Morgan Park, Sept 4, 1844

My dear Dr. Harper,

My father handed me today the letter to him in which you kindly offered to aid me in regard to my plans for the coming year. I shall be very glad to talk to you one with another at any time that will be convenient for you. Any suggestions you might make would receive careful attention. I feel very much the need of friendly and competent advice at this time.

I am trying to persuade my father to postpone his trip until after the Oct. Can—
Dear [Name],

I feel that he needs it to himself and to the Divinity School to be present there. I trust he may decide to stay.

Sincerely, gratefully yours,

Alice E. Simpson
course, my father will always want to help me as long as he lives. May I ask you when you have opportunity, to express to the members of the Board my grateful appreciation of the sympathy of words and deeds which they have shown me during these last months. I know that their kindness to me is chiefly due to my father's long and intimate connection with them, and to the services he has rendered the Seminary and the denomination. But still, I feel that they have shown a regard for my husband also and his work in what they have done, and I would thank them in his name and for his children more than for myself. Some day, perhaps, my sons may be able to pass on to others the help I am glad to take for them now.

I am taking four hours a day in classroom work in Latin. I put four hours more into preparation of the lessons. I find it an easy task to review three years of Latin at once, after so many years of absorption in very different matters, but I hope before many months to find solid ground under me.

Thanking you again for the practical sympathy you are showing me,

Gratefully yours,

Alice M. Simpson.
My dear Mr. Miller,

I am sorry that my engagements for tomorrow and Friday are such that it will be impossible for me to read any papers before Saturday. Until I received your note, I did not know that it was expected that I should read the papers of the spring quarter. Some time ago I was told by the President
that my name would be considered for a readership, but, since I heard nothing further, I supposed the appointment had not yet been made.

I will be at the University at nine o'clock, Saturday, and I trust the sun is not otherwise provided for, as I am glad to do what I can.

Yours truly,

Alice H. Simpson.
Vernon Park
July 13, 1876

Dr. J. R. Sandfield

My dear sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst. informing me of my appointment to a Readership in Classics was duly received. I cannot say at present whether I can do the work. I wish to have some further conference with the President before making my final
decision. In any case I cannot begin not in a salary before Oct. 1st as I am engaged to teach during the second summer term in the Maysun Park Academy for which service I am to receive a liberal compensation. I have been doing some reading in Latin during the last few weeks, but I should prefer to have

that paid for by the same as has been the arrangement here to date.

Yours truly,

Alice H. Simpson.
Morgan Park  
July 14, 1896  
Simpson

My dear Dr. Harper,

Will it be convenient for you to give me an interview some time soon? I wish to consult you in regard to my work for the coming year. I shall be away from town from Saturday morning, the eighteenth, to Monday evening, the twentieth.

Yours truly,

Alice M. Simpson
Dear Sir,

Will you please let me know what steps I must take to have my degree of B. A. B., which I received in 1882 from the Old University, transferred by the present University?

Yours truly,

Albie R. Simpson.
Morgan Park Ill.
July 24, 1879

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

Dear Sir,

I have been informed through Mr. Burges that there will be some work for one next year in the Academy, in the Dept. of Latin. Such work will be very acceptable to me and I wish to thank you for the opportunity of doing it.

Yours truly,

Alice R. Burges
Dr. W. A. Harper,
University of Chicago.

My dear Dr. Harper,

Through my father, I learn that he has mentioned to you the matter of my teaching next year, and that you would like some expression from me.

It was suggested to him, I understand, that I there should be any position open here in the Academy for which I should be thought competent. I would be really take it. For many reasons and such an arrangement...
would seem to be the most desirable for me, but there are reasons which would influence me in favor of going to a new place, and if there is anything in some other school out so very far away, I should be glad to consider it.

In regard to the kind of work I think I am ready to do any teaching I am fitted for. I should prefer work in language especially in Latin, and I think I could do work as assistant in English.

In case I remained in Wayzata Park, I should prefer at present to do only partial work—no hours a day on an average—but if that could not be

arranged, I would make such an adjustment. My family cares so much that I never can meet all the demands I will make. If I went else where, I should expect to do still more, as I should probably not move my family.

I hope you many know something far one in the way of teaching. I feel that I can do such work with a fair degree of accuracy, which I did not find in regard to the work offered me a year ago.

Yours truly,

Alice W. Simpson.
Morgan Park, Jan. 3, 1901

My dear Dr. Harper,

I want to express to you my appreciation of the care and thought shown in the arrangement of the services yesterday. They were a fitting tribute to a good and brave man who in spite of much discouragement and many sharp taunts accomplished the work to which he had been called. It must now be a great satisfaction to you to feel that while his heart could still be cheered by the love and appreciation of his friends he was assured of that love and appreciation in as many ways both public and private.

I am especially glad that my children were present for they did not know their grandfather in his prime and what
they saw and heard can not fail to give
them enlarged ideas of him and of the
perpetual in which his and his work were
held, and I trust it will be an inspiration
to them to live lives worthy of the dear
counselor and friend who has been a
second father to them.
As for me, though life without him
seems, as yet, almost an impossible
thing here, my deepest feeling is
one of gladness that he has entered
into the joy of that land where he
was and whom he served through a
long and useful life.

University Manor
Alice Warthrup Simpson
January 8th, 1901.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:

I have received your letter of the third instant and thank you for the kind words which it contains. There has been a strange loneliness about the University this last week. I do not think a day has passed in the eight years of our work that I have not thought of Dr. Northrup. It is very difficult to realize that at last he is beyond our thoughts.

I will send you in a day or two a letter received this morning from Dr. Herrick Johnson, which I think you will appreciate.

We are making arrangements for a memorial service, to be held in the last week of March. I am wondering whether this will be entirely satisfactory to you.

I trust that if at any time I can serve you in any way, you will be good enough and frank enough to come to me.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper
Mr. George W. Simpson:

I am receiving your letter of the fifth instant and thank you for the kind words which it contains. There have been a strange torrent of reports about the University this last week. I do not think a gym has been in the eight weeks of our term; I do not think that I have not thought of it. It is very difficult to realize that at least it has been beyond our imaginations. I will send you in a day or two a letter regarding this morning's show in the great hall. With I think you will sympathize with me. We are making arrangements for a moment for service to be held in the last week of month. I am wondering whether you will be able to stay. I am looking forward to your arrival at any time I can arrange you to come to me. You are very welcome.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper
January 8th, 1901.

N. B.:

I have just heard of the death of Mr. Washburn. The old friends go, one by one.

Mrs. Alice Simpson,

Morgan Park, Illinois.
Jane ranch 69, 1904.

Mr. H.

I have just heard of the death of Mr.

Weep for me, the city of Avenues is one less one.

Mrs. A. G. Simpson.

Worcester Park, Ilion, N.Y.
March 26, 1901.

Mrs. Alice Northrup Simpson,
Morgan Park, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:

I am very glad to get your letter of March twenty-first and I admire the courageous tone which characterizes it. I have always believed you to be a strong and courageous woman and I think you have much to be thankful for, notwithstanding the difficulties of the situation.

It gives me great pleasure to learn that George is improving and I wish to repeat my suggestion that if I can be of service at any time you will command me.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

My dear Miss Simmons:

I am very glad to get your letter of Monday, February 17th, and I am likewise glad of the opportunity it affords me of expressing my appreciation of the cordial and hearty way you think we have been able to do a soldierly and conscientious work, and of giving you the assurance of the attention of the officers of the University.

I give me great pleasure to learn that George will be looking in again to report my suggestion that if I can do of service at any time you will communicate with me.

Very truly yours,

W.R. Hester
March 29, 01.

Papa,

When I called to see you today, I had no thought of bringing before you any of my personal perplexities and I hope you will not think from anything I said that I am disheartened in regard to the future. It was the first time I had been on the University grounds since the end of June and I was for the time a little depressed by the memory of that day. But really I do not think I have any right to be discouraged.
as long as I have my children in good health and doing well and have money enough in hand to keep the wolf from the door for many a day.

I know, however, that I shall often be perplexed as to the wisest way to use my resources so as to accomplish the best results and I greatly appreciate your interest and your offer of help when I may be at a loss as to the best course to follow, especially now that my brother is not able to advise me.

You will be glad to hear that his physician considers
him no reverse, and, in some respects, even better than when he went to Florida and thinks that he will feel the benefit of the trip after a time more than he does at present. I am going to believe that he will come out of this all right and I want his friends to believe it too. Will that not be a sculptural kind of faith-cure treatment?

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Northrup Tomlinson
December 14th, 1901.

Mrs. Alice N. Simpson,
Morgan Park, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:

It will give me great pleasure to talk with you about Margaret's work, any morning, between eleven and twelve o'clock. I suggest that you come in next Wednesday or Thursday morning.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
Mr. F. [illegible]

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to state that I have been informed that the proposed location of the new hotel in town has been settled upon.

I understand that you are the most capable person for the purpose and that your services are needed.

I would be glad to have you give me your opinion.

 Yours truly,

[illegible]

December 4th, 1903.
Dec. 10, 1901

Harper,

University of Chicago

My dear Dr. Harper,

I would like very much to advise with you in regard to Margaret’s work for next year. She will be ready for the junior next June and I wish, if possible, to have her take the junior college work at least. She will, I think, and to do some work to meet in—
expenses.
Can you let me know when it will be convenient for you to see me for a short interview? I can go to the University any day.

Yours truly

Alice M. Simpson
January 2nd, 1902.

Miss Esther E. Johnson,
542 West 68th Street, Chicago.

My dear Miss Johnson:

I am greatly pleased that you have written so fully concerning Mrs. Simpson. I am moving to Morgan Park to live during the next three months, and will take up the matter at once. I am very glad that you have made the case so clear. We must do everything we can to help her.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
January 9th, 1906.

Miss Harper & Company,
83 West 66th Street, Chicago.

My dear Miss Johnson:

I am greatly pleased that you have written so faithfully concerning Mr. Simpson.

I am moving to a new home in the next three months, and will be at the matter at once.

I am very glad that you have made the case so clear.

We must go everywhere we can to help her.

Very truly yours,

W.R. Harper
Dr. Harper

For some weeks it has been somewhat difficult for me to write to you to see you. The one or two letters were easy to write. So far as I remember, it was at the beginning of the month, I wrote to you. I do not know how time is. So I write in haste, since I feel less good than ever that you will be pleased.

Although it appears to me that the matter about which you wrote is very grave indeed, th
concerns Alice Northrup Simpson. Yesterday I saw her for
the first time in a month or six weeks. I saw at a glance
that she was not as well as she
have been. When I left she eip-
feet on the train as saying she
would ride with me to chalk
distance, since then she talked
to me as she could not do in
the presence of her children.
She is suffering from great
acutal distress. She feels
horribly alone. She says the
bridge at Washington Park is al-
cient killing her — if it is filled
with ghosts. She is almost
fear to be in anxiety and dread for the future. She was younger children's affairs to weigh more heavily on her heart than she other three. She reasons to reel the house cease get away. And she reasons work. She said you have spoken very kindly to her since I notice her surprise her assistance to be a good article to your sisters andDelayed. Probably I have notice you enough about her to suggest what they suffered. Her assistance to was very much as she drove in those days of aging about eight years ago. All their twice Mrs. Thompson, Dr. Northcutt, once a young belle face her.
Now they are gone, and to whose case this turn if not to have become her so long known it might be well to refer to my letter should you write to her. You will know what is best. But certainly since they are absent be close to give her relief of mind. She is improved down here and is giving very much the streams—can the house be done? Would the property be of use to the executors? Is there anyone, anywhere who could take care interest in her case her children for Dr. White's sake? These women are so

Parson was for writing at length when I knew her many
Dear Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson,

I was greatly surprised to see you and Mrs. Herford, Darrice and your dear, little Frenchman. I was very glad.

Sincerely,
Erskine Born Johnson

Tuesday, December Thirty-one
5-42, W. 68th Street
Chicago, Illinois
Morgan Park, Ill.
Jan. 29, 1902.

My dear Dr. Harper,

I would like very much to advise with you about various matters. Would it be convenient for you to spare the time to talk with me some time soon while you are in Morgan Park? I am at a loss as to what I had best plan for myself and the children, and it does not feel that I can rely on my own judgment only.

Yours sincerely,

Alice N. Thompson
Jan. 31st, 1902.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:—

I have your note of January twenty-ninth. It has been my intention to call upon you. I shall take the greatest possible pleasure in talking over matters with you. I am leaving for New York City to-morrow, but as soon as I return we will take up the questions which you wish to discuss.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
My dear Dr. Lordspeck,

Some days ago I wrote you in regard to the drawing for my father's monument which I left with you. As I have not heard from you, I fear my note has not reached you. I wrote like very much to have your opinion of the stone as shown in the drawing and also your —
about the inscription.
If you can make it convenient, can you let me know soon what you think of it, and will you, please, send me the drawing as I shall not be able to go to the University for it. Perhaps it would be best to send it by express.

C. O. O.

Hoping I am not putting you to any much trouble.

Yours sincerely,

Alice H. Simpson
June 20, 1904.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:—

I propose that George come to the University during the present Quarter. There will be no tuition fee, and we will then see what is best for him during the Autumn Quarter. If you think best, send him in and let him bring this letter to Mr. Shepardson, who will give him a voucher for his tuition.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
July 15th, 1904.

Mrs. Alice N. Simpson,
Morgan Park, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:

Will you kindly tell me what if any conclusion you have reached with reference to George for next year? I shall be glad to be of any service I can in the matter.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
Mr. Alfred M. Simpson
Hopewell Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Simpson:

Will you kindly pull me apart if you

confinement you have received with reference to G. t. I am not.

I am fit to be at any service I can in the matter.

Yours very, truly,

W.R. Halsey
June 2, 1904

Dear Dr. Harper,

In telling me of her interview with you today, Margaret said she thought you had in mind some plan by which George could help himself next year at the University, if he can do that I shall, if possible, be glad to have him begin right away. I hesitated only because I did not feel that I could send both Margaret and George next year. If any arrangement can be made for him from Oct. on, I can meet his expenses during the coming quarter next year. And, too, if he can stay at the University I can rent an additional room.
for at least $10.00 a month, which George can have and something besides—just how much, I can not say now.

In many ways, George is a very capable boy, and is not afraid of hard work. He is a good boy, too, and has never given me a moment's real anxiety. He has always kept very closely at home, and the best thing for him just now would be to be thrown among strangers for a while, and on that account I would be very glad if he could be in the Falls next year.

Yours sincerely,

Alice N. Thompson
July 30th, 1904.

Mrs. Alice W. Simpson,
Morgan Park, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:

I am writing to confirm the arrangement made yesterday in our interview concerning George. I understand that the University will arrange for his tuition fee and for his room, and that in return for this he will consent to render service in an amount to be arranged between him and myself. I understand that you will be able to provide the money for his board and clothing, and further that I will endeavor to assist him to secure some work which will provide him with a certain amount of pocket money. If he will inquire at the Registrar's Office after August 15th he will find that a room has been reserved for him in North Hall. It will probably be a suite of rooms, and while he will have a separate bed-room, he will be expected to share the study-room. It is possible that he may find someone of his own choice to share this room with him. I suggest that he make the effort. The price of the room to his companion will be $18.00 a quarter.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
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be $10.00 a month.

Yours very truly,

W.R. Helges
Morgan Park Feb. 18, 1905

My dear Dr. Harper,

That you should have remembered me at this time has moved me deeply, and the more because I know that your thoughts for me spring from your memory of the dear friend and more than father, who left the circle of earthly friends to join the ever increasing company of loved ones above, and to dwell forever in the presence of the Saviour whom, not seeing, he
Years of usefulness in His service.

Yours in grateful remembrance and sincere sympathy.

Alice Northrup Simpson

lived with a controlling love.

My heart is too full to write as I would. I can only say again how deeply I appreciate all the kindness you have shown me and mine during these ten years and more. My thought and sympathy are constantly with you and dear Mrs. Harper during these days of trial. May you be able to keep your hearts on Him Who alone can give quietness of mind when the very foundations of life seem shaken beneath us. And may it be His will to restore you...
February 17, 1905.

Mrs. Alice Northrop Simpson,
Morgan Park, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Simpson:

I have just finished a long letter to our good friend, Esther Boyce, and it has brought back pleasant recollections of the past, mingled as to pleasure with pain. I want you to know that I have not forgotten our talk last Autumn, and I hope that things are going along with a measure of satisfaction. I am writing once more to tell you, for I feel that I owe it to you, what a tremendous debt I owe your father. I am leaving a request to the University that in recognition of his great services to us, all your children shall have such educational advantages in the future as the University may be able to give them, without cost to you or to them.

Sincerely hoping that your strength and courage will be maintained in spite of the heavy burdens that rest upon you, and that in the growth
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Mrs. Alice Merton Simpson
Morton Park, Illinois

February 14, 1905.
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any recollections,

Very cordially yours,

W. R. Harper
of your opinion you will be able to renew your own action and you'll I remain with very pleased and reception.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]

W.R. Hider
February 18, 1905

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Very cordially yours,

W. R. Harper