December 11, 1912.

President H. P. Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear President Judson,

Will you please tell me what dates during this winter and spring you are likely to be in New York City? I am very anxious to have you attend the annual dinner of the Eastern Alumni of the University of Chicago, and if possible we will arrange the date to suit your convenience. It is unnecessary for me to say how much your presence adds to the interest of this occasion in bringing the Alumni into closer touch with their Alma Mater and enabling them to learn from your own lips what the University is doing.

In case it should be impossible for you to attend the dinner we should like at least some representative of the University Faculty. Perhaps Dr. Slaught could tell us what the University is doing to promote the fortunes of its graduates.

It occurs to me that it might add to the interest of the dinner and draw out a larger attendance if we could set some topic for discussion; some question, for example, of the educational policy of the University, its relation to the outside world or its future development. I do not imagine that any of the views advanced in this way would be of any value to you but it would encourage the Alumni to think that they had still a share in University affairs. To speak frankly, I think our University of Chicago dinners have been sometimes both dull and frivolous, impossible as the combination may seem to be. Perhaps a few ten minutes speeches on a question of real educational importance might be an improvement.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin E. Blossom
President, Eastern Alumni Association of the University of Chicago.
Chicago, December 13, 1912

Dear Mr. Slossen:

Your favor of the 11th inst. is at hand. The next meeting of the General Education Board occurs either on January 31st or January 31st. I really don't know which. If you will kindly call up the office of the Board at the Whitehall building, 17 Battery Place, Mr. Sage, the Assistant Secretary, will give you the exact date. A meeting of the alumni might be held Friday night or Saturday night, I think. I should be very glad indeed to be present.

I am greatly pleased with your suggestion about a specific topic for discussion. The usual gabble of a dinner is more or less interesting, usually less, and doesn't get anywhere. I think it might be very proper
Cherokee, December 13, 1918

Dear Mr. Steward:

Yours was the first letter to be received as the next meeting of the General Education Board occurs on January 26th. It seems I have been writing a lot of letters to the office of the Board of the Methodist Publishing House, Dr. Bessar, the Assistant Secretary will give you the exact date of the meeting at the

I am in earnest precisely with your suggestion about a specific topic for consideration. The many requests of a general nature to more or less interdisciplinary, recently face and interest. I think it might be very proper
to talk over at the dinner some things which we are trying to do or thinking of doing, and for my part I should be very glad indeed to know how they impress alumni and what their judgment is.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J.-L.

Mr. Edwin E. Slosson,
THE INDEPENDENT,
130 Fulton St., New York.
to talk over at the dinner some business which we are trying to get as far as possible. And for which I would be glad in advance to have your early approval.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.L.O.

Mr. Nathan E. Stevens
THE INDEPENDENT
190 University St., New York
December 24, 1912.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Judson,

I am very glad to hear that you will be in New York January 24 and 25. Saturday evening, January 25, is the best time for our members, particularly the teachers, so we have selected that of the two dates you offered us and are having invitations printed accordingly. I hope that we shall get out a good attendance. I will notify you of the place later.

I am pleased that you approve of my suggestion that we have part of the after dinner speeches directed to one topic of discussion and if you will let me know sometime before the dinner what particular policy or development of the University you expect to present in addition to your general report on the progress of the institution I will see that one or two other speakers are prepared to talk about it. Perhaps we might even start a general discussion.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Pres. Eastern Alumni Association
Dear Reader:

I am sorry to hear that you will not be able to attend the conference in May. I understand that the current situation is uncertain due to the pandemic, and I hope for a quick resolution.

I am also writing to express my concern about the current situation in the region. I have heard reports of escalating violence and shortages of essential goods. I urge you to stay vigilant and take necessary precautions to ensure your safety.

Please let me know if you require any assistance. I am available to offer any support I can.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Chicago, December 27, 1912

Dear Mr. Slosson:—

Your favor of the 24th inst. is at hand, and I note that Saturday evening, January 25th, will be the occasion of the meeting of the alumni. Besides general statements about the progress of the University I shall be interested in discussing before the alumni and in having them discuss a question which is particularly interesting us just now, and that is the general problem of the Colleges. My annual report will probably be out before that time, and I will send you a copy so that you can see the line which our investigations are taking.

Very truly yours,

E. P. J. — L.

Mr. Edwin E. Slosson,
THE INDEPENDENT,
130 Fulton St., New York.
Dear Mr. Stimson:

Your letter of the 24th inst. to me

head, and I hope that General Secretary, General Secretary

with the occasion of the reception of the service of the

President General Assembly report the progress of the

University I want to express my appreciation to Doctor and the

participation in the program to the fullest extent, and I trust that you

concern about the Government will

money and to assure you that when I will send you a copy

have the opportunity to use the fine whip on transportation of

serving.

Very Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Henry E. Stimson

The Interior Department

110 Watkins St., New York.
January 27
1913

My dear President Judson,

The topic you brought forward the other night at our dinner—that of the possibility of shortening the school life—was very interesting and shows that the University of Chicago is now as formerly starting new things.

I was sorry that we could not give more time to the discussion particularly as I had received a few days before advance proofs of the Hanus report on the public schools of New York in which he makes the same criticism. On account of the timeliness of the subject I wish I could get you to give me for publication in THE INDEPENDENT a brief article to go under some such caption as "Saving Two Years of School Life" unless that is too sensational. Our preferred length for articles is from two to three pages, that is from fourteen to twenty-one hundred words. I think perhaps that is space enough to give the gist of your proposals and indicate what practical steps the University of Chicago is going to take to put them into effect.

I want to thank you and Mrs. Judson for coming to the dinner and for joining so heartily into the informality of the occasion. I realize that such affairs must come to be much of a bore to both of you and feel sorry that you cannot get a real vacation by getting away from official duties when you come to New York.

I have written to your secretary to make some suggestions about the use of lantern slides which I think add to the interest of such an occasion by bringing more vividly before the Alumni the scenes of student life and the improvement of the University. In looking up the history of other institutions I have become convinced that Alumni influence is apt to be unconsciously conservative and sometimes to act as a severe drag upon a university, chiefly because the graduate comes to regard the university as he knew it as a fixed and ideal institution and resents any change in it even for the better. I had one time President Harper outline to
a plan by which the ultimate control of the policy of the University would be in the hands of the Alumni. At the time I thought it a good idea but have come to hold quite the opposite view from observation as to the effect of this policy on certain institutions, especially Oxford, Princeton and Yale. I believe the Alumni ought to be kept so far as possible in touch with the University and understand its policies but the final decision must always be left to those who are on the ground and responsible for the management of the institution.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin E. Austin

President Eastern Alumni Association of the University of Chicago
Chicago, January 31, 1913

Dear Mr. Slosson:

Your favor of the 27th inst. is at hand. I have a very pleasant recollection of the alumni dinner last week, and I feel that a large part of the success was due to the skill and humor of the presiding officer. Mr. Robertson will be glad to receive your suggestions about the slides, which I am sure are extremely useful in all such matters. You are quite right as to the influence of alumni on University administration. As a rule an alumnus remembers the institution as he knew it during his student days, and regards that as the ideal. Those who are actively concerned every day in the administration of the institution are likely to
OFFICE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_

Dear Mr. Stimson:

You have the highest praise for your many years of service to the country. I have a very pleasant recollection of the time we spent together. I shall always remember your kindness and generosity. I hope you will find the work you have chosen to do is satisfying and rewarding. You are a fine public servant and I am confident that you will continue to do great work in the years ahead.

I am in the best of health and am looking forward to the opportunity of meeting you in the future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
be better advised as to wise policies. In my opinion it is desirable to have alumni represented in the administration, but to have them control I do not believe either wise or necessary. I have some matters in hand which are under discussion now by the Board of Trustees bearing on this whole matter.

I will send you in a few days a copy of my annual report, which will contain a discussion of the subject matter on which you write. It seems to me that you will be able from that to obtain possibly something for publication without the necessity of my writing a new article. If that does not meet your views I shall be glad to do anything else which might be in your judgment of advantage to the INDEPENDENT.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. P. J. - L.

Mr. Edwin E. Slosson,
THE INDEPENDENT,
130 Fulton St., New York.
In my opinion, it is necessary to have some representation in the government to have a certain control. I do not feel that the Communist party is necessary or important. I have some questions in my mind which you might consider on the basis of the matter.

I will send you a copy of my report which I will complete a presentation of the report. It seems to me that you will be able to judge whether you wish to participate in the writing of a new section without the necessity of my writing a new section. If that does not meet your needs, I may be able to go so far as to write what might be in your judgment of advantage to the impediment.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.S. L.

Hi, Walter P. [Signature]

THE INDREEMENT

I.C. National O. New York
Dear Mr. Slosson:

Thank you very much for the little volume on the Einstein Theory. I have read at least a dozen reviews and explanations of that theory. It has been reported that Dr. Einstein has said that there are not ten people in the world who are capable of understanding his theory. I am sure that none of those whose lucubrations I have read fall within that list of ten. Not having yet read your book I am confident that you will be one of the ten.

I shall be much interested in reading the volume and meanwhile am looking forward toward seeing you at Convocation.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Edwin E. Slosson,
311 Sixth Avenue,
New York City.

HPJ:JN
Dear Mr. Thorne:

Thank you very much for the little volume on the Nuclear Theory. I have read it twice or three times. The explanation of the theory is very clear and complete.

I hope that the information here shall prove useful for those people in the waiting who are capable of understanding it. I am sure that some of them are.

I am sorry that I have reached the last leaf of the book I am confident that you will see one of the cases.

I shall be much interested in receiving the volume and meantime am looking forward seeing you at

Yours truly,

[Signature]
March 11, 1920

Dear President Judson:

This morning I received the enclosed letter from Dr. Edwin E. Slosson, Ph.D. in Chemistry 1902, and Literary Editor of The Independent. He asked me to take up with you the matter of his being possibly candidate for the Chancellorship of the University of Kansas, and it seems best that I should present the whole matter to you in the form of his own letter.

If your advice should indeed be sought for by Governor Henry J. Allen I could recommend Dr. Slosson as an altogether suitable and worthy candidate. He has been an efficient head of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Wyoming, and a very successful literary editor of The Independent. His great strength lies in the fact that he looks at matters in an independent, clear-sighted way and is altogether constructive and progressive in his views. His book on American Universities is probably known to you and recently he has published a remarkably good book on "Creative Chemistry."

I am

Yours sincerely,

JS/EL

Enc.

Julius Steply
Dear President Judson:

I am writing to express my interest in the position of the Assistant Professor of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts. I have been a student of yours in the Chemistry Department and have been impressed with your teaching abilities. I am confident that I would be a valuable addition to your department.

I have completed my bachelor's degree in Chemistry at the University of Illinois and have since been working towards my master's degree. I believe that my education and experience make me a strong candidate for the position.

I would be very interested in discussing this opportunity further with you. Please let me know if there is any further information you require.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
March 6, 1920

Dear Professor Stieglitz,

Some of my fellow alumni of the University of Kansas have notified me that I am a candidate for the Chancellorship of that institution. This was the first that I had thought of such a thing but I confess that the opportunity is tempting for I have long had a secret desire to try my hand at educational reconstruction. I do not know that I have any chance for it, as I am considered by some too old (being 55) and by others as not having sufficient experience in executive work.

In response to a request of the alumni committee, which has candidates under consideration, I have sent in a list of the people who know most about me and took the liberty of putting your name in the list. I do not know, of course, what your opinion of my qualifications for such a position would be, but I would have confidence in your judgment whatever it is. I wonder what President Judson would think about my competency for such a post. He doubtless knows the situation in the University of Kansas and what sort of a man is most needed there in this crisis in the history of the institution. If you should have occasion and be willing to sound him out on this question, I rather wish you would because a word from him in my favor to Governor Henry J. Allen would probably have great influence.

It will interest you to know that my Creative Chemistry about which you said such kind things is having a big sale and that it is adopted as required reading for the Chautauqua course next year. I am also reading proof on two new books, one "Easy Lessons in Einstein", an attempt at explanation in common language of the theory of relativity, and the other "The American Spirit in Education" to be published by Yale University in the "Chronicles of America" series.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin C. Mossman

Literary Editor

Professor Julius Stieglitz
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.
Dear Professor Blalock,

Have you ever studied the universities of the United States? I'm interested in finding out more about the academic and research programs offered there. I'm considering pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics, and I'm looking for a university that offers a strong program in this field.

I'm particularly interested in the University of California, Berkeley, and I would like to know more about the faculty, course offerings, and research opportunities. I've heard that the university is highly ranked in Economics, but I'm not sure if it's the right fit for me.

In response to a recent email, I would like to share my academic background and career goals. I have a degree in Economics from Harvard University and have been working as a research assistant at the Boston Federal Reserve Bank for the past two years. I have also conducted research on economic inequality and have published a few papers in reputable journals.

I believe that my skills and experiences make me a strong candidate for a Ph.D. program. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and to learn more about the University of California, Berkeley. I would appreciate any feedback or advice you could provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Smith

(Additional information)

Reference:

[Insert reference information]
March 13, 1920

Dear Mr. Stieglitz:

Herewith I am returning Dr. Blossom's letter. I know him very well and think he is especially qualified for the chancellorship of the University of Kansas. If I should be consulted by any of the Kansas authorities it would give me pleasure to make suitable statements covering the ground. I think it would be far more effective if I should reply to a letter of inquiry than if I should initiate the recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Julius Stieglitz,
Faculty Exchange.

HFJ: JN
May 19, 1920

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Recently I am restating Dr. Flowers' letter.

I know him very well and think he is capable of
duties for the advancement of the University of
Kansas. If I should be selected for any of the Kansas
appointment I would give my pleasure to make suitable
accommodations. If I should be selected I think it would be
two more assistant if I should apply to a letter of
introduction from the many interests and recommendations.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Dr. J.T. Pirtle
Secretary, Kansas
December 31, 1920.

Mr. Harry P. Judson,
President, American Council on Education,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Judson:

I am sending to you, under separate cover, a copy of "Creative Chemistry", by Edwin E. Slosson, M.S., Ph.D., as well as a pamphlet concerning The Chemical Foundation. Whether or not the field in which you are engaged as a leader and teacher directly touches that treated by Dr. Slosson, I most earnestly hope that you will read his fascinating story for its bearing on that most vital of our pressing national problems, the creation and preservation of America's chemical independence. When you have read this book - as I know you will - I trust that you may give me the benefit of such ideas on this subject as may occur to you.

In fulfilling its function of aiding in the advancement and development of chemical and allied science in the United States, The Chemical Foundation is striving to show all classes of the American people their dependence upon our chemical progress and to interest them in the spread of chemical education. We are entering the Age of Chemistry; and if our nation is to take its place among the leaders in chemical research and resource, we must look to such institutions as yours for the trained men and women to carry on in the fight against German supremacy that was begun by our chemists during the war.

As one of those whose personality and teachings are shaping the minds of the coming generation of educated men and women, I am appealing to you for your most patriotic and intelligent cooperation with us in presenting to the American people, through their thinkers, the cause of chemical scientific advancement and accomplishment as it concerns their safety, welfare and prosperity.

Very sincerely yours,

Francis P. Garvan
President.
Mr. Henry F. Johnson,
President, American Council on Education,
University of Chicago.

Opinion:

I am sending to you under separate cover copies of "Grasping Reality" by Kenneth E. Berson, M.D., D.D.S., as well as a reprinted communication in the Chemical Foundation Writers' Guide on the subject of your speech at the meeting of the American Federation of Teachers on December 19, 1960. I am enclosing a copy of the speech as delivered at the time of the meeting.

I want you to know that I hope you will find the articles of interest and that you will find the literature on the subject of educational reform and the problems of educational policy of interest and value to you.

To fulfill the function of bridging in the United States, the Chemists' Contribution to the Freedom of Science is the only way to ensure the proper development of science and its future and the maintenance of a democratic society. Our country is ready for a better understanding of the problems of science and its place in the American way of life. It is our belief that the Chemists' Contribution will make an important contribution to the solution of these problems.

To sum up, the Chemists' Contribution is an important factor in the progress of science and its future in the United States. I believe that the articles and literature on the subject of scientific education and its place in the American way of life is an important contribution to the solution of these problems.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
January 24, 1921

Dear Mr. Garvan:

Your favor of the 31st of December was duly received and the copy of Mr. Slosson's book has come meanwhile. I have read it with great interest. I consider it a very valuable addition to the subject and it has the added advantage of being written by a chemist who at the same time knows how to use the English language expertly. The University of Chicago feels the duty which rests on all universities of providing not merely the ordinary instruction in Chemistry, but especially of training experts and of teaching them the methods of the application of Chemistry to the industries.

In the general plans for developing the University adopted by the Board of Trustees at the beginning of the present University year, plans were made for securing funds if possible for the provision of a research laboratory to carry out this purpose, and for securing additional funds for an adequate endowment for such a laboratory. The laboratory should cost approximately $450,000 and the endowment to provide for its maintenance with proper provision for a special staff should be not less than $1,000,000. The University believes that in this way large contributions can be made towards chemical science and especially not merely towards
Dear Mr. Garman:
The best way to get a feel for the pace of events was quickly passing... I have read the book of the Oregon's book was coming recently. It contains a very interesting... I wonder if the current movement to help Great Britain... I think you and I have reached the same table now... The University of Oregon keeps the Cary Map... need to develop the University's approach in Tom's next edition to make the... I agree with the University's approach of developing the University's approach... I completely disagree with the University's approach of developing the University's approach... I think you...
the application of pure science to the industries, but also towards the training of expert chemists for the development of our industries.

Business conditions at the present time are such that the University has hesitated to begin a campaign to secure the funds in question, but as soon as conditions warrant we shall hope to move effectively in the matter. I shall be glad of any suggestions from you on this head.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Francis P. Garvan,
The Chemical Foundation,
31 Fulton St.,
New York City.
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