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Dear Mr. Stokes:

We are interested in the University of Chicago at the present time in providing proper supervision for the musical interests of the University. As you know, we have no School of Music. We have had in the past an officer who has been called by the somewhat misleading title, "Director of Music." His function has been to give one or two courses in the Divinity School, courses intended primarily for the study of the best form of music in public worship. This officer has acted also as choir master in charge of the University Choir at chapel each morning and at the religious services on Sunday. At times in the past he has acted, moreover, as director of the Glee Club.

Some changes are to be made in our plans, and on this account President Judson desires me to inquire concerning your method of handling your somewhat similar situation. What are the duties of your officer corresponding to our Director of Music? What is the standing of this officer in the University? Does he have any academic rank.
August 25, 1970

The Dean, Mr. Sotkin,

We are interested in the University of Chicago.

The present time to bring the proper representation for the mental interests of the University. You may know, no have no School of Music.

We have had the pleasure to meet the officers who have been calling the attention of the University. The Dean, Mr. Sotkin, was in charge of the University.

The officers have met and each morning of the University have received the officers.

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Some changes are to be made in our plans, and on this occasion.

President Johnson desire to invite congratulations from the managing your social similar attendance. Will you the pleasure of your

attending the University. Does he have any social rank.
August 25, 1910

What is his salary? What is the appropriation at his disposal for the maintenance of the choir? How is this appropriation usually apportioned among the members of the choir? What does the Director receive in extra fees as director of the Glee Club, or any University chorus other than the University Choir? I shall be glad, in addition to answers at the present time in providing proper supervision for the musical to these questions as far as they afford a discussion of your situation, interests of the University. As you know, we have no School of Music to have an opinion as to your experience.

We have had in the past an officer who has been called by the somewhat misleading title, "Director of Music." His function has been to give one or two courses in the Divinity School, particularly for the study of the best form of music in public worship. This officer has acted also as choir master in charge of the University Choir at chapel each morning and at the religious services on Sunday. Mr. Anson P. Stokes, Secretary of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., at times has been asked moreover, as director of the Glee Club.

Some changes are to be made in our plans, and on this account President Judson desires me to inquire concerning your method of handling your somewhat similar situation. What are the duties of your officer corresponding to our Director of Music? What is the standing of this officer in the University? Does he have any academic rank.

Yours very truly,

D. A. Robertson
Secretary to the President

Secretary to the President.
Dear Sir:

I have been interested for several years in making a collection of engravings and autograph letters of the distinguished graduates of this University.

I have a letter of President Harper but no engraving. As he was prominently connected with your University where he was for many years President I have thought that you might be of some help to me in filling this gap.

It is my purpose to leave the collection on exhibit at Yale for several years and it will probably ultimately become the property of the University, where I believe that it will be of interest and stimulus to the students.

I hope that it may therefore be possible for you to send me a small engraving of the graduate referred to taken from some local or family publication.

If this is not possible I would greatly appreciate either:

(1) Information as to where such an engraving may be secured.
(2) A photograph of a painting of the graduate referred to.
(3) Information as to where his portrait may be found.

I shall be most grateful for your assistance and will gladly send stamps or money order to meet any small expense involved. If the purposes of the collection were not somewhat public in character, I would not think of troubling you by this request. A stamped envelope is enclosed for reply.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to render, I am,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President Hodson

[Signature]
Dear Sir,

I have been interested for several years in making a collection of

undergraduate and advanced letters of the graduates of Yale University.

I have a letter of

Professor Trophy

and was recently connected with your

in my capacity as

If I should purchase the collection of sketches of Yale for

consignments, I would be interested in

University, when I believe that it will be of interest and valuable to the

Yale family. I hope that I may expecting to propose for any of the family pupil-

content of the undergraduate letters to take from some

of the family.

I have been for some years in the possession of

(1) Information as to where they are now or whether they may be secured.

(2) A photograph of a portion of the graduate lettering to

(3) Information as to where the portrait was found.

If I am able to secure it I have some knowledge of the collection may not be

If the portrait of the collection may not be secured, I am willing to

A member of the family is interested in

I am willing to take

Yale family and

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
YALE UNIVERSITY,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

New Haven, Conn.,

January 3, 1914.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your very kind letter of December 30th. You have been altogether too generous of your time in this matter. I think you are quite right regarding all documents which show President Harper's official connection with the University of Chicago. They should, by all means, be most carefully preserved. You have at Chicago an opportunity, which has been almost never before presented to a great university, to keep in the most systematic form all data bearing on its history. Just think what we would give to-day for the letter files of the early Rectors and Presidents of Yale in the first half of the 16th century. We would count them priceless possessions. So by all means, keep these interesting letters to which you refer.

President Judson has sent me a one page autograph letter which is characteristic of President Harper and shows his manner of writing. If you feel that you can spare the typewritten letter with corrections and additions of his own, concerning an article on students for the ministry, I would also add it to my collection, but I shall not press this in any way.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Mr. David A. Robertson,
Secretary to the President,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
January 8, 1936

Dear Mrs. Cope,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your very kind letter of
December 9th. You have keen observation and generosity of your time in
writing me. I think you have done right regarding all committee work, I think.

Go on! I am getting in touch with the University of Chicago. I know of
anything which might come my way, I showed up a very valuable instrument to
which we might be able to have access. I will be keeping my notes and
writing up my ideas at the later time of the early research work available to
us by the help of the University. We have some chance of progress because
we are working on a phase of the problem. Your name has gone to the

We have been getting very excited about the work and the potential.

I am sending you this letter to let you know that I am very pleased to
continue to work with you. I am very grateful to you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Chicago, January 5, 1914

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I am very glad to forward you herewith the Harper letter. The signature is absolutely genuine. Many of the business letters, of course, were signed by Miss Cobb, who became quite an expert in imitating Dr. Harper's signature. This one, however, bears not only his own signature, but his handwriting and initials.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Secretary to the President

D.A.R.-D.

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.
Chicago, September 3, 1913

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I am instituting a search for an interesting letter by President Harper. Naturally this office retains only carbon copies of letters written by him. A former request from Yale I sent to Mrs. Harper. I suppose that the family however have few letters from President Harper. I am now directing some requests to men with whom he had personal relations, notably Dr. Gumsaulus. Dr. Gumsaulus himself is so much interested in autograph letters, and his relations with President Harper were of such an intimate nature, that he may be able to provide Yale with a good letter.

Sincerely yours,

D.A.R. - L. Secretary to the President

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.,
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
Chicago, September 8, 1913

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am investigating a request for an
interstate letter by President Harper. 

After a careful review of the letter,
I do not agree with the content of the
request. My letter to Mr. Harper, a letter sent to him by the family, 
I suppose that the family好莱坞
have new letters from President Harper. I am now
in receipt of these letters from the family, and

interstate regulations as to what we can
handle. A request, not a demand, of President Harper more

after an intimate letter that may be able to

Please object with a good letter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President

Mr. T. H. Harper, Speaker

State University

New Haven, Connecticut
Chicago, December 30, 1913

Dear Mr Stokes:

Some time ago President Judson sent to you an autograph letter of President Harper. This was the result of a search by the Secretary of our Board of Trustees through his files. I am sorry that I did not see the letter and am unable to judge if it really met your purpose.

The various persons whose co-operation I have sought have been reporting rather slowly the results of their examinations of files. Dr Gunsaulus, whose relationship with President Harper was of a peculiarly intimate character, discovered only letters which he found so personal that he cannot send them.

Mr J. M. P. Smith was very much interested in providing for your important collection, and searched assiduously. He found that among his letters there was none better in President Harper's own handwriting; nor did Miss Chamberlain, his former secretary and later secretary of the American Institute of Sacred Literature, have such
a letter. Dr F. W. Shepardson, for many years secretary to President Harper, had not a satisfactory letter. As a Yale man he was very eager to secure an appropriate specimen. Shailer Mathews' files afforded nothing. The files of the President's Office of course had nothing but carbon copies. Mrs Harper and Mrs Davida Harper Eaton did not find anything which could be sent to you. Indeed, the search verified the impression of Mr J. M. P. Smith that only Mrs Harper received many such letters. Dr Smith remembers once watching President Harper painfully scratching off a letter to his wife. Dr Harper looked up and said: "These are the only letters I write by hand, and I would not do these if she did not insist upon it." While abroad he did, however, write a good many letters by hand, and instead of mailing them direct, sent them to Mrs Harper who had them copied on the typewriter. I thought perhaps Mrs Harper might have some of these originals. None, however, has been given to me.

If the letter forwarded to you is not satisfactory for your purpose, please let me know so that I
may look further. I have on my desk just now an excellent letter to Dr Hulbert, containing, however, some references to a man still living -- references financial in character and not suitable for present publication. I have another letter, an intimate one to Dr Hulbert, during the final illness, a pathetically hopeful note signed "Harper". I have also a letter directed in 1892 to Ernest Dewitt Burton, urging him to come to the new University of Chicago. I have also a typewritten letter with full signature and an addition in the President's own handwriting concerning an article on students for the ministry.

If these letters are more interesting to you than the one you have, please let me know and I will endeavour to find one appropriate for you. Because of the rarity of the President's letters, it has been borne in upon some of us interested in the history of the University of Chicago that any document important in the development of the institution ought certainly to be retained. No other
policy, however, will interfere with getting you
the best possible representative letter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President

D.A.R.-D.

Mr Anson Phelps Stokes
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.
Chicago, November 25, 1913

Dear Dr. Shepardson:

Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of Yale University, is about to present to Yale University a very fine collection of engraved portraits and autograph letters of distinguished Yale graduates. For some months we have been seeking, in his behalf, for a characteristic letter in Dr. Harper's own handwriting. I have one or two which ought not to be placed in a public collection. I wonder if you have among your own letters one which will satisfy Mr. Stokes' purpose.

I am sure you will sympathise with me in the endeavour to secure a desirable letter to represent Dr. Harper in the Yale collection.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President

D.A.R.-D.

Dr. F. W. Shepardson
The University of Chicago
Chicago, November 22, 1913

Dear Mr Smith:

Anson Phelps Stokes of Yale is very eager to secure a good letter in President Happer's handwriting for an addition to a permanent collection of Yale's distinguished alumni. I have sought in vain for a good letter. I wonder if you have in your files any such correspondence as would be of interest in a collection of scholarly autographs.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President

Mr J. M. Powis Smith
The University of Chicago
Memorandum for Mr. Robertson: —

Mr. J. M. P. Smith has no autograph letter from President Harper, nor has Miss Chamberlin. Mr. Smith thinks Mrs. Harper is about the only source for such letters. He remembers once watching President Harper painfully scratching off a letter to his wife. He looked up and said, "These are the only letters I write by hand, and I wouldn't do these if she didn't insist upon it!" While abroad he did write a good many letters by hand, sending them to Mrs. Harper to be copied on the typewriter.
instead of mailing them direct. Mrs. Harper may have retained some of the originals, but whether they would bear a signature is a question.

-I. E. L.
YALE UNIVERSITY,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
New Haven, Conn.,
December 1, 1913.

My dear President Judson:—

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your kindness in finding the autograph letter of President Harper. I am sorry that you found it necessary to cut out the personal matter to which you refer, but even as it is the letter to Dr. Goodspeed will serve my purpose admirably. You have been very kind about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

President H. P. Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.
Yale University
Secretary's Office
New Haven, Conn.
December 1, 1935

My dear President Jackson:

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your kindness in filling the empty place in my household by suggesting to your attention the name of President Bartlet. I am sorry that you cannot if necessary cut out the personal matter to which you refer, but even as it is the letter to Dr. Goodspeed will see my kindness sympathetically. You have been very kind about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[President H. P. Jackson]
University of Chicago
Office II

[Note: Circled area indicates red ink mark possibly indicating a correction or emphasis.]
Chicago, November 28, 1913

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I am sending enclosed an autograph letter of President Harper. You will notice that it has been cut. I did that simply to eliminate some little personal matter, which of course would be of no interest for your purposes.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. — L.

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.,
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.
My dear Mr. [Name],

I am sending you a copy of the

enclosed letter at present, which

you will notice that it has been cut off.

I am glad that this matters,

which of course may be of no interest to you.

With sincere regards, I am

very truly yours,

H.P.,

Mr. [Name],

The University,

New Haven, Connecticut.
Dear President Judson:-

Let me thank you for your note of December 4th with its interesting little card from President Harper.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

President H. S. Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
Chicago, January 7, 1915

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Thank you very much for the copy of your reprint on the question of preparedness. I have read it with much interest, and while I am bound to say that I have hardly been able to find any one point on which I am able to agree with you in your data, or in your conclusions nevertheless I am interested in getting your point of view.

Cordially yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes,
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.
Of course. Thanks a lot.

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter. I have read it with much interest, and while I am going to say that I have partly agreed to your point on which I am able to agree with you, I am not prepared to agree on the general nature of your argument. I am interested in getting your point of view.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. James P. Jones
Yeats University
New Haven, Connecticut
Dear Mr. Judson:

Thanks for your delightfully refreshing letter of January 7th. I have been receiving so many entirely unsolicited letters from men of high standing and excellent judgment, like Professor Francis Peabody of Harvard, Professor Woolsey of Yale, Dean Matthews of your University, Chief Justice Emery of Maine, Abraham Flexner of our General Education Board, and many others endorsing heartily the spirit and conclusion of my article, that it was probably good for me to know from your letter how strongly some wise men feel on the other side of the question.

With renewed thanks for your frankness and with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

President Harry P. Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
YALE UNIVERSITY

Secretary Office

New Haven, Conn,

January 10, 1936

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your helpfulness in referring letters to me.

I have been receiving many "excellent" replies from many of your friends. Among these were many excellent replies from members of the Yale University Press and a letter from the President of the University of California, Dr. J. C. Hume, which is enclosed for your information. I have always been impressed by the spirit of cooperation and friendship which I see in your letters. I look forward to seeing you soon.

With very cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Stamp: President's Office, Yale University]

[Stamp: University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois]
Chicago, January 13, 1916

Chances for your delightfully refreshing letter of January 7th.

I have been receiving so many entirely unsolicited letters from men of
high standing and excellent judgment, like Professor Francis Peabody of Har-
dvard, Professor Woolsey of Yale, Dean Matthews of your University, Chief Justice
Harry of Maine, Abraham Flexner of our General Education Board, and many others.
The gentlemen who have written to you approvingly are
endorsing heartily the spirit and conclusion of my article that it was probably
exactly the ones who I should suppose would do just
good for me to know from your letter how strongly some wise men feel on the other
that. They totally fail to grasp the situation in
side of the question.

England and the reasons for it, and are doing their

With renewed thanks for your frankness and with kindest regards, I am,
best blindly to put our country in the situation of

Sincerely yours,

China, and to expose us helpless to the piratical attacks
which are sure to come.

Cordially yours,

H. P. J. - L.

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

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes.
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.
Glasgow, January 18, 1913

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are your photographs. Portrait and full length.

Donael. Secker.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed painting.

The committee who have assisted you to obtain copies of the photographs want to be satisfied that the photographs are not altered in any way and that they are not to be sold or reproduced in any form.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Additional notes and handwriting]

New Haven, Connecticut.
Mr. Billings is very anxious to visit the school founded by Mrs. Emmons Blaine in connection with Chicago University. I do not happen to know the head master. I am giving Mr. Billings this note to you in the hope that you may give him the necessary introduction.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

President Harry P. Judson, LL.D.,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Secretary's Office,
Yale University.

January 21, 1915.

Dear President Judson:—

This note will introduce to you my friend Rev. Sherrard Billings who has been for many years Dr. Endicott Peabody's right hand man at Groton School.

Mr. Billings is visiting the middle West for two purposes, to study some of the most representative schools, and to get in touch with a few families who may send their boys to Groton, for, although as you perhaps know, the demand to get into Groton in the East is greater than at any other school, they draw only slightly from outside of New England and the middle Atlantic states, and are most anxious to get a strong infusion of vigorous, democratic Western blood.
Dear President [Name],

I am writing to express my excitement about the recent news that you have been named President of the University of Chicago, effective July 1. This is a significant milestone for the University, and I am eager to see how your leadership will shape the future of the institution.

I first met you during my time as a student at the University of Chicago, where I was inspired by your passion for education and your commitment to the intellectual community. Your dedication to both teaching and research has always been a source of inspiration for me, and I am confident that you will continue to lead the University with the same energy and enthusiasm.

As a member of the [organization], I am excited about the opportunities that your presidency will bring. I look forward to seeing how you will work to strengthen the University's position as a leader in higher education and research.

Please accept my best wishes for your success in this new role. I am confident that you will make a positive impact on the University and its community.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the Editors of the Harvard Theological Review to prepare an article on College Preachers and Preaching. As the information contained in the article should be as complete and accurate as possible, I wish to supplement my personal knowledge and experience by a body of facts secured from representative institutions. I would be obliged to you therefore if you would answer the following general questions:

1. Have you at your college a system of visiting Sunday preachers?
2. If so, will you please describe it?

3. If not, what provision do you make for public worship?

4. Are any changes being contemplated in your system?

5. Remarks as to history, success, etc., of your plan.

The return of this sheet with replies in places indicated, or a separate letter if more convenient to you, will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President, [Institution]
July 28, 1935

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the Editors of the Harvard Educational Review to prepare an article on college presidents and presidents. As the information contained in the article should be as complete and accurate as possible, I wish to supplement my personal knowledge and experience by a body of facts secured from representative institutions. I would be obliged to you therefore if you would answer the following general questions:

1. Have you at your college a system of visiting professors?
2. If so, will you please describe it?
3. If not, what provision do you make for public worship?
4. Are any changes being contemplated in your system?
5. Remarks as to history, success, etc. of your plan.

The return of this sheet with replies in places indicated on a separate letter will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,
YALE UNIVERSITY
SECRETARY'S OFFICE
New Haven, Conn.,
July 23, 1915.

I have been asked by the Editor of the Harvard Theological Review to prepare an article on College Preachers and Preaching. As the information contained in the article should be as complete and accurate as possible, I wish to supplement my personal knowledge and experience by a body of facts secured from representative institutions.

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Your favor of the 28th of July is at hand. We have a system of visiting Sunday preachers. It is our preference to have a preacher occupy three successive Sundays, speaking at the daily chapel exercises during the intervening weeks. The Sunday service is held at eleven o'clock. It is a regular preaching service, with a male choir, and is attended by members of the faculty, students and neighbors. A regular appropriation is made in the budget of the University for the support of the service and for the pay of the preachers. This system has been in existence now for many years, and we contemplate no immediate change.

With sincere regards, I am,
Very truly yours,

H.P.J. -- L.

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes,
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.

The return of this sheet with replies in places indicated, or a separate letter if more convenient to you, will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Presidentadem, Univ. of Chicago.
Dear Sirs,

I have been asked to write on the subject of the National Government's recent decision to increase the price of essential goods.

As the information received in this regard has been quite incomplete, I wish to express my dissatisfaction and request that you provide more detailed information.

The increase in prices, I believe, is a matter of great concern to all sections of society.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
YALE UNIVERSITY,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

New Haven, Conn.,

August 22, 1913.

Dear President Judson:

I wonder if you can help me out in the matter of securing an autograph letter of President Harper? I am about to hand over to the University a collection of engravings and letters of its most distinguished graduates. As these are to be framed and exhibited, I should like to have worthy specimens. I have many brief typewritten business letters from President Harper but nothing that is all in his own hand or of really interesting contents. If you could happen to put me in touch with some one who could give me such a letter I should very greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

President Harry P. Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

RMC/
Dear President Jackson:

I wonder if you can help me out in the matter of securing an
acceptance letter of President Harper. I am about to head over to the
University a collection of signatures and letters of the most illustrious
graduates. I have been advised that this is a wise move and I plan to
secure one or two prominent professionals to write on my behalf. In
President Harper's own handwriting, I have asked him to sign a letter in
his own hand. If you could write to me in some way, it would be
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. White

Prezident H. L. Bingham
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.
YALE UNIVERSITY,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

New Haven, Conn.,

September 10, 1913.

My dear Mr. Robertson:--

I am very much obliged to you for your good letters of September 3d and 5th. It was a real pleasure to meet you and Mrs. Robertson when you were here, and if I can ever do anything for you at the University I hope that you will not hesitate to address me. I very much appreciate your courtesy in the matter of the letter of President Harper. I would not have troubled you had the matter been for a purely personal purpose, but I felt that as my collection was to be deposited at Yale, and the letters of the most prominent men permanently exhibited, it was important that President Harper should be represented.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. David A. Robertson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

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YALE UNIVERSITY
Secretary's Office
New Haven, Conn.
September 10, 1919.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:

I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter of September 30 and the enclosures. It was a real pleasure to meet you and make your acquaintance here, and I hope that you will not hesitate to address me. I very much appreciate your confidence in the matter of the letter of recommendation which you have sent, and the fact that you have been so kind as to recommend me to be appointed to the position of Research Fellow. It was important that the letter of the same department was published in advance, and the

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]

Mr. Hopkins
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.