employed him and who of anyone paid him.

5 By what authority did he insert the three restrictive restrictive conditions?

"Gordolphi spent that summer at his camp in Wisconsin and we read of my correspondence with no
No reference to the deed except an incidental statement from Mr. Goodspeed dated Sept 15, 1891 stating that he has just received the deed and is about to record it.

Dr. Goodspeed at Atlantic City thought if I remember rightly that Mr. Needham wrote the deed and that it was I who suggested the lack of the objectionable reversionary clauses. Of such suggestion I now not the slightest recollection. But whether Dr. Goodspeed himself or Mr. Needham or I or all three suggested them it was done in fidelity to the interests of the Baptist denomination, perhaps an excessive zeal of fidelity from our preacher point of view.

Will you kindly return this letter or a copy of it with your answers to my questions. I think Dr. Goodspeed will be your best authority.

Most Cordially to both.

Res. Burton
University of Chicago  E. T. Gates
The Administrative Committee
of the
General Board of Promotion
of the
Northern Baptist Convention

Records of the meeting held at

Chicago, Ill.
December 5, 1928.
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF PROMOTION
OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CONVENTION

Records of the meeting held at
Chicago, Ill.
December 6, 1889.
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF PROMOTION OF THE
NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

RECORDS OF THE MEETING HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 5, 1923

The Administrative Committee of the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention met in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 5, 1923.

The following members of the Committee were present at the two sessions:

John A. Earl (one session)  Mrs. W.A. Montgomery
Mrs. C.D. Eulette          G. W. Palmer
Arthur M. Harris           E. H. Rhoades, Jr.
Emory W. Hunt              Joseph E. Sagebeer
C. E. Milliken             Albert L. Scott

Other persons were present as follows:

As members of the executive staff of the General Board of Promotion:

General Director J. Y. Aitchison
Frederick A. Agar           Harry S. Myers
H. R. Bowler                A. E. Seibert
W. H. Bowler

As members of the Advisory Committee and substitutes:

George R. Baker
Mrs. L. J. P. Bishop
Gilbert M. Brink
P. H. J. Lemmig
O. T. Steward
E. T. Tomlinson
Mrs. K. S. Westfall

As visitors:

Mrs. Mary E. Bloomer       Edgar L. Killam
George Earl                W. B. Lipphard
J. H. Franklin             F. W. Faileiford
Alice B. Hudson            Corwin S. Shank
George B. Huntington       Mrs. N. R. Wood

The Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 10:45 A.M.

The prayer was offered by Frederick A. Agar.
The Administrative Committee

of the Northern Baptist Convention

Records of the meeting held at Chicago, Illinois, December 6, 1936

The Administrative Committee of the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention met in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

Attention on Wednesday, December 6, 1936.

The following members of the committee were present at the
two sessions:

W. A. Montgomery
W. W. Price
W. L. Thomas
A. R. Johnson
O. M. Linn

Other persons were present as follows:

In members of the executive staff of the General Board of

Promotion:

General Director, A. W. Martin
Director of Education, A. W. Martin
Editor, J. R. L. T. Golden
Secretary, O. T. T. T. Weingold

As members of the Author Committee and urplicants:

George H. H. Herter
W. T. R. Stebbins
W. L. Williams
O. T. T. T. Weingold

As visitors:

W. W. Price
W. L. Thomas
A. R. Johnson
O. M. Linn

The committee was called to order by the Chairman at 10:30.

The prayer was offered by President A. W. Martin.
On motion of E.H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

VOTED: That, on recommendation of the
Committee on Order of Business, the
records of the meeting of the Administra-
tive Committee held at New York, N.Y.,
October 3, 1922, be approved.

The Recording Secretary presented the report of the
Committee on Order of Business, and, on motion of E.H. Rhoades, Jr.,
it was

VOTED: That the report and recommendations
of the Committee on Order of Business be
adopted, as follows:

1. That the agenda distributed to members
of the Committee be adopted as the order
of business for this meeting, except that
the report of the Committee on Missions
be placed before the report of the Committee
on Publicity.

2. That the Chairman of the Administrative
Committee be authorized to appoint a Committee
on Exhibit in connection with the next meeting
of the Northern Baptist Convention.

3. That Joe P. Jacobs, Secretary of the Wyoming
Baptist Convention, be and he is hereby author-
ized to receive and give receipts for all pay-
ments and gifts to or for the General Board of
Promotion.

The Chairman appointed as members of the Committee on
Exhibit, provided for in recommendation 2, the following:

William E. Lipphard, Chairman
Mrs. L.J.P. Bishop Charles L. Major
Coe Hayne Harry S. Myers
William A. Hill Clara E. Norcutt
F. W. Kamm P. C. Wright

Question was raised as to the place of the next meeting of
the General Board of Promotion and, by unanimous consent, was re-
ferred to the Committee on Order of Business.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by A. E. Seibert,
and after consideration and on motion of Emory W. Hunt, was approved.
On motion of H. F. Morgan, Jr., it was

VOTED THAT the recommendations of the
Committee on Order of Business be approved,
report as follows:

The Secretary presented the report of the
Committee on Order of Business. It was

VOTED: That the report and recommendations
of the Committee on Order of Business be
approved, as follows:

I. That the agenda be approved as the order
of business for the meeting, except that
the report of the Committee on Appointments
be placed before the report of the Committee
on Appointments.

II. That the Chairman of the Administrative
Committee be instructed to appoint a Committee
on Appointments in connection with the next meeting
of the Northport Baptist Convention.

III. That the President appoint a special Committee
for the purpose of revising the minutes
of the previous meeting to conform to the
rules of the convention. The Committee
will consist of five members to serve as
memorial of the committee.

The Committee appointed as members of the Committee on
Appointments the following:

W. W. T. R. O'Bryan, Chairman
Mr. J. P. Phipps
Rev. J. M. S. W. M.
William A. Martin
W. W. R. W. M.

A motion was made to close the meeting at
the general hour of ten o'clock, and, by unanimous consent, was
accepted. The report of the Treasurer was presented by F. E. Smith.

The following is a copy of the motion of H. F. Morgan, Jr.,
approved.
On motion of E.H. Khoades, Jr., it was

VOTED: That the Committee of Nine be authorized, if necessary, to confer with committees from other denominational organizations concerning the rental of office space for denominational headquarters after the expiration of the present lease.

Arthur M. Harris reported for the Advisory Committee, outlining the action which had been taken by the Committee at the request of the Committee of Nine toward the preparation of the budget of the Board of Missionary Cooperation for 1924-25. In view of the fact that the proposed budget represented the combined opinion of the Advisory Committee and the Committee of Nine, action was deferred until after the report of the Committee of Nine.

The report of the Committee on Field Activities was presented by W.H. Bowler, who reviewed briefly the progress and results of the series of Bible and missionary conferences. At his request, personal impressions of the conferences were given by the team leaders and others who had been in attendance. Frederick S. Dax, P.H.J. Lerrigo, F.W. Padelford, O.T. Steward, J.Y. Aitchison and Albert L. Scott participated in this discussion. On motion of Emory W. Hunt, the report of the Committee on Field Activities was approved.

On motion of Joseph E. Sagebeer, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the thirty-five Bible and Missionary Conferences recently held throughout the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention under the auspices of the Committee on Field Activities have resulted in bringing to the attention of our constituency in an unusually effective manner the claims of Christ and His Kingdom as represented in the work of Northern Baptists, and

WHEREAS, the valuable results achieved have been made possible only through long, efficient, and sacrificial service on the part of hundreds of our people; therefore, be it
REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, continued

ANNEX

The report of the Advisory Committee on Field Activities was presented by W.H. Power, who reviewed briefly the purposes and results of the several field activities and meiotic conferences. In his report, Power stated that the recommendations of the conferences were strongly supported by the members of the committee. He also mentioned that the conferences had been attended by many of the leading field workers in the country.

The report of the Committee on Field Activities, as adopted by the following resolution was read:

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Field Activities has recommended certain measures to be taken in the field, and

WITNESSES, the support of those measures has been shown by the action of the advisory committee, and

RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the advisory committee be adopted as far as possible, and that the necessary steps be taken to carry them into effect.
RESOLVED, that on behalf of the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention the grateful appreciation of the Administrative Committee be and it is hereby extended to the Committee on Field Activities, the members of the conference teams, the executive secretaries of the conferences, the officers and employees of State Conventions and City Mission Societies, the members of local committees, and all others who served in connection with the preparation for and conduct of the Bible and Missionary Conferences; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Administrative Committee and that the Recording Secretary be instructed to send a copy thereof to each of the denominational papers and the state convention bulletins, with a request for its publication.

The report of the Continuation Campaign Committee was presented by Mrs. L. J. P. Bishop, who spoke briefly concerning the Loyalty Luncheons which had been held under its direction. Personal impressions of the luncheons were also given by Mrs. W. M. Montgomery, Mrs. Nathan A. Wood, Mrs. C. D. Buell and others who had participated in or been present at the luncheons. On motion of Emory W. Hunt, the report of the Continuation Campaign Committee was approved.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by Frederick A. Ager, who reviewed the stewardship activities since the last meeting of the Administrative Committee. He stated that the Committee had considered and made provision for observance of Stewardship Month during the next fiscal year; had appointed D. Williamson as a field worker for stewardship, to begin his duties February 1, 1924; and had placed in the hands of the printer manuscripts of the literature needed in connection with the financial canvass for 1924-25. On motion of Emory W. Hunt, the report of the Committee on Stewardship was approved.

Arthur W. Harris presented the report of the Business Committee, including one recommendation, in consequence of which the following action was taken.
RESOLVED, that no part of the General Body of Delegates at the First Meeting of the Administrative Committee be any portion of any portion of the administrative committee or the secretary of the conference. The Executive Secretary of the conference is hereby authorized to circulate such recommendations as may be necessary in connection with the information herewith.
On motion of Emory W. Hunt, it was

VOTED: That, on recommendation of the Business Committee, the General Board of Promotion be authorized to retain from distributable receipts, during the month of December 1923, $70,000, during the month of January, 1924, $70,000, during the month of February, 1924, $65,000, during the month of March, 1924, $55,000 during the month of April, 1924, $34,000, in order that by the close of the year the entire deficit of the Board, as reported on May 1, 1923, may be paid in full, with the understanding that payment of the amounts indicated shall be made as early as possible in the months named, and with the further understanding that the State Conventions and Standard City Mission Societies shall bear their proportionate share of the amount so retained, in accordance with the plan of equalization of receipts, prepared by the Treasurer's office and already notified to the State Conventions and Standard City Mission Societies.

Emory W. Hunt reported for the Committee on The Baptist, indicating that since the last meeting of the Administrative Committee John A. Earl had been engaged as co-editor of The Baptist with Edgar L. Killam, and, that, under the agreements reached, the production of the paper was proceeding satisfactorily.

William B. Lipphard presented the report of the Committee on Publicity, including certain recommendations, in consequence of which the following actions were taken:

On motion of Mrs. W. M. Montgomery, it was

VOTED: That the poster "We Can Reach It" be approved in principle, and that the Committee on Publicity be authorized to publish this in such form as it may deem advisable.

On motion of E. H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

VOTED: That the Committee on Publicity be authorized to use in all advertising published during the remainder of the present fiscal year, the slogan "Completion Campaign of Northern Baptists."
On motion of Monty M. Monfort, it was

"VOTED: That the Report of the Committee on the Financial Report be approved in principle and approved in principle to be recommended to the Board of Directors for adoption, subject to the reservation of the Committee of the Permanent Board of the Corporation for the approval of the Corporation's financial statements as presented in said Report."

On motion of Monty M. Monfort, it was

"VOTED: That the Committee on the Financial Report be empowered to use in its report the language of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation respecting the Corporation's financial condition.

The motion carried by a vote of fifteen to seven."
On motion of F.H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

**A1047**
**CAMPAIGN BULLETIN**

VOTED: That the Committee on Publicity be authorized to publish at intervals during the remainder of the present fiscal year three or four issues of a four-page bulletin to contain information concerning the progress of the Completion Campaign and news concerning mission fields and other phases of activity of Northern Baptists.

On motion of F.H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

**A1048**
**PROVISION FOR EXPENSE OF PUBLICITY**

VOTED: That, in carrying out the publicity plans for the remainder of the present fiscal year, the Committee on Publicity be authorized to expend such sums in addition to its present budget allowance as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Business Committee and the General Director; and that the General Board of Promotion be authorized to draw for such authorized expenditures upon the fund heretofore appropriated to provide for possible emergency expenditures not otherwise provided for in connection with the series of Bible and missionary conferences. (A1018).

Mrs. K. S. Westfall presented the report of the Committee on Missions, which, after discussion and on motion of Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Committee adjourned at 12:20 P.M. to reconvene at 2 P.M.

The Committee reconvened at 2 P.M.

Prayer was offered by P. H. J. Lerrigo.

The Recording Secretary presented a supplemental report of the Committee on Order of Business, including a recommendation, in consequence of which and on motion of Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, it was

**A1049**
**PLACE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PROMOTION**

VOTED: That determination of the place of the meeting of the General board of Promotion to be held February 5-6, 1924, be referred, with power, to the Committee on Order of Business.
Mrs. K. S. Westfall reintroduced the report of the Committee on Missions, including a recommendation, in consequence of which and on motion of Emory W. Hunt, it was

A1050 MISSIONS: VOTED: That, in view of the need of larger editorial assistance and with the approval of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, William B. Lippard be requested to give one-half of his time, with compensation at the rate of $2150 per year, to the service of Missions.

That this arrangement be effective January 1, 1924, and that Mr. Lippard be released from responsibility for the publicity work of the General Board of Promotion on that date.

The Chairman introduced John A. Earl and Edgar L. Killam, Editors of The Baptist, each of whom spoke briefly concerning the denominational paper and its work.

Carl E. Milliken presented the report of the Committee of Nine, including certain recommendations, in consequence of which the following actions were taken.

On motion of John A. Earl, it was

A1051 WRITING OF BUDGETS VOTED: That each of the societies and Boards be requested to prepare items of its work in picturesque form, which shall be edited by the Advisory Committee for distribution, the expense thereof to be borne by the said organizations pro rata according to their operating budgets for 1924-25, as finally adopted by the Finance Committee.

On motion of E.H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

A1052 BOARD OF MISSIONARY COOPERATION: BUDGET 1924-25 VOTED: That the proposed budget for the Board of Missions Cooperation for 1924-25, as recommended by the Committee of Nine, be amended by the addition of $22,760 to the item "Field Activities".

On motion of E.H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

A1053 BOARD OF MISSIONARY COOPERATION: BUDGET 1924-25 VOTED: That the proposed budget for the Board of Missions Cooperation for 1924-25, as recommended by the Committee of Nine and as amended, amounting to $56,532, be approved for presentation to the Finance Committee.
The following session were taken:

On motion of John A. East, if we saw

VOTED: That each of the societies may

ports be returned to proper items of

$1,500.00 in accordance with Resolution

$1,500.00 as finally adopted by the Finance

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rockefeller, "If we saw

VOTED: That the proposed budget for the

part of the President be returned to the

Committee of Finance.

Amdt. Dr. John.

On motion of Mr. Rockefeller, "If we saw

VOTED: That the proposed budget for the

part of the President be returned to the

Committee of Finance.

Amdt. Dr. John.
On motion of E.H. Rhoades, Jr., it was

VOTED: That the General Director be requested to bring to the attention of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Northern Baptist Convention, the question of the future management and control of The Baptist, and, if it be the will of the Executive Committee that the management and control of The Baptist shall continue in the hands of the Board of Missionary Cooperation, the General Director be authorized to add to the budget of the Board of Missionary Cooperation, as presented to the Finance Committee, the sum of $20,538 as subsidy for The Baptist.

On motion of Arthur M. Harris, the report of the Committee of Nine, as a whole, was adopted.

F.W. Padelford read, on behalf of the Committee of Nine, the following statement:

"The Committee of Nine, which is preparing the plans for carrying forward our cooperative missionary work after April 30, 1924, met in Chicago on December 4 and spent the entire day in discussing different phases of the plans for the new period. Much important business was transacted, which will be presented to the Convention at Milwaukee. Dr. Aitchison was present and made a statement which the Committee received with the deepest regret. Dr. Aitchison stated that he had come to the conclusion that he could not permit his name to be considered in connection with the leadership of the new program and felt that, in view of all interests concerned, it was wise to make this fact known to the Committee of Nine, charged with the responsibility of formulating the plans for the inauguration of the work of the Board of Missionary Cooperation.

"The Committee was deeply concerned with this announcement and, after long discussion, sent a subcommittee to take up the matter with him. This committee learned that Dr. Aitchison had come to his decision after long consideration and much prayer, and that his decision was irrevocable. The Committee learned this with great regret, for it believes that there is no man better qualified to lead us forward in the new program. He has done a marvelous work during this long period of the New World Movement and won the confidence of the denomination in a most remarkable way. But, in view of his own statement, the Committee was compelled to make the announcement to the Administrative Committee.

"Dr. Aitchison will continue his leadership of the New World Movement until the close of the present fiscal year and until after the Convention in Milwaukee."
In motion of a Member in the House of Representatives:

Resolved: That the General Assembly be requested to appropriate $200,000,000 to the General Executive Board of the Michigan Cooperative Union, to be used for the construction of the Union's new headquarters in Detroit, and to provide for the operation of the Union's executive committee and the General Executive Board.

The sum of $200,000,000 is expected to be raised through a bond issue.

On motion of a Member, the report of the Committee of Five was adopted.

The following statement was adopted:

"We recommend that the members of the Committee of Five be requested to prepare the following report:

The Committee of Five, which was appointed to investigate the cooperative movement in the state, has concluded that the present organization of cooperative societies does not adequately serve the needs of the members. It is recommended that a new cooperative society be established, with the following characteristics:

1. A membership of at least one thousand.
2. A capital of at least $500,000.
3. A board of directors of not less than five members.
4. A staff of at least five full-time employees.
5. A building of at least 5,000 square feet.

The new cooperative society should be located in the center of the state, and should have a strong support from the agricultural community.

The committee recommends that the state legislature appropriate $1,000,000 for the construction of the new cooperative society's headquarters, and another $500,000 for the initial operation costs.

The committee further recommends that the new cooperative society be allowed to operate as a tax-exempt organization, and that it be granted the authority to apply for federal funding.
On motion of Arthur M. Harris, it was

VOTED: That, by a rising vote, the Administrative Committee express its regret at learning of the announcement made by the General Director to the Committee of Nine, and that P.W. Paineford be authorized to arrange for the publication of the statement made by the Committee of Nine.

Arthur M. Harris presented a supplemental report of the Business Committee, including a recommendation, in consequence of which and on motion of Arthur M. Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Baptists of the states adjacent to the Twin Cities, several of the foreign speaking National Conferences, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, all are deeply interested in the work and plans for enlargement of the Northwestern Baptist Hospital Association now operating the Mounds Park Sanitarium and the present Midway Hospital, both institutions located in the Twin Cities; and

WHEREAS, these plans contemplate the erection of a complete hospital plant on a tract of land of eight acres, situated on University Avenue, midway between the downtown centers of St. Paul and Minneapolis, involving the expenditure of $1,000,000, of which over one-fourth has already, to this date, been pledged locally in the Twin Cities, largely from non-Baptist sources; and

WHEREAS, the Association already has the site, costing $70,000, which it at present holds without encumbrance, and an equity in property now occupied for hospital purposes and including the above mentioned site of approximately $350,000, as appears from the audit of July 31, 1926, by Temple, Weis and Company, certified public accountants; and

WHEREAS, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, on recommendation of its Social Service Department, and with the approval of the General Board of Promotion of The Northern Baptist Convention, has previously released $50,000 of its equipment askings under the New World Movement, to be spent, if raised, by the Northwestern Baptist Hospital Association, and now further approves of the larger plans of the new Midway Hospital, and will cooperate in every way in its power to make the hospital work a success; and
On motion of Attorney Mr. Hiltz's, the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the Committee on the Management of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, having investigated the General Office of the said Society, and the General Board of the said Society, and having considered the reports of the General Board, do recommend to the General Assembly of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to make a new report of the said work and the condition of the said Home Mission Society, and to make such subsequent reports as may be necessary in order to make the said Home Mission Society, and the said General Office, as efficient as possible.
WHEREAS, the State Conventions of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and the foreign speaking bodies above mentioned have endorsed the movement, which will be of great value to the Baptists of a very wide area; and

WHEREAS, there is no other philanthropic institution in the several states mentioned, and even a wider adjacent regional area; and

WHEREAS, it is the plan and intention of the Northwestern Baptist Hospital Association in the new hospital, as it has so generously, during the past years, done, to continue to minister with reduced rates to our Baptist ministers, missionaries and others in special need; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Committee of the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention endorses the purpose of the Midway Hospital to raise $1,000,000 and heartily commends this Christian service.

The Chairman made a brief statement, urging upon the members of the Committee and others present the importance and desirability of completing, if possible, the task upon which the denomination is engaged at present, before the time comes to undertake the financing of the work of the denomination in connection with its future program.

After prayer by Gilbert N. Brink, the Committee adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

H.R. BOWLER,

Recording Secretary.
WHEREAS it is the plan of the Board of Education to proceed with the definite scheme of establishing a new building in a suitable location for the Federal University and the Negro Institute; and
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Resolved, That the Superintendent of Schools be informed of the above resolution and that the necessary steps be taken to carry it into effect.

The Committee make a grant of $10,000 and thereafter any other sum upon the recommendation of the Committee, and if necessary, the Committee may authorize the expenditure of the sum so granted.

After the presentation of this report the Committee appointed

H.R. DOBSON

Secretary.
Dear Dr. Burton:

This is a letter of inquiry.

The basis of the action of the American Baptist Education Society defining the scope, location and denominational control of the institution to be founded by it in Chicago, the amount and terms of the subscriptions and the procedure to be followed in setting up the proposed college, all this was set forth in a series of ten resolutions. These resolutions are found on pages 16 and 17 of the official report of the first annual meeting of the Society held in Boston May 18, 1889. I invite a careful re-reading of them at this point.

These ten resolutions should not be confounded with the report of "The Committee of Nine". That report was never adopted by the American Baptist Education Society. Though it was studied and some of its provisions were in substance borrowed. The ten resolutions were made up of these borrowings, plus other provisions wholly new. These ten resolutions were written by me in New York, together with his pledge of $500,000 under the eye of Mr. Rockefeller on May 15th and 16th, 1889. Mr. Rockefeller entrusted his pledge dated May 15, 1889, to me with instructions that the pledge should be delivered only after the Executive Board of the American Baptist Education Society should have adopted the ten resolutions without material change, and afterwards adopted also by the Society itself in convention assembled, thus becoming the official act of the whole Baptist denomination as legally organized in this Society. By these resolutions the President and two-thirds of the Trustees must always
DEAR DR. PATTON,

This is a letter of inquiry.

The purpose of the section of the American Baptist Convention Society is to promote the spread of the Gospel and to foster the establishment and development of Baptist churches and missions in foreign countries. The purpose of the American Baptist Missionary Society is to promote the spread of the Gospel and to foster the establishment and development of Baptist churches and missions in foreign countries.

Please provide me with information on the activities of the section of the American Baptist Convention Society and the American Baptist Missionary Society in foreign countries.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gift of C.E.A. Boardman
be Baptists. This provision was dutifully embodied in the charter in due time, and carried out in the selection and approval of the first Board of Trustees. Thus was fulfilled all the requirements of the Baptist denomination regarding denominational control. For violation of the provision for denominational control in perpetuity the denomination suggested no penalty and offered no remedy. Penalty and remedy were alike left to the decision of the courts. Nowhere has the denomination suggested penalty or recovery by a reversionary clause in the deed of conveyance to the University.

The resolutions do indeed provide for one reversionary clause. This is made the penalty for mortgaging the premises. If other conditions of reversion had been thought of or approved they would have been inserted in the resolutions.

If now we examine the deed we are struck with the fact that there are in it no less than three conditions of reversion not authorized by the denomination.

1. The first is the 100 year clause. Mr. Field had stipulated in his deed to the American Baptist Education Society that if the premises conveyed are not used for a college or University the premises are to revert to him or his heirs. In the deed to the University of Chicago on the contrary the reversion falls to the American Baptist Education Society and not to Mr. Field or his heirs.

2. The denomination required reversion only on "mortgage", but the deed adds "alienation for any cause", debt or other. The University of Chicago is here forbidden quite gratuitously ever to sell these premises, even to remove within a thousand years to any site then found to be more eligible.
The prosecution was actively opposed in the courts, in the time, and certainly in the selection and applying of the first board of trustees. They were2 initially of the recommendation of the parting gommentary committee to the city of the prosecution, for gommentary committee in connection with the city of the prosecution, suggesting on pension and attendance on remedy. However, the gommentary suggestion to the city of the courts. Moreover, the gommentary suggestion of the courts, to the city of the courts.

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3. Finally the deed gratuitously inserts the penalty of reversion for violation of the denominational control, a penalty never suggested or contemplated by the denomination in the ten resolutions or elsewhere.

I raise the question if in morals and even in law the three extraneous reversionary clauses, not having been authorized by the ten resolutions, the Baptist denomination or by any of the subscribers to the million dollar fund or by Mr. Field in his deed are not void. Who indeed legally or morally is competent to enforce them? They were gratuitously inserted in the deed of August 24, 1891, a full year and more after the subscriptions had been completed and accepted in May 1890 by the Education Society, and by Mr. Rockefeller and by Mr. Field. Up to August 24, 1891 they were wholly unknown. (See report of proceedings of A.B.E.S. at its Chicago meeting in May 1890. All I have said above is merely introductory to the purpose of this letter. That purpose is to make inquiry into the history of this deed from its inception to its recording all with reference to the bearing of the facts when found on the legal and moral enforcibility of the extraneous clauses. For this question of the validity of these clauses may at sometime become crucially important to--our fundamentalist friends, say.

My memory is a blank as to the deed. I was little at my home in Morgan Park in the summer of 1891 but I was in New York City July 1, 1891 and doubtless attended the meeting of the Executive Boards mentioned in the deed dated August 24, 1891. The wording of the resolution mentioned in the deed does not indicate that the deed had then been written, but the resolution "annexed" to the deed does not appear in my printed copy of the deed as it should! Can you send me the wording of the resolution?
I raise the question of the resurrection of the dead, as an urgent matter. I have never been a part of the resurrection, nor have I been a part of the resurrection movement. The resurrection is a matter of faith and not of science. I believe in the resurrection of the dead, and I believe that the resurrection will take place. I have always been a part of the resurrection movement, and I am glad to participate in the resurrection of the dead.

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1. Can you send me the wording of the resolution?
2. Was the deed in draft, and before the board when it acted on July 1, 1891?
3. Why is the deed dated so late as August 24, 1891, nearly eight weeks late if in draft at that meeting?
4. What attorney wrote it, who employed him and who, if any one, paid him?
5. By what authority did he insert the three extraneous reversionary conditions?

Dr. Goodspeed spent that summer at his camp in Wisconsin. A review of my correspondence discloses no reference to the deed except an incidental statement from Dr. Goodspeed dated Sept. 12, 1891, stating that he had just received the deed and is about to record it.

Dr. Goodspeed at Atlantic City thought if I remember aright that Mr. Needham wrote the deed, and that it was I who suggested the last of the objectionable reversionary clauses. Of such suggestion I have not the slightest recollection. But whether Dr. Goodspeed himself or Mr. Needham or I, or all three suggested them it was done in fidelity to the interests of the Baptist denomination, perhaps an excessive zeal of fidelity from our present point of view.

Will you kindly return this letter or a copy of it with your answer to my questions. I think Dr. Goodspeed will be your best authority.

Most cordially to both,

(Signed) F. T. Gates.

Pres. Burton,
University of Chicago.
Can you send me the material of the reservation?

2. Were the goods in quality and quantity the same when I received on July 11th?

3. Why in the goods received in late September 1897, December 1897, and January 1898 were late in receipt of the goods listed in the accompanying invoice and what is the reason for being late?

I think this would be of necessity and importance that we should be given the chance of express delivery.

A verbatim copy of the letter of the camp in Nevada:

Dr. Goodspeed states that during the summer of this year his camp in Nevada

...some correspondence indicating no objection to the goods except an indefinite statement from Dr. Goodspeed regarding 1897, stating that he had not received the goods and was about to return.

Dr. Goodspeed at Atlantic City promptly replied that I remember

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and requested the receipt of the correspondence regarding the goods.

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delighted.

Yours truly,

(End of letter)
Dear Dr. Burdon,

Yours of Dec 22, 1923

If I were to guess now it would be that Mr. Blake originated and worded the resolutions. The English is not mine, nor is its Goodspeed.

Whether the objectionable clauses are not ultra vires would be a legal question. Certainly the million dollar fund, the freed gift of one block, the pres. with part of the million fund, and each of the two other blocks were all made and completed under the ten resolutions adopted by the denomination on May 18, 1889 and having a prior and superior authority to me. It seems clear that our Board on July 1, 1891 had no right to introduce any new conditions. I think you will also find that Mr. Blake employed Niederlamm and others to execute the instructions. Cordially, J. F. Gates
To the secretary of the T.W. 1653

Dear Sir,

I have a process of 1653

If you can be of some assistance, I will be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note:]

We had a meeting with [Name] at the library yesterday. He mentioned that the T.W. was founded in 1653.

[Further handwritten notes:]

Dr. Smith suggested that we should contact the local historical society for more information.

The meeting was very productive.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Rev. T. W. Goodspeed, D.D.
5765 Blackstone Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Replying to your letter of December 20, 1923, in which you ask "Who wrote the deed conveying the University site to us from the American Baptist Education Society":

Mr. Justice Bailey, of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, and myself were appointed counsel to prepare the charter for the new University of Chicago. Mr. Justice Bailey, as you know, was a Baptist and for many years a Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois. His engagements upon the bench prevented his giving time to the preparation of the charter and, at his suggestion, I prepared it and submitted the charter to him for criticism. We were instructed by a committee of which Mr. Gates, representing Mr. John D. Rockefeller, yourself, and others, whose names I cannot now recall, representing the American Baptist Education Society, to provide in the charter that the President and two-thirds of the Trustees should be members of regular Baptist Churches. These instructions were emphasized by Mr. Gates, representing Mr. Rockefeller, and the representatives of the Education Society. We were told to make the provisions as strong and perpetual as it could be made under the laws of Illinois. These provisions regarding the qualifications of both the President and the Trustees were inserted in the charter and we also inserted a provision, which I cannot now exactly state from memory, to the effect that the provision regarding the qualifications stated should never be changed by any amendment of the charter.

At a meeting formally called, at the Grand Pacific Hotel, at which Mr. Gates and yourself were present, with other representatives of the Education Society and the Denomination at Chicago, the charter was presented and fully discussed. Mr. Justice Bailey and myself agreed that no provision in the charter could prevent the Legislature of Illinois from amending it. In presenting this view, I was asked, I think by Mr. Gates or by you, whether anything further could be done to protect the charter from any change in the respects named. I replied that the only security which could be given would be to have the ten acres of land donated by Mr. Field as a site for the University conveyed to the Education Society and that the Society should convey
INTERSTATE COMMISSIONERS
President of Association
Washington, D.C.

Office of the Secretary
December 3, 1933

Mr. W. G. Goodspeed, D.D.
First Presbyterian Church
Goodspeed, Ill.

Re: Goodspeed.

My dear Mr. Goodspeed:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter of December 20, 1933, in which I express my thanks for the cordial and enthusiastic reception accorded the committee of the American Baptist Education Association at the University of Illinois, and which is accompanied by a history of the Baptist educational institutions in the State of Illinois, and which I trust may prove a useful and helpful guide in any endeavor to further the cause of education throughout the State.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
it to the new University with a condition—the exact wording of which I cannot now state from memory—to the effect that if any change was made in the charter regarding the qualification of the President of the Trustees, the land should revert to the Baptist Education Society. Mr. Justice Bailey agreed that this would constitute a security against a change in the charter and this procedure was unanimously agreed to. I recall very distinctly that the sentiment at that meeting, expressed by all present and by Mr. Gates representing Mr. Rockefeller, was that the charter should be made as strong as possible upon this point.

Mr. Justice Bailey and I discussed our instructions upon this point in determining the final draft of the charter. Both he and I agreed that the provision in the charter itself that no change should be made in the qualifications of the President and the Trustees was not and could not be binding upon the Legislative will, but we inserted the clause believing that it would strengthen the equities of donors to the University so that if any change was asked for by the University, donors to the fund, or their legal representatives, would have a right to apply to a court of equity to enjoin the University from asking a Legislative change in the charter, on the ground that the donations were made upon faith in the maintenance of the charter according to its terms. This opinion was given to the meeting of the representatives present at the time the charter was adopted.

The provision inserted in the deed was prepared by us, but the deed was undoubtedly prepared by the title company in Chicago that examined and passed the title.

Permit me to say that the changes in conditions and judgment about denominational control of great educational institutions have convinced me that we made a mistake in tying the University so rigidly to denominational control. It was conscientiously done at the time, but I think the changes in conditions and the greater light upon educational work have demonstrated that such great institutions as the University of Chicago has become should be broad and catholic in both their control and teachings.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and many more years of good service to the institution with which you are connected, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Charles W. Needham
The question of whether a University with a constitution is the same as a University without a constitution is one that I cannot evade as a student of the subject. My attitude to the problem of the University, the legal status of the University, and the question of its autonomy and freedom of action, have led me to the conclusion that the University, as an autonomous body, is the best form of educational institution.

At the same time, I do not believe that the University, as such, is the only form of educational institution. There are many other forms, such as the college, the technical school, and the university preparatory school, which are equally important in the development of education. The question of the University's autonomy and freedom of action is not a question of the University's form of organization, but of the University's right to determine its own policies.

In the light of these considerations, I believe that the University, as an autonomous body, is the best form of educational institution. The University, as such, has the right to determine its own policies, and to act independently in the pursuit of its objectives. The University, as such, is not bound by external pressures, and is free to act in the best interests of its members.

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The Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention will be held in the office of the Director of Libraries, Harper Memorial Library, The University of Chicago, Thursday and Friday, January 17th and 18th.

The Executive Committee being the Committee on General Education, will meet at 9:30 a.m., and also the Committee on Missionary Education at the same hour.

The first session of the Board will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday and will be continued throughout the afternoon and evening and through the morning and afternoon of Friday. It is important that all members of the Board be present if possible.

Clarence A. Barbour, Chairman
Frank W. Padelford, Secretary

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Mrs. Andrew MacLeish
Paul Monroe
December 31, 1923.

The Board of Education

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Education of The Northern Baptist Convention will be held in the office of the Director of Education, University of Chicago, Thursday and Friday, January 14th and 15th.

The Executive Committee, under the direction of Mr. W. P. Bertram, head of the Committee on Education, will meet at 9:30 a.m. and also the Committee on Education. The meeting will be held at Sage Hall.

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Frank W. Pohle, Secretary

Members of the Executive Committee

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