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Hall, Charles Cuthbert

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Because we believe that character is the most important thing in this world, fundamental in business and everywhere beside, we are working in the interests of this Association, as members of its Executive Board.

A few of us have undertaken to secure increased support for this Association because we have become convinced of its necessity, worth and efficiency. We believe in what it is doing and we want you to have a share in it.

It stands alone unifying the different creeds, and securing cooperation between churches, schools and colleges to promote and improve moral and religious training. Its work is world-wide and it renders a large amount of free and most valuable assistance by means of special publications, a bureau of information, exhibits, traveling libraries, special experiments and demonstrations, conferences and conventions.

Its officers and leaders all give their services without cost, they include many of the best known religious and educational leaders of today.

The Association's work has grown so that it needs more generous support.

Sincerely yours,
Because we believe that participation in the most important
work of the world's Representative in Parliament and Peace is the
most effective way of serving the Association as a member of the
Executive Board.

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Association's purpose is not to gather and we want to
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Because the classical and liberal liberal service within our
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Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
January 12, 1904.

J. T. H. #2.

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Mr. J. T. Harahan, Second Vice President, chairman of the Finance Committee,

Mr. James Illinois Central Railroad, the President of the Association is Professor F. Chicagolore, Dean of the Yale Divinity School,

and my dear Mr. Harahan, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University. Your humblest. You have plans for trouble. The matter in which is first sight seems to be so far away. There has been organized during the past year, with Chicago as headquarters, the Religious Education Association, the purpose of which is to encourage and develop religious education along the more modern psychological and pedagogical lines. The association is made up of ministers and teachers for the most part, but we are securing the good-will of many laymen interested in this work. We have elected to the secretaryship the Rev. Dr. Ira Landrith recently of Nashville, Tennessee. A great part of his work, like that of the secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association, is accomplished by travelling. We are very anxious to secure for him transportation south, and I am writing to you to ask whether through your influence you could secure an annual pass for him on the Illinois Central Railroad. I cannot tell you how greatly we would appreciate this. It is a strictly legitimate matter, for the work is of an exclusively religi-
January 18, 1944

Mr. T. Harland, Second Vice President
Illinois Central Railroad
Chicago

My dear Mr. Harland:

I hope you can be here to congratulate me on my promotion.

In a matter which is of the utmost importance to the business of the Illinois Central Railroad Association, it is necessary to have Chicago as a headquarters.

The purpose of which I have in mind is to organize and develop the Illinois Central Railroad Association into an effective instrument for the promotion of its interests. We have already a good start at many points, but we must continue the work. We have adopted to the secretaryship the Rev. Dr. J. Franklin Roosevelt of Washington, D.C.

A great part of the work of the association is accomplished by the Rev. Dr. J. Franklin Roosevelt of Washington, D.C.

We are very anxious to secure for him transportation by our influence.

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ious character and along the same lines as those of Missionary Societies and Y. M. C. A. although somewhat higher.

Mr. C. L. Hutchinson is the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. James H. Eckels is our Treasurer. The President of the Association is Professor F. K. Sanders, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, and the Vice President is President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University. Your humble servant is chairman of the Executive Board.

Sincerely hoping that you will take the trouble to help us in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
I now proceed to quote the same lines as those of Melancthon—

To the President and Members of the Finance Committee

The President and Members of the Association

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Committee of the Finance Committee to request you to take note of the following.

Your prompt and early attention to the execution of the duties of the Executive Committee is earnestly requested.

Yours truly,

W. R. Hebert, President.

I have given careful attention to the subject of which I write, and am convinced that your course of action is the most expedient.

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February 27th, 1904.

There can be no question. Our whole future turns now upon this one point. You have carried the thing splendidly for a year - now is the hour of a success greater than that which you will have achieved, when this convention is finished. After seeing you last Friday in New Haven I made up my mind fully to go to the convention. Tuesday night after my return to Chicago I was again attacked with the old trouble. It has been very much more severe this time than before. I could not possibly get off my bed to go to Philadelphia, but worse than this the doctors are not willing to have me run the risk of a third attack. I am therefore to go to the hospital next Monday or Tuesday and the operation will be performed on Tuesday or Wednesday. You cannot understand how great a disappointment this is to me, but it is one which I must bear.

I have become more and more enthusiastic over the convention in these last weeks. The announcements in the religious papers are certainly of a satisfactory character. The programme itself is a phenomena. Gunsaulus has consented to go as you have learned.

The important thing I wish to say is that Charles Cuthbert Hall is the man of all men for the presidency next year. Please do not allow him to say no. Appoint your committee on nominations with this one thing in mind, and pledge the chairman of the committee beforehand so that
My dear Mr. Senator:

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Wishing you great success, and thanking you for all that you have done for the cause in which we are so greatly interested, I remain

Yours most sincerely,
It's not my fault, but because there are many people who want their opinions heard, it seems that I am not the only one who feels this way. I have been trying to sort things out, but it's not easy.

The situation is complex, and I believe that we need to approach it with care and respect for each other's perspectives. It's important to listen and understand before responding, even if we disagree with what is being said. This can be challenging, as it requires an open mind and a willingness to engage in constructive dialogue.

However, I cannot just sit idly by while things continue as they are. I believe that we need to take action and work towards a solution. This may involve compromise and negotiation, but I am willing to do my part to find a way forward.

In conclusion, I believe that we can find a way to address this issue in a way that is fair and just for all involved. It may not be easy, but I am committed to doing my part to make it happen.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
November 6, 1905.

Pres. William R. Harper, D. D., LL. D.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear President Harper:

It is thought wise to have an informal conference of the officers and directors of the Religious Education Association resident in the east in order to consider matters of vital importance to the institution. It is believed that we can take advantage of the Inter-Church Conference to secure the presence of a considerable number of our members in the city of New York without requiring them to make an extra journey. After consultation with President Hall I have decided to ask the eastern representatives to meet at the St. James Hotel, New York, located on West 45th Street near Broadway, at six-thirty P. M. on Thursday, November 16, for dinner and discussion of Religious Education Association affairs. I beg you if possible to be present at that meeting.

With best regards, I am,

Ever yours,

[Signature]
November 8, 1939

The William H. Metzer, Jr. 

Chicago, Illinois

My dear President Metzer:

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the conference's end and the conclusion of the Methodist Extension Association's financial year to the extent of the

Chairman:  To attend to necessary matters of vital importance to the

of the Inter-City Conference to secure the presence of the

committee of the members of the clergy of the

New York Annual Conference in order to make an extra Company

After consultation with President Metzer I have decided

to see the secretary to present my views to the

St. James Hotel, New York. I escorted on West 48th Street

to dinner and discussion of the matter. Then later the

affairs. I feel you it possible to present at your

meeting.

With best regards, I am

Very truly,

[Signature]
November 7th, 1905.

Bishop W. F. McDowell,
57 Washington St., Chicago.

My dear Bishop McDowell:

I am sorry that I am not able to avail myself of your kind invitation to join with the friends on Thursday evening. I sincerely hope that the meeting may be one of great help. Mr. Messer will give information concerning the work in detail that will certainly be of interest. We have before us a large piece of work but I am sure that we have behind us the inspiration and the power that will make it effective.

Trusting that the conference may result in a strong programme for the next convention, and thanking the friends of the work for the kind consideration which has been shown me in my illness, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
Wonger Apt., 1908.

[Address]

Mr. George Washington, MD.

I am sorry that I am not able to attend myself at your kind invitation to join with the ladies of Turnersiey Assembly. I sincerely hope that the meeting may be one of great help. It will give me information concerning the work in general and will certainly be of interest. We have prepared a large piece of work but I am sure that we have been able to include the important and the proper part that will make it effective.

I trust that the conference may result in a general programme for the next convention and thank the ladies of the work for the kind consideration which has been shown me in my illness. I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Huber
President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago.

My dear President Harper:

At the last meeting of the Executive Board of The Religious Education Association arrangements were made for financing the Association in what seemed to be a safe and economical way up to the time of the next Convention. The budget will be very small unless money is raised to push the work more aggressively and the estimated income would seem to provide for the expense.

The Board did not feel warranted in contracting a debt for the publication of the proceedings of the last Convention.

I realize fully how difficult it must be for you to give any thought at this time on these matters, but recalling your suggestion that you could probably secure a subscription from Mrs. N. F. McCormick to cover the cost of printing the proceedings, I venture to write to see if you will be able to write Mrs. McCormick a letter, or to talk with her on the telephone. I am very sure that she would respond to your request with a special subscription for this purpose. There seems to be no other person whom we can approach for so large a sum and the outlook for publishing the proceedings is very poor unless special subscriptions can be secured to cover the cost.

I will be pleased to call and see you if you are able to talk with me about R. E. A. matters. You are constantly in my mind and thought. Please allow me to assure you of my sincere and constant sympathy with you in these days of suffering. I will count it a privilege to talk with you at any time you are able to see me.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Matters have come to another crisis in the affairs of The Religious Education Association. I spent three hours with Mr. Barnes yesterday carefully reviewing the situation, and a meeting of the Executive Board has been called for Friday noon. I wish it were possible for you to be present at this meeting in order that you may fully understand the entire situation. After analyzing the conditions very thoroughly it seems to me that the Board will be compelled to act on one or more of the following propositions:

First - It having been determined that Mr. Barnes and the members of the Board are unable to secure substantial financial support, sufficient to warrant promotion of the broad plans of the organization, it may seem necessary for a thorough test to be made in the East to ascertain the possibility of securing eight or ten men as members of the Executive Board who are willing to contribute, or positively guarantee, at least $1,000 apiece for the annual budget. Mr. Barnes, in his recent trip East, has secured a list of very desirable names and he suggests that the Chairmanship of the Executive Board be offered to Honorable Seth Low. He believes that Bishop Lawrence, Cornelius Bliss and other men of that class could be secured as members of the Board with a financial guarantee, if Mr. Low would accept the Chairmanship. Mr. Barnes further believes that these men will accept positions upon the Board only with the condition that the headquarters shall be in the East and that they shall practically direct the Committee. This is only an inference on his part, as he has not seen any of the parties whom we have in mind for membership on the Board.

I told him that I believed that the present Board, which had been responsible for the origin and development of the movement to this time, would only yield its leadership to the men whose inception and loyalty to the main purpose of the organization would insure its future. To these qualifications must be added the assurance of heavy financial support in order
Mr. Murray,

I am pleased to inform you of the recent developments in the welfare of the university's finances. The financial situation has improved significantly, and I believe we are on the road to recovery. The recent increase in enrollment has helped to boost our revenues, and the university is now able to allocate more funds to academic programs and student support services.

The increase in enrollment is attributed to the university's strong reputation for excellence in education. We have been able to attract more students from across the country and the world, and this has had a positive impact on our financial health.

I would like to thank all members of the university community for their hard work and dedication. Your commitment to the university has been instrumental in our success.

Looking forward, I am confident that we will continue to make significant progress. We will continue to focus on improving the quality of education and services provided to our students.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

President, The University of Chicago
Mr. Harper -2-

to warrant a change of location, or a change of leadership. If the Board, at the meeting Friday, encourages Mr. Barnes to interview these men, it would seem necessary to go on as at present until September, when the final report of his effort could be made. We would be able, by deferring the publication of the proceedings, to run the office at a minimum expense until that time. If our creditors will be patient we shall be able to finance the Association until September without special difficulty. Several of the guarantors on the debt fund are asking for more time in meeting their obligation, which will require patience on the part of the University Press and Commercial National Bank. Part of the money already paid in was used to meet liabilities of salaries and other expenses, aside from these two large claims. You will remember that our total debt was over $9,000, with a guaranteed fund of $6,000 and assets, which were accepted by Mr. Barnes as good for the remainder. We have not realized a large amount on these other assets, which consist of old subscriptions, memberships and the 1903 reports. We have made a payment of one note to the University Press, and $500 at the Commercial National Bank.

Our second proposition which needs to be considered tomorrow, therefore, is a plan for financing the Association until September.

A third proposition will be the policy to be followed after September 1st, if Mr. Barnes fails in his effort to secure men and money in the East. It is my opinion that if he is unsuccessful in this effort that it will be possible for us, by releasing him from the Secretaryship, with a fairly competent man in the office at a minimum salary, to hold the Association together until the next Convention. This would necessitate our abandonment of large plans for extension of the work for the present year; but it is absolutely necessary to get our work down on a basis where we can pay expenses to avert final disaster. I am frank to say that Mr. Barnes has not produced any very substantial results up to this date. If he fails in this effort in the East I think it is very clear he will be unable to do the work which was expected of him.

I feel this burden, which, by a combination of circumstances, has been thrown upon me, more than on any other member of the Board, and I have given a great deal of thought and time in the interests of the Association. I have also given a free hand to Mr. Barnes in order to afford him every opportunity, within reasonable bounds, for proving his ability to secure the strength of personnel and money which was needed, and which was expected he could furnish. How much longer I can carry this responsibility I do not know, but I am willing to stand by it, with the reasonable cooperation of the members of the Board, until a definite policy for the future is fixed. I believe it will be a great blow to the cause of religious education if we allow this organization to close up its work. I shall stand
I feel this purpose, which is a crystalization of the spirit, to be a manifestation of a principle of forces, of a principle of free Will.

On the contrary, if you observe the nature of the material, if you observe the influence of the matter, you observe the same strange sort of harmony in the forces which govern the material world. This is the way I think the world is. I see no indication of a principle of free Will in the material world, but I see a principle of free Will in the spiritual world, where the forces are not limited to the material aspects.

In my opinion, the evolution of the world is a reflection of the evolution of the spirit. The material world is a reflection of the spiritual world, and the forces which govern the material world are the result of the forces which govern the spiritual world.
against this to the last ditch, but believe that we must find a way for financing the Association safely, even if we have to reduce its executive work to the minimum.

I have talked some with Bishop McDowell of the situation, urging him to be present at the meeting tomorrow.

I have tried to relieve you of worry and care as Chairman of the Committee for the past few months, but feel that it is very necessary that I should write this letter in order to acquaint you with the exact situation. I am trying to get Prof. Willett and Prof. Coulter on the 'phone in order to insure their presence at the meeting tomorrow. I do not believe that Messrs. Hulburt, Forgan, Eckels or Hutchinson can be counted on for any more than occasional attendance at the meetings and a limited financial support.

I hope you are making steady progress in your effort to gain complete health.

Very cordially,

S. Wilbur Messer

P.S.
Mr. Messer was called away before this letter was finished and requested me to sign the letter for him.

Stenographer.
Mr. Herbert -

I have been informed by Mr. Hamilton that he is in a position to allocate funds to assist in the establishment of the movement. He has also informed me of his intention to allocate a sum of money to the movement. I have therefore written to him enclosing a copy of the letter I received from Mr. Hamilton.

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I hope you are making some progress in your efforts to gain complete success.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

B. B.
The Religious Education Association

President
William Fraser McDowell
Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago

First Vice-President
William Herbert F. Faunce
Brown University, Providence, R. I.

Treasurer
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Commercial National Bank, Chicago

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Loring Wilbur Messer
Young Men's Christian Association, Chicago

Recording Secretary
George Albert Coe
Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

CHICAGO, May 24, 1905.

My dear Doctor Harper:—

At the request of the General Secretary, the Finance Committee is making an effort to place the finances of the Association for the remainder of the year on a sound basis.

We find that the policy adopted by the Executive Board on February 3rd and approved by the Board of Directors February 13th, calls for an average expenditure per month of approximately $1500.00, or $18,000.00 for the year. The income for this period derived from the regular membership dues, Boston pledges, and the sale of Proceedings may be estimated at about $5,000.00.

The natural subscription resources of the Association have been very greatly limited by reason of the delay in collecting the guarantee fund of $6,000.00, which is not payable until July first. In order to avoid therefore a possible deficit of $13,000.00, the Committee feels as though an extraordinary effort should be made by each member of the Board to enlist the support of new givers. The Secretary is willing to be personally responsible for $4,000.00, providing the Board, or its individual members, can in some way give assurance that the remaining $9,000.00 will be taken care of. If it were possible to divide this sum equally among the members of the Board, exclusive of the General Secretary, it would make but $360.00 to be assumed by each, which could be raised by obtaining thirty-six sustaining members or by subscriptions.

The Committee respectfully urges that you give this matter your generous consideration and that you let the Chairman know in writing by June first how large an obligation you might be willing to underwrite.

Respectfully yours,

William Rainey Harper, L.L.D.,
President, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Henry Faison, President,

We therefore present to the General

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

For the Year Ending December 31, 19__

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 9, 19__

Mr. Faison,

I have the honor to report the following:

The receipts and expenditures of the association for the year ended December 31, 19__, are as follows:

Receipts:

Membership dues:

Total:

Expenditures:

Office expenses:

Total:

The net income for the year was $__000.00.

At the last meeting of the Executive Board, the association was authorized to issue $__000.00 of bonds. The bonds have not yet been issued. The association owes $__000.00 of the bonds.

The association's assets consist of:

Cash in bank:

Other:

Total assets:

The association's liabilities consist of:

Bonds payable:

Other:

Total liabilities:

Net worth of the association:

The association's investments consist of:

Investment A:

Investment B:

Total investments:

I hereby recommend that the association:

1. Pay dividends of $__000.00.

2. Purchase additional real estate for $__000.00.

The Committee of Credit and Loans has been instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of real estate.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Faison
President

[Signature]

[Date]
Pres. Harper discusses his illness. Has just learned that a fatal termination is likely. "My work in all probability is finished."

1905.
Dear Professor Smith,

I have not received a reply to my letter dated 4th of May. I am interested in your thoughts on the implications of recent developments in our field. I believe the latest research on [specific topic] has significant implications for our work.

Best regards,

[Signature]

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February 1st, 1905.

Mr. Martin A. Ryerson,

My dear Dr. Harper:

The Marquette Building, Chicago.

I am sending herewith my check for $250. in aid of the Religious Education Association.

My dear Mr. Ryerson: 

Permit me on behalf of the Board of the Religious Education Association to express our very great appreciation of your kindness and courtesy in giving the Association so handsome a Christmas gift. I can assure you that this will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
MR. Martin A. Rynearson

The Merchandise Mart, Chicago

My dear Mr. Rynearson:

I am on the Board of the Religious Education Association to express our very great appreciation of your kindness and courtesy in giving the Association so handsome a Christmas gift. I can assure you that it will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W.R. Hetherington
February 1st, 1905.

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Very sincerely yours,

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

Martin A. Ryerson
Mr. Harper:

I am sending herewith my check for $500.00 in lieu of

the Religious Recognition Association.

Very sincerely yours,

President W. F. Harper.

The University of Chicago.
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

A Few Facts.

Origin
Organized in Chicago, February 12, 1903 at the close of a three days' convention made up of over four hundred friends of religious and moral education from 23 States and Canada. Forty college and university presidents, twice as many well-known school teachers, and many pastors, and leaders in Sunday school and other religious and educational organizations attended.

Growth
Present membership, over 1500, representing 48 states and territories, six British provinces, and nine foreign countries. Thirty nine of the leading churches and denominations of the world are represented, as are practically all the great interdenominational movements. The second annual convention, held in Philadelphia, March 2-4, 1904, was another gathering of great men, nearly a hundred of whom delivered notable addresses on various phases of the general theme, "The Bible in Practical Life". All of these addresses are published in the Volume of Proceedings of the Convention, the second such publication thus far issued.

Personnel
Perhaps no religious movement of modern times was ever inaugurated so auspiciously and with such a roll of great names. Most of the 200 officers are men and women of national, many of them of international, fame. President Charles Cuthbert Hall, Union Theological Seminary, New York, is President. William Rainey Harper, President The University of Chicago, is Chairman of the Executive Board, Loring Wilbur Messer, General Secretary Young Men's Christian Association, Chicago, Vice Chairman. Ira Landrith, Chicago, is General Secretary; Clyde Weber Votaw, Professor The University of Chicago, Editorial Secretary; George Albert Coe, Professor Northwestern University, Evanston, Recording Secretary; James Herron Eckels, President Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Treasurer; Frank Knight Sanders, Dean Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., Director for Life.
Purpose

The motto of the Association, "The promotion of religious and moral education," is being interpreted by the seventeen departments—Sunday Schools, Churches and Pastors, Universities and Colleges, the Press, Public Schools, the Home, etc., etc.—so that the Association is now undertaking the practical and everywhere welcome work of securing for religion and morals as wide and as systematic and thorough teaching as the best schools afford in other branches of experience and learning; the work of bringing into co-operation all those agents and agencies now engaged in religious and moral education, thus insuring helpful interchange of successfully tried plans, and avoiding hurtful duplication and antagonisms; and the work of creating additional agencies wherever needed to complete the required instrumentalities for the right religious and moral training of all the people. The service which this Association undertakes to render is fourfold—(a) To be a clearing house for correct religious educational ideas; (b) a rallying center for sincere seekers after the best ways for developing the religious and moral character of the young; (c) a confederation sufficiently strong—safe, and sane to merit the partisanship of all who desire that religious and moral education shall become the best of all education; and (d) a non-partisan but trustworthy and helpful friend of every deserving individual, church, Sunday School Association, Young People's Society, or other organization in any way engaged in religious education.

Needs

A conservative estimate of the money required, in order that the Association may fulfill its great mission, is $25,000 a year, about $10,000 of which amount may be expected to come from membership fees. For the remaining $15,000, an appeal is hereby made to the generosity of the philanthropic friends of this cause.

IRA LANDRITH, General Secretary,
The Religious Education Association,
153 La Salle Street,
Chicago, Ill.
The Association of American Resident Physicians, and the American Board of Internal Medicine, have established an American Council on Scientific Practice to serve as a coordinating, advisory, and consultative body for the Association, and the Board.

The Council shall consist of nine members, elected by the Association and the Board as follows: three physicians, one to be chosen from the member physicians of the Association, one from the Board, and one from the membership of the American Medical Association; and three public health officials, one from the Association, one from the Board, and one from the membership of the American Public Health Association.

The functions of the Council shall be to:

(a) To advise the Association and the Board on matters of clinical, public health, and hospital practice.

(b) To make recommendations to the Association and the Board on the establishment, expansion, or modification of educational and professional programs.

(c) To advise on the conduct of research and the dissemination of research findings.

(d) To make recommendations to the Association and the Board on the development of standards and criteria for the certification of internal medicine residency programs.

(e) To advise on the development of guidelines for the practice of internal medicine.

(f) To advise on the development of educational programs in internal medicine.

(g) To advise on the development of standards for clinical practice.

(h) To make recommendations to the Association and the Board on the establishment of a central institution for the publication of medical literature.

(i) To make recommendations to the Association and the Board on the establishment of a central institution for the publication of medical literature and other communications.

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Dear President Harper:

Thank you for allowing me to see the letter of Mr. Muser's regarding the R. E. A. I had a conference Sat. with Bishop Mc- Dowell, at his request, regarding the next Convention. I hope and trust that the Association may succeed; it deserves to do so.

Yours as ever.  C.W.T.
February 6th, 1905

to the announcement of the fact.

One of the things that worries me more than anything else is the debt of the Religious Education Association. President Charles Cuthbert Hall,
700 Park Ave., New York.

I am wondering whether you have had any reply to your letter to our New York Friends.

The fates seem to be against me. My trouble with which you are familiar has grown serious instead of better. Let me say to you that the most probable diagnosis, that on which the physicians have now agreed, is that some kind of a malignant growth or cancer is the difficulty. I am to go to the operating table within two weeks. Strangely enough I celebrate the meetings of the Religious Education Association, not by attending the annual convention, but by going to the hospital. It is practically agreed here now that I shall go to New York and that the operation shall be performed by Dr. McBurney.

This all means that I shall not be with you next week in Boston. Of course the disappointment is a great one, but I am now brought face to face with the fact that my work in all probability is finished, and that I am to give up interest in matters relating to this life. The real information only came to me Friday afternoon last. You will understand that I have not yet quite adjusted myself to the announcement.
President Charles Curtis Hall

900 Park Ave., New York.

My dear Dr. Hall:

The facts seem to be exactly as you
My trouble with which you are familiar and known to

That I am to say to you that the most

I have been informed that the physicians have now

Concerning the situation I am to go to the operating table within

In the last two weeks, strangely enough I have not attended the

To the Religious Education Association and not by attendance at

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I may not hope to see you again before the ordeal. I cannot forget the very pleasant friendship which has grown up between us during these last years, and I congratulate you most cordially on the good fortune which has recently come to the Union Seminary as announced in the papers.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
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I shall by no means say that we will
and live on six men per

in Chicago who will agree to be responsible for 6,000.

In Chicago, no one who will agree to be responsible for 6,000.

My dear, Mr. Will.

I am wondering whether you have any idea to

your letter to our New York friend.

I may not hope to see you again before the month

I cannot accept the very pleasant invitation which you

grow up between my various letters last week. I may

encourage you most cordially on the book which you

write recently come to the Union Library and announced in

the Bulletin. It is to be sent to the Religious Education

the Bulletin and I congratulate you sincerely on the

same occasion. I am very happy to admit that the

representatives for 6,000.

Wm. Harper, Jr.

I am in the middle of a very pleasant 40-day visit to New York

I am sorry to hear that you are not going to carry out

months. Of course the appearance of a large one, and I

am now preparing letters to cities that to work in

If possibility is finised, may that I am to give up

interest in matter limited to 4000. The rest

You will appreciate that I have not yet divine strength.
Pres. Harper tried to raise money to wipe out debt of the Religious Education Assoc.

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of the Religious Education Association. I will be pleased to
act in accordance with your request.

Mr. E. L. Gulick, 
Yours very truly,

Hanover, N.H.

W. R. Harper

My dear Sir:

I have before me your letter of November 4th and have given it careful consideration. I infer from your letter and from the quotation ascribed to Mr. Hervey that you have in mind largely material which may be memorized. This certainly would be most excellent but it has been in my mind for a long time that we needed a book of a larger scope than this and a book which would be of some permanent educational value from the point of view of those who would make use of it.

I have had on my desk for eight months and have been working on it from time to time the plan of a book covering the ground suggested by yourself, but on a larger scale. I do not think myself that the Religious Education Association as an organization would undertake to be sponsor for any book nor do I think it could secure the cooperation of Catholics and Jews. This I imagine must be a private undertaking. However, if you desire after reading this letter, to have me place the whole matter before the Executive Board
Mr. W. I. Gallivan

November 12, 1909

My dear Sir:

I have perused your letter of November

and have given it careful consideration. I infer from

your letter and from the documentation enclosed to Mr. Havens

that you have in mind foreign material which may appeal to

the committee. I would be most glad if it has been in my

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Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

December 4, 1904

My dear Sir:

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"If I should like to see the Religious Education Association appoint a committee of representatives from the various churches to compile a book of selections from the Bible suited for use in our schools. It would be easy for Protestant, Catholic, Jew, and agnostic to agree on certain historical and ethical passages, selections from the Bible, which, if I mistake not, would Dudley
of the Religious Instruction Association I will be pleased to
set in accordance with your request.

Yours very truly,

W.R. Harper

If you have ever had me in your house or in your
thoughts, you know that I am always on the lookout for
something that might be useful or interesting. If you
write to me and tell me what you are looking for, I will
do my best to help you. If you would like to see a book or a
picture of a particular subject, I might be able to
suggest what I think you would like to see.

I have been asked to write a letter of appreciation
for a recent concert performed by the Religious
Institution Association. I am very grateful for the
opportunity to be able to say a few words about this
organization and its dedication to the advancement of
religion.

I hope that you will continue to support the
Religious Institution Association and its work in this
important field.
November 4, 1904

Pres. Wm. R. Harper, D.D.
Secretary of Executive Board of the R.E.A.
Chicago, Ill.

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find their way into general use in the public schools of America.

I have personally felt the need of such a volume of selections, and cannot but feel confident that this sense of need is shared by many teachers and fathers of families.

It is my purpose, therefore, in accordance with the suggestion of Pres. Taunton, and with the cooperation, if possible, of those whose opinions will carry weight with the public, to make such a selection as shall meet the approval of different religious faiths, yet to the use of schools and families.

The following paragraph will indicate in general the character of the passages I have in mind to be selected.
[Handwritten text not legible]
"It seems to me self-evident that material which is best for memory work is that which by its truth, its beauty, and its living power, most universally and permanently satisfies the soul. For if it be true, it will satisfy the intellect; if beautiful, the feelings; if vital, the will. To be true, it must apply to all mankind, at every epoch of development, and in every age. To be beautiful, it must be clothed in language that perfectly expresses the truth and permanently satisfies the heart. To be vital, it must touch the life-giving form and spirit to prayer and praise, giving wings to aspiration, giving impulse to action."

Halter L. Herring, Ph. D.
Now it has occurred to me that the R.E.A. might be glad to adopt me and my plan, naming a Committee of Representatives that would be willing to cooperate in such a work, and having the work appear with the sanction of the R.E.A. and of the Committee.

The only serious obstacle that occurs to me in the matter of financial backing for the project. I have been informed that the R.E.A. has not enough means for prosecuting its work adequately. This, however, would not be an insurmountable, for I am confident that one of the great houses like the Am. Bk. Co. or Univ. & Co. would be glad to publish the volume at their own expense and risk.

The endorsement of the R.E.A. and of the Committee of Representatives.
men would ensure the sale of the book.

I should be glad to assume the heavy end of this work leaving to the busy men who might consent to assist with me the comparatively simple task of approval or modification of my results.

Having time at my disposal this winter, I should be glad if you care to take up the project, as soon as convenient.

In case you decide not to cooperate, I should be glad to know that also as soon as convenient, in order that I may feel at liberty to go ahead by myself.

Professor Horne, with whom I have talked the matter over has consented to add a note as
to my fitness in general for the task suggested.

You will remember, perhaps, my shaking your hand at the meeting of the World’s Congress of Arts and Sciences this summer at St. Louis. At that time I recollected to you the fact that I was a student of yours at the Summer School of Hebrew which met at Worcester in the summer of eight-fours. Since then I have taught theology at Union Sem., done various teaching and preaching; for the last eleven years I have been at the head of the department of English of the Lawrenceville School, N.J. Should you care to enquire as to my fitness for this work I should be glad to refer you to Dr. Henry van Dyke, of Princeton.
I don't know if there's anything to do at all. I just feel lost and confused. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do.

I can't believe this is happening. I can't believe this is happening. I can't believe this is happening.

I feel so alone. I feel so alone. I feel so alone.

I don't know how to feel. I don't know how to feel. I don't know how to feel.

I just want things to be normal again. I just want things to be normal again. I just want things to be normal again.
New Jersey with whom I have been associated in editing a school text book: or to Prof. H. J. Tucker of Dartmouth College; or to Professor John Henry Wright, Dean of the Graduate School of Harvard College, from which institution I have my A. M.

May I hope for an early reply to my communication?

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Gulick.
Dear Sir,

I am a student at the University of [Name Redacted] and I am writing to inquire about your [Course Name] course. I am particularly interested in your expertise in [Specific Topic] and I am wondering if you could provide some advice on how to approach the coursework.

I have been reading some of your recent publications and I find your work on [Specific Research Topic] to be very insightful. I am currently working on my final project for [Course Name] and I was wondering if you could provide some feedback or suggestions on how to improve my work.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Address]

[Phone Number]

[Email]

[Signature]
Names suggested as members of the Committee.

1. Dr. Henry von Dyke  Presb.
3. Dr. Lyman Abbott  Cong.
4. Dr. Felix Adler  Ethical Culture.
5. Bishop Vincent  Methodist.
6. Archbishop Corrigan  Roman Cath.
9. Commissioner Mr. J. Harris
10. Edward L. Dixie, Secretary of Committee.
11. Rev. Rabbi

Such a committee is large enough, if not too large; but it would be well to get at least as many as these different religious bodies represented, if they will consent to be represented. You will know the likelihood of their consenting.
There ought to be some way provided for filling the vacancy, should one or more not consent or be unable to serve.

[Signature]

[Date]
Religious Ed

October 26, 1904

Mr. George Albert Coe,
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of October 21st and the minutes. It was exceedingly kind of you to give me this information so promptly. I am glad that the tone was so cheerful and that everything looks do encouraging.

Hoping that the right thing will be done, I remain,
Your very truly,

W. R. Harper

President William R. Harper,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Doctor:

For your early information of the proceedings at yesterday's meeting of the Executive Board of the R.E.A., I send you herewith a carbon copy of the minutes thereof.

Everything went smoothly. There was no trace of bitterness, but rather of good fellowship all round. Mr. Landis declared specifically that the financial situation is his only motive for resigning, and that he has more confidence in the movement than he had a year ago when he entered upon his office. He also expressed himself as willing to occupy an official relation to the Association after his removal to Nashville. In accordance with this expression we have asked him to serve as District Secretary for the South.

The tone of the meeting was not at all pessimistic as to finances. It was felt that our problem is not insoluble if we can only put our hands on the right man for the office of General Secretary. The Executive Committee had a short meeting to consider this question, and the name of Mr. Barnes was very favorably received. As I had to meet a class, I was
Mr. George A. Geer,

Northwestern University,

Kane County, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of October 31st and the minutes. If we excel each other kind of you to give me this information so promptly, I am glad that the tone was so agreeable and that everything looks so encouraging.

I hope that the right thing will be done; I remain

Yours very truly,

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October 31, 1939

Dear Mr. Farmer,

I see from the minutes of the Executive Committee that you were present at the meeting on the Executive Committee on October 1, 1939. I understand that you are not a member of the Executive Committee. As such, I enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

Verifying my previous message, I write to inform you of the promotion of Mr. Johnson to the position of Assistant Secretary. There was no change of personnel, but there is a new member of the Executive Committee. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary
obliged to leave before the committee had concluded its sitting. Mr. Messer will doubtless inform you (or Dr. Votaw) of the action finally taken.

All in all, it strikes me that our situation has greatly improved within the year. When we elected Dr. Landrith we had practically every problem connected with the organisation still to solve. To-day, as Dr. Votaw expressed it, we have only one problem that is not already solved or well on the way toward solution. If we can secure sufficient income there seems to be nothing whatever to hinder a brilliant career in the immediate future.

You will be pleased to know that our Evanston branch has 110 persons enrolled in its teacher-training class, and that others are yet to join.

Very truly yours,

George A. Coe.
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD AT THE
ASSOCIATION RESTAURANT, OCTOBER 20, 1904.

The following members of the Board were present: Messer, Willett, Landrith, Merrill, Holt, Votaw, Sanders, Coe.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Messer at 12:30 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Sanders.

The minutes of the meeting held September 15th were read, corrected and approved.

The General Secretary presented his monthly report, and action upon its various items was had as follows:

In accordance with a resolution adopted September 15th, the General Secretary entered into correspondence with the authorities of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition relative to the proposed opening of the gates of the Exposition on Sunday, September 25th. The General Secretary reported that the Exposition authorities had decided not to open the gates to the public, and that the spirit of our resolution had not been violated.

In response to a communication received from the Rev. William Byron Forbush, it was voted that the chairman of our Committee on Conventions be instructed to invite the General Alliance of Workers with Boys to hold its annual meeting in connection with our convention in Boston, looking forward to the possibility of a permanent departmental relation.

Upon motion from Mr. Holt a letter from the Rev. Simeon Gilbert relative to the government schools in the Philippine Islands, together with a reply from the General Secretary, was referred to the Council of Religious Education with a request for a report on this and allied subjects at the next convention.
A letter from the Rev. William J. Batt, Chaplain of the Massachusetts Reformatory, relative to organising a Department of Reformatory Education was referred to the Committee on Departments for report at the next meeting.

The General Secretary presented the following letter of resignation, which had been previously sent to the President and the Recording Secretary:
It was voted that the resignation be accepted, to take effect November 10th; that a committee be appointed by the Chair to prepare suitable resolutions upon the resignation of Dr. Landrith to be entered upon the minutes; and that the nomination of a successor and the making of arrangements for carrying on the work of the office until a new General Secretary should assume his duties be left to the Executive Committee.

It was voted that Dr. Landrith and Dr. Votaw be requested to represent this Board at a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements for the convention at Boston on November 1st.

The Editorial Secretary was authorized to make reprints of the section of the Proceedings relating to the Department of Christian Associations at the expense of said Department, and to add to said reprints a list of members and patrons of the Department, charging the cost of setting up said additional matter to the Association.

It was voted that the Executive Committee be requested to prepare a scheme for district secretaries for different sections of the country, and that Dr. Landrith be requested to serve the Association as District Secretary for the South.

Upon motion, adjourned.

Recording Secretary.
It was agreed that the selection of new officers of the Club to replace

November 1935 that a committee be appointed to the Club to manage

suitable resignations from the committee of the Club to be available

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writing of a letter to the entire on the work of the Officers until

has been necessary to appoint someone that shall be held to the Executive

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February 7th, 1905.

other person. I have written these facts to Mr. Messer, the chairman of the Finance Committee. I will keep working on this matter through the week. I sincerely hope that the seventh and highest man will turn up, for that will put us high and dry and square with the world. My dear Dr. Hall:

Yours very truly,

You will be pleased to know that I have secured six pledges $500 each on the back account of the Religious Education Association, provided eight can be secured. The six are Messrs. Hutchinson, Gunsaulus, Eckels, Messer, Holt and myself. The agreement is that we shall guarantee or pay $500 towards the debt of the Religious Education Association incurred before January 1st, 1905, and that this shall be done on or before July 1st, 1905. I am exceedingly anxious to close this up before the meetings in Boston. If we could get the two additional pledges it would give us $4,000.

I have a check from Mr. Ryerson who heard you speak at the little luncheon given by Mr. Eckels and Mr. Hutchinson, for $200. This would leave only $750 of the total debt of $6,000, since Mr. Barnes has agreed to provide $1,000 of the $6,000.

What we need now is two $500 subscriptions or guarantees and $750 in small sums. This is really reducing the matter to a simple form. I am wondering whether you would feel willing to burden yourself with one of the $500 guarantees, and whether possibly you could name someone
You will be pleased to know that I have received six large bags of 1000 each of the Kaffir leaves. The Kaffir Association having acquired legal title to the land on which the leaves are growing, have commenced to ship our first consignment of 1000 cases for the cap of the Kaffir Association Association Incorpo rated Board. I shall be honored in the negotiations and shall be happy to respond to your request in the matter.

I have a letter from Mr. Groves, who consented you may copy at your discretion. The following letter was written by Mr. Groves to the Board:

"I am to congratulate you that you have succeeded in the matter of the 1000 Kaffir leaves. I am happy to inform you that I have received a letter from the Kaffir Association Inc. and understand that they wish to purchase the leaves for the amount of $2000. I am willing to purchase the leaves for the amount of $2000."

I am happy to inform you that the leaves are of the best quality and will be shipped at the earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Dr. Groves

Kaffir Leaves

Kaffir Association

New York

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Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
After a long overdue review of the Finance Committee, I will keep working on this matter throughout the week. I anticipate no issue that the subsequent meetings may address with the other teams.

With this up, I'm glad we've been able to align and agree with the

Yours very truly,

The above document seems to be a letter or a note concerning financial matters, possibly discussing a review or meetings. The text is not entirely clear due to the quality of the image, but it seems to be discussing a review or meetings concerning financial matters.
Dear Mr. Nasher:

I think it might do good if you have a copy of the Biblical World for Dec. (containing your prospec-
tive) or for January as that number shows the World in its present dress, to each of the addressess given on
the enclosed sheet.

I always send my copy to friends when I have finished reading them and try in this
way to get them interested in your aim.

My brother, President W. W. Smith, is much interested in Bible study and is
a man whose interest and influence can help the cause of Bible study very much.

He is the head not only of the Male College here but of the Randolph Macon
Woman's College (intended to be a Southern

(over)
Vassar or Wellesley and having the same courses taught, at our college here, and of
two large "Randolph Mason Academies," all founded by him, and owned by our
board of trustees. I know he would like to see a suitable course of religious
instruction introduced in all these institutions. He has great influence as an
educator and at the last General Con-
ference of the Methodist Church South
at St. Louis he was Chairman of the
Committee on Education. He is also a
delegate to the General Conference. This
year it meets at Memphis. He was
elected Vice Chancellor of the Methodist
University that Bishop Swing is en-
deravouring to organize at Washington;
but he could not accept the position. He
is an A.M. of this institution and
an LL.D. of Wesleyan University in Mass. I
wish you may have the time to send
him some circulars, or, if possible, to
visit him personally. He was speaking
with me yesterday about English Bible
courses. The names of those of our faculty
here that I give you are in sympa-
They wish your welfare and spirits.
At what cost will you send me 25 copies of the B. World for January, 1874? I wish that many. If I can get them.

Sincerely respectfully,
Richard M. Smith.
Chicago, Oct. 27, 1905.

Pres. William R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

My dear President Harper:

I have been meaning to write you a brief report of the celebration at Champaign.

I was there on Wednesday and Thursday and attended all of the meetings I could. The one thing that impressed all of us people from Chicago was the impression which Chicago had made upon Champaign. At the same time the exercises showed lack of practice and were unconscionably long. I think I must have sat something like seven hours in the two sessions of Wednesday. We did not get dinner Wednesday until nearly seven o'clock. The address of President James was interesting in a good many ways, particularly in his practical adoption of your institute idea of the small college. He had a good deal also on the religious side of education. He labored under the severe handicap of rheumatism, but he made a pretty strong address. As you would expect, the entire session was a glorification of the State University.

President James, in introducing me to a student mass meeting, made a most valuable recognition of your influence in the educational world, speaking of you as the largest personal educational influence in this region.