CORNELL UNIVERSITY,
DEPARTMENT OF GREEK.

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Ithaca, N. Y. 10/II '91.

My dear Dr Harper.

I certainly will make every endeavor to meet you at as early a day as possible. I have just returned from New York, and it is unfortunate that I did not know you were there.

Friday evening next (13th) I expect to be in Syracuse. Sunday I must be here, as I have arranged to entertain President Hill of Rochester, the preacher of the day. On the 21st and 22d I shall be in Lockport at the

Y.M.C.A. convention.

Perhaps I could arrange to meet you somewhere, say Poughkeepsie, on the 22d. by Harmyhockpt. on Satd. evening and canceling my Sunday's engagement, which is not a matter of printed announcement.

I cannot however in decency leave at the time of Pres. Hill's visit, for it is at my instance he comes here.

Schurman and Hale are ~~two of our~~ strongest men, and would be an acquisition for any institution. I am quite sure, in all honesty,

that you overestimate the importance of my services. Still I of course feel greatly honored by your willingness to connect me with the new enterprise, and am anxious to hear of its prospects and plans.

I shall telegraph you this afternoon.

Sincerely yours Boy: Schurman.

P.S. Please express to President Taylor my appreciation of his proffered hospitality.

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY,
ITHACA, NEW YORK.

My dear Professor Harper,

I feel as if I ought to say something to you concerning the proposals you have made me. You have been very patient, but my conscience decidedly reproaches me for trespassing upon that patience so long as I have.

I have done the most serious thinking I could with the

material at hand. I have indeed hoped that by waiting new material might appear to me or occur to me, but I cannot find anything essentially new in the case to change the view that I expressed to you at Buffalo. That is, the two objections which I mentioned to you then remain uninvalidated. It seems to me, therefore, only due and right that I should keep you no longer in doubt as to my decision.

I have no lack of faith in the ultimate success of the Chicago University. I have no doubt that it should find there ample ground for work, and if I were not satisfactorily placed, I should not hesitate to undertake the work with you. but I do not think I should improve my present position by the change. Hence I say "Stay by the old, till the new is proven better."

Yours may be sure I am deeply and honestly sensible

of the great confidence you repose in me in offering to make me one of the leaders in your enterprise, and you may be sure of my sympathy and assistance in every way that is practicable for me.

Very sincerely yours,

Benj. Ide Wheeler.