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Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

Oct. 2, '89.

My dear friend,

I am about used up with a hard day, but must send you a line.

I want Podsdick, but I don't think our Committee will let me & send so much as $30 per week, & expenses. I hate to seem mean, or close, - but we have just so much fund, & it has to cover a good deal. They will say, - "Why, Dr. Barber came for $50 and this means $95, at least!" Of course this is no claim on Podsdick, in any sense, but it is a natural way for a Committee to look at a young man, isn't it?

I rejoice in every thought of you. We must have a talk on the Palms Dome, Sunday - It would be delightful. I want to see you, really. But I am planning a trip West for a fortnight, about the 24th. Dr. Robinson will take my work. I hope to go as far as St. Paul & Minneapolis, looking at Schools & talking College.

Our hands are full with the lawyers & contests over Vassar's will, questions as to whether they must pay his pledge to me,

and other new matters. I think we shall come out well, but it is hard to wait for the money we need now. I hope G. will come; hope he can afford to. If not, where can I look? Do you know anyone in Bedford with spirit, "initiative", and sense, — as well as scholarship?

We going over to Mahaska for a couple of days, — to the Indian Conference.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. Taylor.

Rev. W. C. Harper.

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Williamstown Mass.

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

June 23, 90.

My dear Friend,

I wish you were "with me". You ought to be voting, too, I am sure. You should have been with us at Vassar. I hoped to see you. Everything went off well, - a really fine time. Mr. Curtis was at his best.

No, I have looked in vain for a list of the Chicago Invalids. Where was it published?

Your good opinion is a faint of inspiration, but I think there isn't enough danger of Chicago's thinking of me to make it necessary for me to even consider whether I would leave Vassar for it.

We have not elected a Professor of Latin. Hopkins, of Hamilton College, is now a prominent name (confidential). He is pleasant, a gentleman, & I hear excellent things of his scholarship. What a business it is! How few men there are who are "all-round". Four-square, to fill the figure a little. I like Scott, but I am off & he wanted back, with us, outside the classroom. I am ambitious to get a larger man, if I can - I am looking - Beaver.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Taylor

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

Nonquit, Mass.
June 25. '89.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

I see that Dr. Mahaffy is among your Chautauqua lecturers this year. What is he to talk about? Will you keep your eye on him for me, & let me know if he will be a good, interesting, lecturer, - on Philosophy or Greek Life, - or something good for us. I dare not pay him any fancy prices, but he is a man I would like to meet & have our students hear.

Now about our next year's Bible study. You know our needs. It will be hard to follow you; - sometime you must come back to us, - but we must have a good course in the New Testament. I incline to a general course, showing the relationship and development of the books, followed by a careful study of the Gospels. What do you say? And is Goodspeed just the man to keep up interest in this work? And if we can get him, what aught I to offer him? Certainly he aught not to command just all that the Chief can, - & deserves.

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Residents Office

You will never know how much good you did us all as a teacher & personally. We feel that you belong to us.

Not a word was said at our Board meeting, - though I reported most favorably regarding our Bible work for the year.

I think for the present we must continue our work on Sundays, & should think the plan of a lecture every other Sunday, with careful study on the alternate day a good one. Free your mind if you have time. And take your time! I am in no hurry.

Anyway in which I could hear Godspeed? Or could I get him to spend a Sunday with us on trial? But your assurance would weigh heavily with me.

We finished our $100,000, - but, inter nos, for the present, we shall have to sue for our $20,000 from Mr. Vassar. It is too bad, - a mere legal quibble, a patent injustice, - but law! It is the kind of law "whose seat is not in the bosom of God" -

We have been here a week. Kant & Hume are on my shelf for needed study for my graduates next year, - but thus far we are simply lazy. I wish you could come down here! You never breathed such air. Do come. Your sincere friend, J. M. Taylor.

By the way, Andrews is a choice for Amherst, grand fellow as he is, surprised me. Strong was backed for it.

Lisconnel Aug. 14. '90.

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

My dear Friend,

Your letter brings me pleasure. The only alloy is the feeling that I ought to take your sister & provide for her, & save you the extra work. You know I wanted if I earned, but the College has not a cent available for "specials," and tho I earned raise it I know you wanted it let me.

The pleasure is in the thought of your coming to us again, - & of my seeing you so often.

If I can arrange to have teachers enough follow up your instruction alternate weeks I would prefer the lectures on alternate Sundays. But otherwise we can run them on every Sunday, - unless special reasons detain you. I think I incline to a course on the Psalms (ten or so) - Then if you don't go on with us, I will turn for the second half year to Dr. Riggs, and the book of John, - if R. will come.

Make this be the understanding; the charges $400 for College & $100 for Music, $500: the lectures at $50 a lecture.

Thanks for the word about Shumway. It will be "confidential". I am thinking seriously of asking Scott to take the place for a year, - telling him that I am looking up a man of large reputation, - so that I'll not be bound to him in any way. It is too late, I fear, to decide ~~[illegible]~~ now for a new man.

All that will be necessary, ~~will~~ about your sister

will be for her to come, bringing her proper credentials, on the 19th of Sept. But it would be well to write Miss Brodsacc and so to secure a room earlier than that. A word from you to her would be just the thing, asking for a suitable room & speaking her friendly interest (already yours) in your sister. Call on me for anything I can do.

"Chicago" is an "awful problem". You can do it, but you ought not to try to do it and your present work. You can do more than most men, but your strength has a limit (I say this in faith in general principles!). I believe it must be Chicago only, if you go there." And May God bless you, whichever you do!

Sincerely yours J. M. Taylor

Dec. 9. 1891.

Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

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My dear Dr. Harper, -

All hail to you, Chief!

Why don't you drop in on us? Since you don't I must ask you a favor. Can't you have someone send me a floor-plan of your new dormitory? We are going to build one, & I want to see what your people have that is new.

We are crowded, - over-full, - & getting on well.

What a twist you have on those Chicago people, when you put on their local pride the necessity of putting up your buildings before the Fair! Whew! That is genius.

Always sincerely yours,

J. M. Taylor

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Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

October 1st, 1892.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

All success to you as you enter upon this new phase of your great work. I hope that you may have all strength given unto you and the needed health. If these are guaranteed I feel perfect confidence in the future of the University. And for a year or two I shall watch the problems over which we have talked with immense interest, as showing whether we must all change our theories of education or adapt them to the ideas which you are so courageously trying, or whether you yourself will be prone to modify them in favor ~~with~~ of those with whose practice you have been familiar for years. But whatever the result, a hearty God-speed to you.

Some one just handed me a newspaper notice of the examinations. I have not had time to look it over, but it prompts me to ask you to be good enough to tell your Secretary to put me down for a list of all the publications which the University issues. I would like to see your examination papers, and to receive any official documents. I want to keep up with the procession.

Stop and see us if you come this way, and look over the beautiful new building, which we hope to finish for our young women in December. It would be a great credit even to your great cluster.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Taylor

(Dictated)

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Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

October 17th, 1893.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

I want to write you confidentially about a matter that has occured to me in connection with your Librarianship at Chicago. I know that there was a time when you were thinking earnestly of Mr. Dewey. Now, I chance to know indirectly, and I assure you that Mr. Dewey has said no word whatever regarding this to me, that the politicians of the state are beginning to make a push against the Regents' Office, and there is some danger, I fear, that there may be an upheaval. I beg that you will treat this as entirely confidential, and give no one the slightest hint of this danger. It would not do for it to become general talk unless it is really forced, as I fear that it will be. I have thought that if you were really thinking of Mr. Dewey, and if these rumors I hear are well grounded, as I think they are, there might be an opportunity now for you to induce him to consider it.

I hope that all has started well with you in spite of the financial trouble which is sure to have some bearing upon you, I suppose.

I have just received your annual register, for which accept my thanks. By the way, are you going to publish Miss Reynolds always as a "Assistant Professor in Vassar College"? I need not tell you how highly we think of her here, but I am obliged to remind you once more that she was an instructor here, and that she had not risen to an assistant or associate professorship.

With my kindest regards to your wife, and affectionate remembrances of yourself, I am,

Always sincerely yours,

M. Taylor

(Dictated)

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(Dictated)

Taylor

Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

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September 20th, 1895.

My dear President Harper;

I long ago made up my mind that I should wait for you to break down in your Presidency, and then call you to be our Professor of the English Bible. You have a standing offer of the position, but as in all other things we have been anxious here to secure the best or to wait. We keep up our old method of lecturing. Dr. Pattison, of Rochester, interested the students last year exceedingly week after week, dealing entirely with the Old Testament as history. Nothing is settled yet for the coming year, but I have asked Riggs, of Auburn, to come for the first half year, and am thinking of Pattison again for the second half. It is too late to make any radical change, and I am planning, as perhaps you know, to go abroad with my wife in October for a six month's furlough. Seriously, I should like to follow up this idea that we have talked over of the Bible professorship, but so far I have not seen my way to it.

We are crowded to death here. We have rented a building in the city, and of course have no end of trouble in getting parents to put their daughters in it, although there is absolutely no room out here. We have lost fifty or sixty girls in the last three or four weeks simply because we can not give them rooms on the campus. We can not grow unless we get buildings, but to be honest with you I would rather grow in the direction you suggest with a larger Faculty than I would in numbers of students. I am seriously questioning whether our colleges are not becoming too large as colleges. Of course a university may be of any size, provided that it can

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furnish a Faculty.

I hope that you are all well. I would be delighted to see you, and have an old-fashioned talk with you. All blessings upon you and yours.

Always faithfully yours,

James M. Taylor.

(Dictated)

September 25th, 1895.

My dear friend,

I am so glad to know that you have been finally endorsed. You need it. There are very few of us who are really orthodox; very few, that is, who represent the Simon-pure article, who do not need endorsements, but who carry on their own faces as they do in their own hearts the sign-manual of the truth. It may interest you to know that there are even those now who are questioning the perfect standard of our common friend in Rochester, who for so many years has been looked upon as a pillar of the only true faith. Sometimes I am afraid that even my own grounds may be doubted by some ignoramus when I see how the great on every side of me have fallen, but at present I am happy in standing where I do not need even the endorsements of the Peoria Association. I am glad you have it, and glad at last that I could feel in leaving the country that your position is secure, at least until I return.

You ask how I managed to get away, and who takes my place. That is an easy matter. This Institution runs itself. Its President is merely a figure-head kept here in order that the position may be filled, and that it may seem to outsiders to be organized on an orthodox basis. The Institution is really well organized, compact, and I have hesitated to leave only because I am afraid they will find out that really it is able to take care of itself. The Trustees voted me six months, and I took them with alacrity, and am only praying now day by day that nothing may arise in the College or in my family to prevent the trip. My wife and I go to Italy, and hope to spend most of the winter there, although we want to spend a month in Egypt and a

September 8th, 1898.

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fortnight in Athens. It is what I suppose the President of the University of Chicago would not deign to take, a pleasure trip. If I learn anything incidentally regarding education it will be an accident. I am going to try to educate myself, solely that, and I tell my wife that if she mentions woman's education to me for six months I shall leave her en route. No one takes my place. I shall leave general administrative matters which may chance to come up in the hands of a committee, and otherwise with the understanding that matters shall be allowed to go on without any radical change until I return. While I am away I hope they will build a President's house. It has been ordered, but the contracts are not signed. I am hoping more than I can tell you that some one will rise up to give us an educational building. Our rooms are over-crowded. If we get that we shall at once build another residence hall, and then I believe we shall be as large as a college ought to be, but who knows how to stop, especially when we have never made any effort to get numbers, and people come because they wish to, and our standards have been raised perhaps as high just now as they should be, unless it is true that the schools shall be forced all along the line, which I doubt.

But now I suppose you have something else to do than to read my letters, ~~but~~ or I might go on indefinitely until some one tapped at my office door.

I rejoice in your constant success. I have never, as you know, had any question of it, however, and it is no surprise whatever to me. The only way in which you can surprise me will be by taking good care of yourself. You are the man who ought to go abroad.

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Taylor

Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

May 18th, 1896.

Dear Dr. Harper;

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Why did not you stop while you were east, and let me hear what you have to say about your woes. You know we might have exchanged miseries, and that often has in itself a little measure of comfort. I have had every reason for gratitude and rejoicing since my return in the kindness of all our people, but I am bound to say that the complications of one sort and another that come toward the end of the year have made me forget that I was ever abroad, and have made me feel as if I had had no rest.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Taylor.

(Dictated)

Dawson Station.
Pembroke M.S.
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(Dictated)

Taylor
President

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

December 13th, 1897. (19)

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My dear Dr. Harper;

Two students who have been here through this term, but who were at Chicago last year, have determined to go back because they can not, they tell me, adjust their work; that is, they say that they are informed from your office that at the end of the year if they carry full work here they would not meet your precise number of majors and minors. I think they are probably mistaken, as we have your own statement of a vote by your Faculty that students from Vassar College would be received at the University of Chicago grade for grade. It was on the basis of that, indeed, that we adjusted the course of a girl who came to us by your hours and credits rather than as we have been accustomed to do with most by the fitting in of her course to our course. The young women will undoubtedly return to you at the holidays, as they would have to stay till the last of January to complete a semester's work here, and that would throw them out from your next term, but I am interested to know whether their statement is correct, and think it probably is not.

I suppose you received the papers which I sent regarding the Kenwood School, and that you have perhaps by this time been able to give attention to my full statement of the whole business. When you have time I shall be glad to know what you think of it.

I hope that notwithstanding all the little annoyances that must come to a man in your position you are getting some pleasure out of life. I wish that you would stop here and see us, and see what we could do to add to your happiness.

Faithfully yours,

J M Taylor

(Dictated)

Pres. Taylor to
Pres. Harper
Dec 13 1897.

Taylor

Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

(Dictated)

March 4th, 1898.

Dr. Harper
Recommend

My dear Dr. Harper;

My experience for several years has brought me to the general resolution to make no engagements for addresses directly after my own Commencement, unless the occasion be one that really requires my presence as a delegate of the College. The time immediately after our Commencement is an extremely busy one, and to engage to go to Chicago would involve a great deal of extra work at a time when my hands are sure to be full. I must therefore decline your kind suggestion, while I express my hearty appreciation of it. It would be a great pleasure to me to be in Chicago and to see you all again.

As regards your last letter, I have had nothing really to say. I do not think the attitude of the school toward our requirements has been right, but the Faculty has not taken up the matter at all as yet, and I do not think that any action will be taken this year, but that fuller opportunity will be given for the school to prove its adherence to the right standard. We are expecting a pupil or two from there, I believe, next year, and I hope that all will be right. I certainly have no feeling but one of kindness and interest toward the school, and have taken the ground that I have ~~toward the school~~ because with as much interest as I have there, I am even more interested to have the standards agreed upon maintained in their relations to Vassar College.

Come to see us. With every good wish for you and yours, and all kind remembrances, I am,

Faithfully yours, J. M. Taylor

Taylor

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Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

December 27th, 1897.

My dear Dr. Harper;

Mr. Salisbury's statement seems to me a very satisfactory one, and I may say that it is just what I expected in spite of the statement of the young ladies.

I shall wait with interest for your report on the Kenwood School, but as long as I know that the matter is being examined I have no feeling of haste about it, and especially I would not for anything whatever lay an extra burden upon you personally. I am sorry you have been laid up with that arch enemy of us all. Do take care of yourself. You may be sure that such an illness will leave you weak, and that you ought to save yourself a little in approaching your work again. I went through it last spring, and know well what it cost me for a long time. It took the rather severe form with me of attacking one of my ears so that I had to have the drum cut and my recovery was a little slow. Be good to yourself, I beg of you, although you have paid no attention to these exhortations in the past, but you must do it, my dear fellow, You have had two or three warnings that you have no right to disregard, and as one of your sincere friends I can not bear to think of your shortening, by unwise overwork, a life which promises such great benefit to its fellows.

Faithfully yours,

H. Taylor

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Mr Grant

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Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

November 30th, 1897.

President W. R. Harper,

My dear President Harper;

I thank you for sending me Mr. Grant's letter that I might wholly understand his point of view, and also for what you say about the relation of the University to the Kenwood Institute. We have not received many students from Kenwood for several years past, but I think that I can very easily make you believe that the record of these last few students is no better than those which we have received before; indeed, we have kept no students here from Kenwood or elsewhere who were unable to meet the work of the departments. I think when you look over the list which I am about to add that you will feel that the present record is a far from satisfactory one.

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Vassar College
Poughkeepsie N.Y.
Department of Chemistry

November 20th, 1897.

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Miss Whitman's Algebra was completed in June, 1894, according to the certificate, and it is well-known by all of our schools that we accept nothing which is over two years old. I may add that the science, which was certified to on Miss Whitman's certificate, was done at the High School and not at Kenwood Institute.

Now I beg you to give time enough to these four cases to know why we feel that we have some ground of complaint in this whole matter. The certificates are not correct, they certify girls in two or three cases in what they have never had, and they certify them as from Kenwood in what they took at the High School. I can not think that that meets your approval. Add to this the fact that the certificates were sent to us so late in the season that we were involved in the greatest inconvenience, and only to save the applicants from serious trouble did we undertake to receive the papers and adapt them to our conditions. Every indulgence possible was shown in the matter, more than has ever been extended to any applicants within the time of my knowledge of the Institution. The Faculty was asked to act specially on two occasions. You will understand, of course, that it is the connection with the University that led us to feel that we must do more than we are accustomed to do in such cases.

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Let me add one further point. After the very pleasant interview which I had with Mr. Grant, and let me say that he impressed me very well indeed, he sent the telegram upon which we agreed, and promised himself to notify the candidates that conditions would very probably be imposed. So far as I can learn, he never gave them any intimation of this; that at least is their affirmation.

One further paragraph, and we will close the case and submit it to you. Our semester examinations are not taken, of course, until the end of January, and we can only report the statements that were sent to us from the various departments at the end of the first six weeks.

Miss Card was deficient in French, Hygiene, and Latin Prose, and was obliged to take a tutor in French.

Miss Potter was deficient in French and Latin Prose.

Miss Press was deficient in English, French, Hygiene, Mathematics, and was dismissed from Geometry because her work was proving too heavy for her, and with the understanding that she would take an extra year for her course if necessary.

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Of course you understand my position in this matter. It is for our advantage to maintain our relations with Kenwood if Kenwood can do our work for us, and naturally we greatly prefer associations with schools which have behind them the approval and the examination of your Institution,-but I am sure that I need not dwell upon this. When you have read the statement of the facts which I have given you, you will see why we have grounds for feeling in the matter.

I return the examination papers and Mr. Grant's letter herewith, under another cover, and thank you for your attention to the matter. I shall be glad to know, when you have had time to look this all over, how it strikes you when you review the facts.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Taylor.

(Dictated)

Pres. Taylor to
Pres. Harper
Nov. 30. 1897.

Taylor

Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

May 24th, 1898.

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My dear Dr. Harper;

I understand that Professor Bonet-Maury is coming over this summer to lecture in your summer term. I congratulate you. We have on one occasion had him here. It occurs to me in that connection that perhaps if you are looking for some good work in French you might care to think of the Lowell lectures of our Professor Bracq. These lectures will be published some time in the fall, I hope, but could be utilized this summer admirably for some of your lecture courses if they are not already made up. They attracted a great deal of attention in Boston, and were most highly spoken of by the papers, and one of them, I remember, said they had had nothing of the same value since Matthew Arnold spoke there. I only throw out this suggestion. Of course Professor Bracq would not be able to be absent from his work long enough for anything of this sort unless it were during the summer term. He had ten lectures covering contemporary literature, philosophy, and so on.

This letter needs no recognition. I have written it in the thought of the possibility of serving you if you care for the assistance, and Professor Bracq if you should care to employ him.

I hope that you are taking better care of yourself than usual, though you must be tired of hearing that wish expressed. I should think that since men had been making it to you for twenty or thirty years you would begin to think yourself infallible, but, my dear fellow, you are not. Take care of yourself for the sake of all of us. Why do you not come on here like a wise man and see a good Commencement of the

old-fashioned type on the 8th of June ? I hope that you will get off this summer and have a genuine rest. When I think of you, I wish Chautauqua was a hole in the ground.

Faithfully yours,

J. M. Taylor

(Dictated)

Taylor

October 31st, 1898.

Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

My dear Dr. Harper;

You need not be afraid of any feeling on my part toward you nor any suspicion that you are trying to harm me. Not a bit of it. I was only surprised at this statement of Burton's at Rochester, which was reported to me as making me an exception among the twelve college Presidents, but I was so quoted not in regard to the University of Chicago and its foundations (by the way, you ask your friend and my dear friend Parker if he did not feel precisely as I did at that time about the new university), but regarding the question of co-education in general. I certainly have never publicly opposed, whatever I may have done in a Board meeting, co-education anywhere. I have my preferences, but they are not principles, and I should be sorry enough to see any check put upon the ability of a girl to get an education where she wishes to. Possibly I feel more strongly in that matter than I did when the University of Chicago was started, but even then I made no public statement, and only argued on what seemed to me a very special issue. I have no doubt that the final decision was a wise one.

Bring on your scheme, by all means. I want to see you. I am having several Bible lecturers this year with short courses. Kent is just giving three, Vincent is to give five on the New Testament, Pattison five on the poetic element in the Old Testament, we have had one from Dr. Gregory, of Leipsic, and I am expecting one from George Adams Smith in the spring. There is room for a course of just five by the President of the University of Chicago in the spring term. What do you say ? I was going to get a New Testament man for that, but I would rather have you than any one

else if you will only come down and give us anything in your heart. Now, then, what do you say? Only one condition I make, and that is that you do not saddle yourself with more than you ought to do.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Taylor

(Dictated)

Taylor

Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

March 6th, 1899.

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My dear Dr. Harper;

Your papers must have been slower than usual or else you had not seen your morning paper when you wrote me your letter. I am sorry that you will be disappointed in my decision. I wish that you might see the letter in which I declined the proposition of Brown. Ask Parker to let you see a copy of the Poughkeepsie paper which contained it, and in which I recall no mistake beyond the omission of the "respectfully" at the end of the letter which was left out by the printer. I could not bring myself in the face of all that I considered in those dreadful weeks of indecision to feel that I should be right in leaving a work like this at a time when it really seemed to need me, and when I might perhaps most of all do it the service that it needs. I was much impressed beside by the fact that the large proportion of the men of my acquaintance, unconnected with either college, felt that this position was one of equal, if not of greater, influence and that I should be losing the advantage of the years of my service here if I left, and should of course incur the risks that are incident to every change. You may be sure that I was not afraid of the work nor of the many problems suggested, and I was greatly attracted by many of the openings that I could see in the work of Brown and in the life at Providence. Any way, the decision is made, and I am here for better or for worse with the assurance that there is all the good work to be done here that any man can hope to

accomplish in this work.

Come and see us when you can, and believe me,

Faithfully yours,

J. Taylor

(Dictated)

Taylor

Personal

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The Woods
Vassar College.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.
Aug. 7. '91.

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My dear Dr. Harper,

Can't you possibly make an exception to your rule, & allow Miss Rickert to receive a degree without being at your Convocation? Her examinations, &c, will have been done, - and if she has to stay she will lose her first week with her classes at Vassar. That is so obvious that I am unwilling to grant it if it can be avoided in any way. This would be a real loss, & would her presence be aught but a formal gain to you? I want to accommodate her, but not to injure our work. Put yourself in my place & think what you'd do!

I was very sorry to see no more of you at Albany. I looked in vain for you after the reception & went away the next morning. It was good to have you in sight for a time.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Taylor.

Send envelope:
am in the woods.

December 10th, 1900.

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President J. W. Taylor,

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

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Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you, I remain

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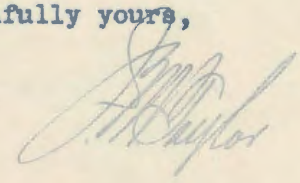
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.
December 7th, 1900.

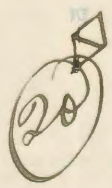
My dear Dr. Harper,

I learn from Mr. Ordway to-day that you have been elected to the University Club. Mr. Bruce and I are anticipating the dinner which we are to enjoy at your expense. I may add that I hope we shall have many occasions of joy together at the Club when the expense will not be altogether yours. It is a pity that you cannot include Miss McCaleb in this party since she seems to be largely responsible for your election, as the excellent letters which were written on your behalf were solicited by her during my absence in Europe.

When are you coming on? I wish you would stop here.

Faithfully yours,





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Oct.19th, 1901.

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To

President J. M. Taylor,

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

J M Taylor

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William R. Harper

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May 28th, 1900.

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President J. M. Taylor,

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

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Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
President's Office.

My dear friend,

We read the hard news in the papers & our hearts go out for you - & to you. We pray that the fears may be exaggerated and that the result may be recovery & reestablished health.

You have done a splendid work, albeit as it is given to few to do in a long life-time. And in it all you have endeared yourself to a great host of friends who love you & are lifting up their hearts for you. Our home treasures you and we all send you good cheer & a wish for victory.

Faithfully yours.

James M. Taylor

Feb 16, 1905

Pres. Wm R. Harper.