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My dear Dr. Harper,

I received yesterday Dr. Humbolt's copy of the letter exchanged recently between Dr. Volow and his office, and since he quoted me in connection with the matter I write to make my share perfectly clear to you and Dr. Volow.

Several months ago Dr. T. and his son Charles, while in New Haven on some business, called on me and introduced the subject of the Institute Studies, promised by Dr. Volow. The only or at least the principal objection made to them at that time was that a number of subscribers had complained about their contents, i.e. they were a little too advanced for the constituency. The reason was also, more or less, indirectly that many objected to lessons formulated by the "institute," as such critics supposed of course that the lessons are written by you (W.R.H) in person, and they suspected "heresy." On the whole they wondered whether, if they gave up the Institute Studies, I could not come in the whole ground in the "Senior Bible Class" departments. I spent some time in making it clear that both schemes were essential to the complete presentation by the Tutors of the lessons, and that my part was not intended to accomplish the same end as that in view of the "compiled studies." I suggested that as it stands now of the "Compiled Studies," I suggested that in my own judgment the best way of meeting the criticism in my own judgment the best way of meeting the criticism, made by existing subscribers was...
of the criticism which really has no specific grievance.

Recently I had occasion to make a small trip to Swarthmore, Pa. One while in Philadelphia I called on the office, having previous written that I should do so. I found then all on top again on the subject of the studies, apparently Dr. Munnell received (this was May 13th, I think) a letter which he had received from Dr. Volan's where-abouts main matter, but the office was more strained upon the same matter, but the office was more strained upon

length of the articles sent in. It must seem to you more than any other that

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I have just now read a copy of Dr. Volan's letter to Charles Munnell. I must say that I think it could have been more graciously worded. I do not think that he meant this in any sense when wrote by the subject. Mr. Munnell does not pay much attention to the subject.

I would merely notice when Dr. Munnell said in his letter of the same date about the quality of Dr. Volan's work, nothing was said in my presence against it quantitively. I am perfectly well aware that you will have to deal with this difficult situation. I will answer for being able to influence the Munnell's, if you will let me know what you think best to be done. 

I understand that Mr. Munnell sent you a copy of Dr. (who is not the Munnell's). This (if you have been supporting criticism for the party, if you wish) may think that I have been supporting criticism for the party, (if you wish).
Dear President Harper:

There is a little matter about which I have had it in mind for some time to confer with you. It concerns my relation to a large portion of the young men who attend my classes from Quarter to Quarter. I am now giving the regular Greek grammar course to the members of the Divinity School who entered this Autumn. I am constantly giving instruction to Divinity School students. Yet I do not meet with the Divinity Faculty, so that I do not come into contact with others who instruct and govern them; nor can I get any knowledge of them outside of my own class room.

My situation in this particular is not peculiar to me. The University Register indicates that there are a number of instructors similarly situated, e.g. Messrs. Price, Goodspeed, R. F. Harper, Crandall, Breasted. I do not know whether these men feel as I do the lack of close and all around contact with the men who take their University courses. But I have been wondering whether the difficulty could be overcome easily.

I do not suppose the rule holds for the Divinity School that an instructor who has students in that School is thereby a member of that Faculty. I infer that it does not hold there from the fact that I have never received an invitation to meet with the Divinity School Faculty, nor notice of its meetings; and from the fact that the Divinity School has an organization of its own, with a separate Board of Trustees, and the members of its Faculty are required to be Baptists in denominational connection.
Now with all this I have no reason or notion to interfere, of course. And it might seem that with my duties to the Senior College and the Graduate School Faculties I have all the occasion requires of that kind of work. And were it not that I long to know the Divinity men who come under me in fuller measure I should not bring the matter up.

As I am not a member of the Divinity School Faculty, if my understanding of things is correct, I should count it a privilege to be allowed to attend the meetings of that Faculty, taking no part therein, simply for the sake of coming thus into nearer relations to the young men of that School who take my courses. Do you think that the members of the Divinity Faculty would be willing for me to do this? and do you think it would be desirable from your own point of view? You will not gain the impression, nor if you confer with others about it allow the impression to be gained, that I have any disposition to interfere or intrude myself where I should be out of place.

I should be glad if you would tell me frankly whether I can get what I desire without being obtrusive.

Yours cordially,

C.W. [Signature]
June 3, 1897.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your men Votaw need a few

more doses of Peppermint. That is good for wind on the

stomach. His outdoor studies have not measured up to the

standard of either The Sunday School Times or of the American

Institute for Sacred Literature - as far as quality is concerned, but

they have greatly over-run as to length. They have cost too

much work in this office to keep them within proper space.

And to get them into proper shape. At the best, they have

by careful selection outside of the office as well as inside, as

been pronounced. Not worthy of the best name of these halls repudiate

for them. They have been talked over with Prof. Sanden from time to time,

and he will know what we have thought about them.

Recently, after a conference on the subject between myself,

Prof. Sanden, and myself, the proposition was made on grounds

apart from Votaw's work, to have the name published week by week

of the man who wrote the notes for the Institute. This was offered to

you by my son, and had your approval. About the same time

it was found necessary to cut down some of his overdrew notes to

something near the limit, originally agreed on between you and me

for the space to begin these studies. My son, as a matter of courtesy,

informed Dr. Votaw of the arrangement with his superior, and told him

that he should take it for granted that it was his approval, in the absence

of any objection from him. To-day there comes a letter in which he refuses

my suggestion. I know you too well to suppose that you will like

this style of writing by Dr. Votaw any better than I do.

Dr. Votaw looks at the same opportunity in dealing with

thoughts, topics, subjects, space, now. I cannot make any suggestion to you. Many

larger harms result, that you may tell what should be done.

Yours truly, A. B. N. Pliam.
June 3, 1897.

Clyde W. Votaw, Ph.D.:
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of May 31 is at hand. I regret to learn that you have been confined to a hospital, and trust that your recovery may be speedy.

The matter of publishing the Outline Studies over the writer's signature was not "proposed at the beginning of the course instead of in the middle of it", because the reasons for so doing were not at that time so apparent as they are to-day. You were not written to first about the matter, because we are accustomed to dealing with principals, not subordinates. Our notifying you of the decision reached by President Harper and ourselves was merely an act of courtesy on our part towards you.

The matter is now in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Trumbull, who is writing President Harper, and is forwarding to him a copy of your latest letter to me.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Charles Gallaudet Trumbull.
Associate Editor.
June 8, 1967

Dr. E.O. Thompson

University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of May 8th is at hand. I regret to learn that
your plans for your visit to this country may be
sought.

The matter of preparing the outline sketches over the minutes
of the Meeting of the Board of Overseers is now in
the hands of Mr. L. You were not written to at that time.

I am uncertain as to your arrival to the President. You were not written to at that time.

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The matter of Mr. L. to the President-By-Law is

I am uncertain as to your arrival to the President.

Yours sincerely,

(Handwritten and signed)

Associate Editor

Associate Editor
Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
Correspondent, Sunday School Times.

My dear Sir:

I am at present laid up in a hospital, but expect to be back to work again in a week. There will then be time to discuss more fully, if you wish, the matter presented in your letters of the 29th and 29th inst.

I do not wish my name to appear in connection with the Studies. Why was not this matter proposed at the beginning of the course instead of in the middle of it? You might have written to me first about the matter. We will finish the course anonymously as we have begun it.

As to the length of the Studies, I think you had better agree to allow them to run as they have. I doubt whether you have any conception of how the Studies are already compressed. You are not giving me more space than you gave the New Testament courses last year. It is impossible to handle New Testament courses in the same space as Old Testament courses to which you referred by way of comparison.

Perhaps I have undertaken too large and complete a plan for Sunday School Times articles. Half the remaining Studies for the year are book studies covering all the N.T. Epistles. I cannot put these into 600 words. I will endeavor to bring them within the average space accorded me during the last six months.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. W. Votaw.
Dear Mr. Tappert,

My dear Girl,

I am so pleased that you are coming to visit us. We will be able to see you more often now that you are working nights. Please try to keep in touch and write us regularly.

I hope you enjoy your time here. We are all looking forward to your visit.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) O. M. Tappert
June 10th, 1897.

Professor F. K. Sanders,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Sanders:—

I have written fully to Dr. Trumbull instructing him to print Mr. Votaw's name in connection with the studies, and I have also written Mr. Votaw, who is now in the hospital, making full explanation and asking him to conform to all the requirements of the Times.

I am indebted to you for your full explanation of things, and I think everything will be all right now. We certainly must hold on to the Times, and I thank you for your interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
I have written this to the President

I have been told to write in connection with the

important and know that many, at least to some extent, have no idea of the

situation. I believe that the President may well be interested in the matter of

10.

We refer you to the above.

Yours truly

[Signature]
Dear Dr. Harper,

This Sunday School Times really needs immediate attention. I think everything will be all right now. I have answers sent to your name on each letter. It would do well to read through all when you are equal but there is no harm.

June 10th, 1897.

Dr. Clyde W. Votaw, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Votaw:

I have directed the publishers of the Sunday School Times in answer to a special request from them to that effect, to publish your name in connection with the studies. Dr. Trumbull has sent me the correspondence which has passed between you, and I regret that there seems to be a little misunderstanding or rather a presentation of things which I think does not really cover the case. Mr. Trumbull is evidently annoyed, and Dr. Trumbull Sr. has written me along letter setting forth their side of the question. I have also had a letter from Mr. Sanders on the subject, so you see they are quite stirred up.

The difficulty seems to be wholly in the length of the studies which you send. It is not fair to them to occupy more space than they give us. I understand fully, I am sure you will believe, the difficulty of condensing this material, but it is a case in which we must sacrifice our own ideals to space. The work must be kept within the space which they give us. We are receiving good compensation for these studies, and it is a great thing for the Institute to be allowed to furnish them. We cannot therefore afford to offend Dr. Trumbull or to lose this connection with the Times.

I learned from Mr. Sanders letter that one of the chief reasons why they wish to have the name published in connection with the studies is that on account of my connection with the Institute it is
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generally supposed that I prepare the studies, and in consequence
the heresy hunters are continually after them on my account. You
will see therefore that personally I am bound to allow them to
publish your name in connection with the work. It will be better,
at all events, for the studies and there is certainly nothing in them
that could be picked up unless people were under the supposition that
they were written by myself or some other equally notorious heretic.

Upon your return to the University I shall be glad to talk
the whole matter over with you if you desire it. In the meantime
I beg of you to conform to all the requirements of the journal and
to cooperate with us as you always do in promoting the best inter-
est of the Institute and its work. Perhaps you do not know that
the Times have been complaining ever since we began to furnish
studies of our taking too much space, so that you are not the first
victim. We must be careful.

I am very glad to learn that you are so rapidly getting back
your strength. I shall be glad to see you upon your return.

Very truly yours,
June 20th, 19XX

Dear Sir,

Understandable that I have some comments and issues I want to address.

After the recent meeting, I would appreciate it if we could discuss the following points:

1. The progress update on Project XYZ is not as expected. Please provide an explanation and a revised timeline.
2. The recent issues with the supply chain for materials have caused delays in production. A detailed report is required to understand the root cause and plan corrective action.
3. The performance of the team on Project ABC was below expectations. An immediate intervention is needed to improve productivity and meet the project deadlines.
4. The budget for the next quarter was exceeded by 20%. A detailed analysis is required to identify the factors contributing to the overrun and propose corrective measures.

Please provide a detailed response to the above points by the end of the week. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
President William E. Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Harper:

Your letter with regard to Mr. Votaw and the Outline Studies is of special interest to me, and I am glad to bear in mind all the circumstances and difficulties to which you call my attention.

You ask me what the "required compass" for these Studies is. In reply I will say that it is just what was agreed upon between you and me at the time the arrangement was first made, not to exceed 300 words. That was the space in our columns which we could afford to devote to this department, and that was the space which you thought would be sufficient. That this limit was understood by the several writers in their turn is, I think, beyond question. For instance, in a letter to you by Mr. Du Bois, of November 19, 1896, it was stated in this way, "The weekly articles of the Institute must, therefore, be kept within 300 words, and I hope that Dr. Votaw will set about his work at once so that we can have the manuscripts in hand well in advance."

A few weeks later, under date of December 3, 1896, Mr. Du Bois wrote to Mr. Votaw as follows: "By referring to my letter of November 19 addressed to Dr. Harper, if you have access to it, you will find that the arrangement was, that the Institute articles must be kept within 300 words, or better, somewhat less. 800 words was our original arrangement, and we have never departed from it, although Dr. Shailer Mathews used to go beyond the limit and so made it necessary for us to cut down. Professor Sanders has kept his articles to within from 1/2 to 3/5 of a column, at least during the last quarter. It will be a guide to you to know that your first study, now in type, measures about a column without the heading and contains between 700 and 750 words. This is in excess of nearly 150 words." Of course, I understand, as you suggest, that it always hampers a man somewhat to keep with-
in his limits of duty, and that it requires ability to do what one has promised to do, and to say what he ought to say, and no more, within our mundane limits.

As to Mr. Votaw's ill health, as a factor in this case, you, of course, know more than I do. But I want to say that my judgment, as to his work, is based on a comparison of it with that of Professor Shailer Mathews, of Professor Sanders, and Professor Bush Reese, and not in view of the "idea of a popular Sunday-school mind". Moreover I am by no means alone in taking exception to "his methods of work as a student and teacher". President Robert Ellis Thompson is both a scholar and a teacher. His independent criticisms of Mr. Votaw's work as he examined it week by week, was so directly in the line of my own convictions that I asked him to write them out to Professor Sanders. If you will consult the latter on the main point of Mr. Votaw's method and style of work in these Studies, I think you will find that I have good reasons for thinking as I do of Mr. Votaw in comparison with former writers in the same sphere.

In view of what you say, we will cut down the Studies that he has already furnished, without troubling him to undertake the task.

One reason for his redundancy is, his apparent idea that he is the only writer on these lessons week by week, and that he must therefore cover the ground which is occupied by Professor Amos B. Wells, Faith Latimer, and other writers.

Hoping with you that this correspondence will result in greater efficiency in the conduct of this important department, I am, my dear Dr. Harper,

Yours sincerely,
I am going to make sure you fill out your statement at the end of this chapter.
My dear Mr. Votaw:

Allow me to congratulate you upon your recovery. I have just heard that you have got back home and are able to move about. I can appreciate, in a limited way, the deprivation of health, having been on my back for ten days. Take care of yourself. I enclose a letter from H.C.Trumbull which I think you ought to read. Hoping that you will take good care of yourself,

I remain

Yours truly,

[Signature]

N.B. I think it is important that you see the whole situation and so I send you all the letters with the articles which have been sent. You must not get us into trouble with the Sunday School Times.
My dear Mr. President,

I do not think we can do anything about the Standard's editorial on Voltaire's novel, except to call Voltaire's attention to it. Certainly, to assume it in the pages of NW would be an unwise departure from the previous policy of the World. I have not read the book, and cannot therefore judge whether each of the writers raised the matter, but I think a word of caution to Voltaire against writing with so much vigor and vigor may possibly be in place. Stanley's editorial seems to me - again to speak with no knowledge of the book - a cause of much ado about little.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest DeWitt Burton
NEW TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT

The University of Chicago

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My dear Mr. President,

I sincerely regret that Mr. Volan did not see fit to consult with some of his friends before sending his letter to the Standard. I do not wonder that the editorial annoyed him, and I do not think the Standard editor altogether justified—a wise thing to say, at least—a thing as they did. But Mr. Volan’s letter is extremely unwise, and I altogether sympathize with your letter to him.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

May 14, 1907
May 13th, 1902.

My dear Mr. Votaw:-

I have received your letter of May seventh and the copy of the letter sent to The Standard. It does not seem to me that a letter of this kind will accomplish anything. I do not believe it is the part of a scholar or a Christian to write letters of so violent a character, and I am afraid that this same feeling will be entertained by your other colleagues. This is not the way to make progress. I have not thought it wise to reply to the Standard editorial at all. We shall go backwards rather than forwards if we adopt the policy involved in the writing of your letter of May seventh.

Yours very truly,
I have received your letter of May 20th, and
the copy of the letter sent to the President. I have not seen
it is not possible to make a decision on the evidence or statement or answer
it is not possible to compare the evidence or state the evidence or answer
in a different case, and I am willing that this case should be considered
by your own selection. This is not the way to make business. I have
not enough to write to the Secretary of State.

May 20th, 1892.
Dear President Harper:

I inclose to you a copy of a letter which I have sent to the Baptist Standard of this city, in consideration of their editorial of April 26th attacking myself. It is the first time I have been attacked personally by any reputable paper, and I am highly indignant over it. There was no occasion for this; they simply vented their spleen upon me because they thought (probably) that I was a "safe" mark. I cannot submit to this kind of abuse without branding it by its right name, and entering an urgent protest. I think the Standard ought to be made to feel that defaming biblical scholars is not respectable journalism.

The same editorial presented an unjust, drastic and evil-minded criticism of the Biblical World, to which a private reply should probably be made. You will perhaps wish to make this reply yourself. I will attempt to draft the reply if you wish.

Yours as ever,

C.W. Votaw.
Chicago, May 7, 1903:

Gentlemen: I consider your recent editorial upon my Review in the Biblical World a violent, premeditated and malicious personal attack upon myself. I entirely repudiate its insinuations of heresy. And I denounce your conduct in the publication of this venomous assault as a descent to the mud-slinging of second-class religious editors. There is no dirtier work at the present time in which you can engage than the defaming of biblical scholars. I had no reason to think that the first attack upon me in a respectable paper would be in the Baptist Standard. I maintain that there was nothing in my Review to justify your attack. You are entitled to publish your view of Dr. Nicoll's book, and I to publish mine. I would not think of abusing you because your view did not accord with mine.

C.W. Votaw.
Your letters of October 12th have been received.

Concerning the "managing editorship". Permit me to say two or three things: 1) I have appreciated exceedingly the work you have done as secretary of the Board of Editors. This Board, to be sure, has been largely a fiction, and I have often thought that to make it more of a reality, but your service has been without question of the highest order and of the most helpful character.

2) I have understood your work to be that of an office editor rather than that of the managing editor. I have understood that I myself was really the managing editor for final decisions have been made by me and I have taken the final responsibility.

3) Some time ago, perhaps five or six years ago, after a full consideration of the matter, I decided that so long as I lived and remained connected with the University, I would retain the editorial management of the Biblical World. It would not be consistent with this to have a managing editor in addition to the editor. As a matter of fact, the title "managing editor" will, in all probability, disappear from all university publications within the next few months. It is not consistent with the responsibility which rests upon heads of departments.
My dear Mr. Watson:

Your letter of October 15th was very promptly received.

Regarding the 'contracture of the Secretaryship', I have never been asked to say two or three sentences of the Board of Directors. The Board, as such, has never been formed a collection into a council and I have often thought of it to make it more of a reality, but your usage has been without demotion or promotion of the slightest alteration or even to the word 'public office'.

(2) I have no record here to do part of an office which I have no record of. I have no record of the. I have not signed the minutes of the various offices for these reasons have been passed, wherefore so any I have passed the final law of the

(3) Same time ago, perhaps live on six years ago after a fall

As a matter of fact, the 'Secretary of the University' would not be involved with the University. It would not be consistent with a management of the difficult world. I have not been involved with a reply of any matter or effect to the double. As a matter of fact, the 'Secretary of the University' will not be involved with the University. It is not consistent with the management of the difficult world.
4) In your work in connection with the editorial management of the Biblical World, you have been brought into personal contact with many men of the highest character, and your efficient work has become known to them. I am therefore of the opinion that you have not lost in any respect by your association with the Biblical World. It is after all the work one does that counts.

I am making this full statement in reply to your note of October 13th in order that you may clearly understand some of the different points involved, and especially that fact that the phrase "managing editor" is to be discarded in the future in connection with all university journals.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

N.B. I shall be glad to discuss this whole matter with you more definitely in an interview.
In your work in connection with the quadratic management of the trefidic World, you have been plunged into research concerning which may be of the quadratic variable, and your additional work has become known to them. I am interested in the opinion that you have not pointed in any respect of your association with the trefidic World.

It is after all the work done that counts.

I am making these few statements in order to your note of October 15th.

In order that you may eventually understand some of the difficulties which I have experienced and especially important is the phrase "necessary action" to be given in the future in connection with all associated problems.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Hackett

I shall be glad to become this matter with you more.
Dear President Harper:—

For some time it has seemed to me desirable that my relation to the Biblical World should be specifically designated. It is now eight years since I have been the "managing editor" under your editorship. I should like, if you are willing, to assume this title, and have it announced on the title page of the magazine.

Very truly yours,

C.W.V.
CHICAGO, October 30, 1907.

Dear President Matthews:

Well, some time I have reason to be grateful .

... and of similar to the different world's worth of social justice ... said. If to some extent better, since I have seen the "success" ... of course your explanation. I thought ... if you were only ... time and you are announcement on the little book at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

G.W. [Inaudible]
June 10th, 1897.

Dr. H. Clay Trumbull,


My dear Dr. Trumbull:—

I have read carefully the letters which have come from you and from your son Mr. C. C. Trumbull. I have also read Mr. Votaw's letter to you. I wish to explain on behalf of Mr. Votaw that he has been suffering for some time from illness and has been in the hospital for some weeks. He is ordinarily distinguished for his courtesy and consideration, and I regret very much that he should have misrepresented himself by his work and correspondence with you.

My instructions to print his name in connection with the studies was authoritative, of course. He was ill, and we did not think it necessary to consult him in regard to it.

I appreciate very fully your point of view, and will instruct Mr. Votaw to cut his work down so as to come within the required compass. May I ask just what this compass is? It is certainly true that cutting down the studies is detrimental to the work and it is also true that any writer of studies covering the Acts and Epistles is greatly hampered by the lack of space for the reason that every particle of material must be covered and much of it is of such a nature that it requires as full treatment as possible. Still I agree with you that we have no right to use more space than you assign to us. It may be that Mr. Votaw has prepared his studies for another month ahead, and as he is not yet out of the hospital I should not like to ask him to cut these down, but in a
I hope you are enjoying your vacation in [Redacted]. Please let me know if there is anything I can assist you with.

Best,
[Name]
week or two he will be at work again and I will give him full in-
structions concerning the studies. I hope you will permit me to
say in regard to his work, however, that it ought to be as good as
anything which has ever been published in the Times. Mr. Votaw
is one of our valued teachers here in the University, and is pub-
lishing studies in the Biblical World upon the same subject as your
studies. He has already published an exhaustive series of studies
upon the Acts and is a thoroughly good teacher and sound scholar.
If his work has not come up to the mark this winter I think it must
surely have been his ill health, the cause of which is now removed.

However, I hope that you will be perfectly frank with us in
connection with these studies now and always, and we will do our
best to make them acceptable to the readers of the Times, always
remembering that from our point of view there is a certain standard
to be desired which is perhaps not always the ideal of the popular
Sunday School mind, but which I am sure they will come up to in time.

I am writing Mr. Votaw, explaining my directions to publish
his name in connection with the studies, and I hope that everything
will be satisfactory to all concerned.

Very truly yours,
I hope you will write me when I will return from my trip. As for my return, I have no idea. I will let you know as soon as I arrive. In the meantime, I have been enjoying my stay here and reading more about the history of the area. I have also been spending time with the local people, learning about their culture and way of life. It has been a great experience so far. I hope you will write to me soon, and I look forward to hearing from you again.

And back home,