Chicago, Dec. 4, 1897.

Dr. W. R. Harper,

President, University of Chicago,

City.

My Dear Dr. Harper:

I was absent from the city when your letter, relative to the Pullman Institute and Mr. Lowden, was received at my house. I will have no difficulty whatever in arranging for the luncheon with Mr. Lowden, as suggested, but he is at present in New York and the time of his return is rather indefinite. I have had several talks with him and am very sure that he would be glad to meet you; and I will arrange it as soon as possible after his return.

Yours truly,
Dr. W. R. Harper,

1212 Chamber of Commerce Building, Chicago.

My Dear Sir:—

Your favor of the 26th inst. is duly received. I return herewith Dr. Andrew's letter. I will arrange the appointment for him for March 27th as suggested. I have telegraphed Dr. Moxom, inviting him to preach for us February 7th, and to address the Social Union on the evening of February 9th. I expect Mr. Gifford to speak the same evening. Will let you know as soon as I hear from Dr. Moxom.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
my dear Mr. Harper

It is with the greatest pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your interesting book, "Dread in Higher Education." I shall always cherish it as a reminder of one of the pleasantest and most profitable associations of one of my life. This is entirely apart from the value of the book itself which, I know, is very great.

By the daily papers, I learn that you are to take a rest in Lakewood for a time.
I hope it may prove beneficial to you in the highest degree, and that I may have the pleasure of welcoming you back greatly refreshed and strengthened.

Yours, in enduring friendship,

[Signature]
Chicago, November 29, 1911.

My dear Mr. Smith:—

President Judson was so much interested in and amused by the enclosed leaflet issued for the University of Chicago Alumni Association meeting at the University Club that he desires me to send to you a copy of "The Yearly Buffoon". He trusts you will enjoy it as much as he has.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Secretary to the President.

Mr. Willard A. Smith,
5006 East 64th Ave.,
Chicago.
President, I have no urgent interest in
any money for the medical center for the University of
Chicago Alumni Association meeting at the University Club.
I refer you to the copy of "The Alumni Bulletin." He
has screened me to copy to you a copy of "The Alumni Bulletin." He
wants you with a job as much as he can.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President.
Chicago, June 12, 1912

My dear Judge Smith:

Few things gave me more pleasure in connection with the interesting exercises yesterday than the attendance of practically the entire Board of Trustees throughout all the doings. Of course I know that the interest of the Board in the University and in the occasion was very deep. Even so, I wish to extend you my personal thanks and appreciation.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Hon. F. A. Smith,
155 N. Clark St., Chicago.
ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT,
CHAMBERS OF
MR. JUSTICE SMITH.

Chicago July 15, 1905

Dr. William R. Harper

My dear Dr. Harper—

Your letter of June 14, is

At hand regarding a subscription

to cover deficiency in current

expenses for the year just closed.

The administrative officers

of the University are its devoted

Committee for their efforts

for their large measure of

success in cutting out

from the estimated expenses to

charge on account of money. Very desirin

is it to supplement these needs

by making a subscription. My

present circumstances however


I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. Your籤撰 have been
drawn upon in various ways so largely that I cannot subscribe without great difficulty or
sacriﬁce.

 Permit it to say in all kindness that I do not think you are called upon to make any
gift to the University for the deficit, under the circumstances. The expenses of your visit
must necessarily have been very great. In my opinion the trustees ought not to accept a
subscription from you. Desirable as it is to clear the matter up, it is not of sufﬁcient
importance to justify you in making the sacriﬁce at this time. Which you must necessarily make to pay your subscription.

I intended to have responded to your letter promptly, but years of study have been so great
that I have been unable to get it in until now.

Yours very truly,
F. W. Smith
New York, July 8th, 1896

Dear Mr. Harper—

I received your telegram last evening and replied in substance that Mr. Peabody has the revised specifications of the Dining School for submission to our Committee. I intended to talk with you upon that and another subject before I left home for the summer, but there was no opportunity when we both were gone.

Mr. Hatchford sent the revised draft of our agreement to me after receiving the copy of the last action of our Board. There is much in it that is unnecessary, but I think it characteristic. The situation is peculiar and the donors are broad.

Practical men, friendly to the University and I do not think we ought to be much
Chairman, I have been in the matter of drafting the agreement. The Deaning School people understand that as a Committee we have no final authority to close any arrangement with them without first submitting it to our Board. But I think they are so far satisfied that we can and will agree upon the matter that they are going ahead with the preliminary steps.

Now Mr. President, there is another matter of far more importance which I have intended writing you upon. Once I had an opportunity, I stated it to you about it.

The immediate occasion of the advice I am about to give, is your appointment to the School Board.

You are doing too much working too hard. You are drowning the candles at both ends. I fear the result unless you blow out the flame at one end. I saw one older man than you are showing a great many weeds along the shore of cliffs. troubled sea, hardly any of them can ever be refitted for further use. Of course, your great asset is the University. There are thousands of men who will do service even as members...
limitations & disaster follows a breach of them— Your place is a high place, in the field of education. Your time, energy & strength should be given to the University where it is still mighty for good of a permanent character—

Now Mr I have written you quite a lecture & I will stop here— I have no fear but that you will receive what I have written in the right spirit & I have no thought of apologizing for writing it.

I want to add a word with reference to the Convention & Mr. Rockefeller's wish. I think the whole affair glorious & in the highest degree satisfactory. It was all that could be hoped for. Mr. Rockefeller made a profound impression upon the Board of Trustees. I believe that all of us will be more faithful & interested as a result of personal knowledge of and contact with them— I believe this Cup of happiness was nearly full, mi seeing with his own eye what his generosity is working out—

[Signature]
of school boards, but there are very few College Presidents. I have nothing but praise for Mayor Swift's efforts to raise the standard of the School Board.

I appreciate the importance of that work.

In comparison with your work at the University, however, it is small, temporary and likely to be absolutely overturned by the next whim of an changeable public opinion. I will say nothing of the Academic Council, which will be readily by your acceptance of the place because I wish to keep my point on the real controlling reason of which I am writing. For your I might say many things of more or less importance. Your health & unimpaired physical & mental strength are of the greatest importance to the University at the present and the future. It is my duty, impressed upon me, to urge this matter upon your attention, and a little time here & a rainy day gives one an opportunity to write this rather long letter to you upon this subject, & I do not expect you to reply to it. Well your course think it over for a while. Every human being has his