

THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

THEODORE M. HAMMOND  
Steward

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

WILLIAM R. HARPER, President

Hammond

CHICAGO Jan 6, 1897

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Dr. W. R. Harper

My dear Sir,

Referring to your query as to what might be offered me aside from the employment bureau, now that the students have taken entire charge of the boarding department, I would state that since the subject was first broached to me by you I had expected the appointment to the position of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. I understand that there is objection among the committee to this appointment, and I am not surprised at it, as I have received intimation of dissatisfaction from members of the committee. This dissatisfaction, however, I claim is the result of a misunderstanding between the members of the committee and myself as to who was my immediate superior.

You will recollect that when you told me of my appointment to the position of steward, you told me distinctly that I was to obey orders from you, or in your absence, from Dr. Gunderspeed, ~~this~~ and that no one should stand between you and me. This I have kept in mind, at the same time endeavoring to please the other trustees. I realize that I made a great mistake in consulting the members of the Building Committee about removing my office to the basement, but you will remember that

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WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Chicago, Jan. 1, 1911

Dr. W. H. Harris  
111 East 5th St.

Referring to your paper on the subject of the effect of  
 the rise from the employment bureau, and that the students  
 have taken entire charge of the working department, I would  
 like to state that since the subject was first brought to me by you  
 I had expected the appointment to the position of a part-time  
 lecturer of business and finance, a subject which I had  
 expected among the other subjects to be included, and  
 am not surprised that it has been carried over to the  
 committee for a number of the committee. This is  
 satisfactory, however, I claim in the event of a revision  
 being made between the members of the committee  
 myself as to who was very much interested in the  
 subject. You were regarded that when you take one of any of  
 positions to the position of others, you take an opportunity  
 that I was to observe for you in your address, for  
 a few days, but that we are about to have a  
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 and this to the business and marketing committee.

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You advised me to do so.

In following explicit directions of Dr Goodspeed, as in the cases I cited to you in conversation, I encountered the displeasure of Mr Binckley. Such things put a man in a dilemma, and make it impossible to be a satisfaction to himself or his superiors.

I submit that ~~in~~ the items of equipment and organization that you personally intrusted to me have been promptly and efficiently carried out, and that had authority in the matter not been taken from me the Beatrice and Drake dormitories would have been in much better shape for moving into Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. I submit further that the items of business which have passed through my hands to Dr Goodspeed have been in proper shape and form and that nothing has been lacking in my reports since I ascertained in various ways what the wishes of the committee were. Since September first I have had no authority whatever in the matters of buildings and grounds and have done nothing except upon the order of the Superintendent, some of the trustees, yourself or Dr Goodspeed. It can hardly be expected

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that under these circumstances everyone can be thoroughly satisfied. I am confident, however, that, given proper authority, and one person to <sup>whom to</sup> report for orders, I could discharge the duties of that office satisfactorily. Nor do I believe any man capable of doing it under any other conditions -

Mr Parker and I work together very harmoniously and each is very willing to supplement the work of the other. Carrying out, then, the plan of Mr Ryerson, for Mr Parker's duties, might not the duties of the steward consist properly of the following.

1. Conduct an employment bureau (as at present)
2. Assign rooms to University students
3. Attend to the distribution, and maintain a register of the keys of the institution
4. Assign, upon proper requisition, the use of the Lulls and assembly rooms of the University, and superintend the lighting and seating arrangements of the same.
5. Maintain a time register of all the employes of the University (except the officers of government and instruction)
6. Maintain a register of the addresses and hours of every student, officer and member of the faculty of the University

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2. Study room to University students
3. Attend to the institution, and maintain a register of the  
type of the institution
4. Keep up for future reference, the use of the tools and  
materials, room of the University, and arrangements of the same
5. Maintain a register of all the employees of the University  
(except the officers of government and institution)
6. Maintain a register of the address of every student officer  
and member of the faculty of the University

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These items will all increase rapidly with the growth of the University and it would seem advisable that a comprehensive system should be inaugurated at once.

As to the objection to paying commissions upon work done by students for the University, I have been ready, from the beginning, for a readjustment of that matter and have been waiting for it.

Under the above arrangement the entire matter of employment, student and otherwise can be systematized and concentrated, to the advantage of students as well as the University. I have many plans for the coming year, by which absolutely no student, willing to work for reasonable pay need want for employment. During these few months of the beginning of the University I have brought students and employers together to the extent of nearly six thousand dollars - which considering the number of students, and the long recitation hours, I claim is a good record. I am deeply interested in this work and have given much time and labor to it which was paid for only in my confidence of a continuance in it until the fruition of the great plans of the institution, and I want to stay, under a readjustment of duties which

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do, unhindered by conflicting authorities

Sincerely

*T. Hammond*

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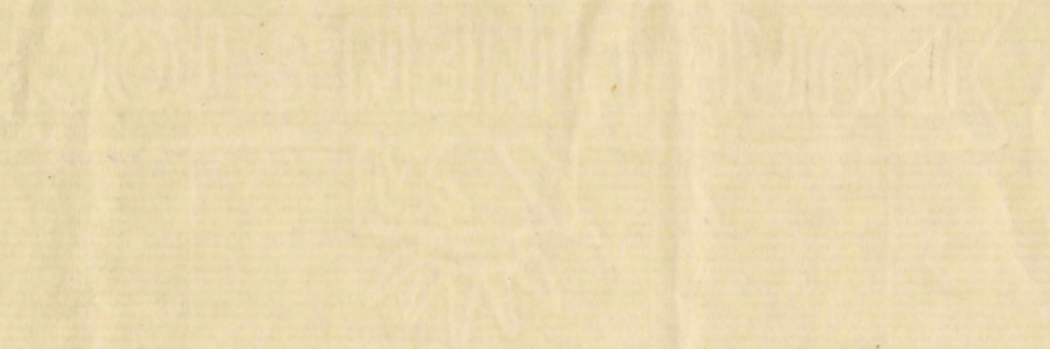
WILLIAM R. HARPER, ASSISTANT

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These are some of the names of students who are  
to be employed by the University of Chicago

Respectfully,  
W. R. Harper



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Dr. W. F. Harper

My dear Sir:

Herewith are the reports showing the condition of the University Commons in the several departments, also a statement of the Morgan Park Academy for January. I am not satisfied with this condition, nor do I feel under obligation to shoulder the entire responsibility for it. You have raised objection to the fact that you were not officially notified before my report of the extent of the Commons deficit.

My arrangement was to make a quarterly report, but at the time I opened a bank account with the boarding club funds I arranged with Dr. Goodspeed and Mr. Ryerson that my ac-

counts should be checked up and vouchers examined and approved monthly - It being understood of course that this examination would disclose the exact situation just that often -

Tomorrow first I requested Dr Goodspeed to make such examination and he said he would do so at his first opportunity. Sometime later I spoke to him about it again and was told that the University was employing an accountant who would do this and devise new books for me. I then spoke to the accountant regarding it and was told he would reach my department soon - But he has not yet finished the other offices -

The Commons department was not furnished with a cent with which to lay in any stock of staple provisions but started and has run on bare ground, being compelled in the case of the Beatrice to pay outside help out of

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the common funds and wait until the next month for reimbursement from the University. And as the cost of board has exceeded the income the bills could not all be paid with the money which came to my hands.

The first months have been trying me with one person responsible for the results of several people's authority. Liabilities incurred without my authority or knowledge and my appointments and arrangements disregarded, often, perhaps, to advantage, but all tending to entangle me, and during all the time, with these three departments on my hands, to say nothing of the detail work of

the employment bureau, and the multitude of details naturally attendant upon the opening of the institution, the application which I made for office assistance such as every other office had in abundance, was refused, and all my purchasing, book keeping, correspondence <sup>and</sup> everything else has been done without assistance, except at a total expense of less than fifteen dollars for occasional stenography, and there is sometimes a limit to what a man can do. Withal, however, the duties of timekeeper <sup>and</sup> paymaster have been fulfilled without error.

The employment bureau has covered the ~~ground~~ <sup>ground</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> developing much for next summer, and the Com mons has done well, I claim, considering the pressure brought from one side to improve the quality and service in any event, and the struggle, against

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Constantly increasing prices to  
keep expenses down.

I make this claim -  
that the goods which I have bought could  
not have been bought to better advantage  
and could not have been dealt out more  
sparingly without creating a greater  
dissatisfaction than did exist and  
you know that was great enough.

Very truly yours

Theodore M. Hammond

THEODORE W. HAMMOND  
SECRET

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Our faculty increasingly anxious to  
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 Theodore W. Hammond



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*Woods*

Dear Dr Harper,

The enclosed is an accurate statement made from the voucher records. You are mistaken if you suppose I am working only in the University, at the same time I propose to supply what help is needed here, and as speedily as possible.

I have been trying for a long time to do something for Pollock, but his is one of those peculiar cases that nothing seems to fit, so far. He is tied up with a wife and an expensive flat. I sent him to a clothing store to work Saturdays, but he thought the work was <sup>worth</sup> more than they would pay. I offered

him the juniorship of a private school,  
but he didnt want that. What he  
wants particularly is a lamp lighting  
route, and that is not to be had just  
now for anybody. I have a job of  
tutoring that I shall offer him today  
if he can take care of it.

There are very few, if indeed any,  
applicants for work who have not had  
something.

I might be getting out more  
correspondence regarding the bureau  
but I dont seem to be able to secure  
the services of any of the corps of stenog-  
raphers.

Carpenters at work and things  
bought at the Praterie. — I am  
going down this morning on an appoint-  
ment with the wheel chair man.

J. M. Hammond

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Chicago January 4th, 1906.

Mr. Harry Pratt Judson,  
The University of Chicago.

My dear Mr. Judson:-

I have read carefully the report of Mr. Berlin. It indicates very successful work but raises at the same time a very serious problem. The summary of employment secured through the help of the Bureau in the autumn quarter is rather impressive; 227 men at a total <sup>Wage</sup> ~~rate~~ of \$8292.75. It is certain that before the establishment of the Bureau a good many students secured outside work and a portion of the effect of the figures which I have quoted is due to the fact that statistics previously scattered have been drawn together and made a matter of record. It is also certain, however, that owing to the vigor and tact with which Mr. Berlin has operated, the volume of employment has been materially increased. I should not be at all surprised if it had been doubled. This is, of course, a significant fact and a great advantage to the University. A large number of our

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On the other hand, you may not have noticed that although during the last quarter Mr. Berlin has been receiving his tuition plus \$35 for the quarter (he has received \$40 for his work in connection with the Bureau of Information at the School of Education) he now takes the ground that his work has passed the experimental stage and asks for \$60 a month. It should be said that he is carrying only two courses and that he proposes to give all his afternoons and Saturdays to the work of the Bureau. Whether it will be possible for the University to meet this request, or whether it will be

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These are the main elements of the problem. Whatever is done ought to be done promptly so that we may not be confronted later with the argument that by permitting Mr. Berlin to go on and saying nothing we have tacitly consented to the terms which

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*Henry D. Jones*

*Employment  
Office*

December 18, 1908

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Very truly yours,

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BLUFFTON, INDIANA, Dec. 15, 1908.

President, Chicago University,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

As organizer of this college I have instituted a plan of assisting worthy young persons, especially children of widows, too poor to pay for a course of training, by allowing them to pay a part or all of their tuition after securing a position, also making them especially low rates. As examples: A widow lady completed short hand at a cost of \$15. and now holds a position with the C. B. & C. R. R. Co., at Huntington, which pays a salary of \$50; Curtis Fields, Private Secretary at De Pauw University, was given a course here for less than \$20. Many other instances could be mentioned, but it is my desire to arrange if possible to extend my operations, and a better education would be the shortest means to the end. I have tried for twelve years to secure higher education, but an injury to my knee necessitating an operation in 1893 at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, disabled me for several years, after which a series of operations on myself and wife, deaths, and severe illness, have until the past year prevented the consumation of my plans. Having come thru all with sound body and health I have determined to try again. I succeeded in working my way

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I ask that you kindly keep this matter in confidence, as the nature of our business demands.

Trusting to receive a proposition from you, I am,

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Lester*

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BLUFFTON, INDIANA,

TO WHOM THIS MAY BE PRESENTED:

This is to certify that I am intimately acquainted with Mr. J. W. Lester of this city. Having been associated with him for more than two years I know him to be a very capable and resourceful instructor in commercial studies. His success in that line is attested by scores of young people who are holding responsible office positions in this city as well as in the larger cities of our country.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) P. A. Allen.

Superintendent of Public Schools

TO ALL WHO MAY BE INTERESTED:

We take pleasure in recommending Mr. J. W. Lester, who has been in our employ for the past four years in various clerical and commercial capacities. He leaves us at our sincere regrets, but for the purpose of establishing a business of his own. The least we can say as to his business ability is that he is well schooled and experienced in all branches of clerical and commercial work, from the highest class of stenography, on through business correspondence, bookkeeping, and so forth, and also expert and very accurate in figures.

During Mr. Lester's association with us he has had entire charge of our Foreign Business, and inaugurated many valuable short-cuts and economical systems in our office. As to his character and habits, they are most correct and exemplary.

With our best wishes for his success, we are,

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. A. Ullman.

Gen. Mgr. Red Cross Mfg. Co

TO THE PUBLIC:

I take pleasure in saying that I personally know J. W. Lester of the Bluffton Business College, having been acquainted with him for the past fourteen years, and I know him to be a young man of splendid moral and intellectual qualities. He has held a number of responsible positions and in all proven himself a competent and upright man.

Young men and women committed to the care of Mr. Allen and Mr. Lester of the Bluffton Business College, will certainly be in safe and efficient hands.

(Signed) L. A. Becks

Pastor M. E. Church, Elkart, Ind

BLUFFTON BUSINESS COLLEGE

STUDENTS RECEIVED AT ANY TIME

Bluffton Business College  
Bluffton, South Carolina

FOR YATMAN AND WILLIAMS

Bluffton, S.C.

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TO WHOM THIS MAY BE PRESENTED:  
This is to certify that I am intimately acquainted with Mr. J. W. Yattman, having been associated with him for more than two years. I know him to be a very capable and successful instructor in commercial studies. His success in that line is attested by scores of young people who are holding responsible office positions in this city as well as in the larger cities of our country.  
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Chicago November 8th, 1904.

My dear Mr. Judson:-

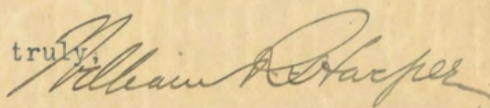
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The University of Chicago

Founded by John D. Rockefeller

Office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

Chicago  
November 15th, 1904.

Doctor William R. Harper,  
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Dear Sir:-

My dear Mr. MacLean:-

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If we are to get good results from the employment bureau I wish to acknowledge your kind letter of November 5th and the very helpful suggestions which it contains concerning the Employment Bureau. I appreciate the fact that your time is in the city we must bring influence to bear upon them. I would raise fully occupied. I think, however, that it would be very excellent the following questions for your consideration.

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Chicago Nov. 5-04.

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The Sandrang Club

November 15th, 1904.

*Ample Board*

Mr. James Westfall Thompson,

My dear Mr. Thompson:-

I am very grateful to you for your kind letter of November 10th. This gives me some excellent information. I think the names you have given are excellent, and I think we may proceed soon in the direction of undertaking this work. I am wondering now what you have been relieved of the work of the Club you would yourself like to be a member of this new Board.

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Chicago Nov 10 - 1904  
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Dear Dr. Harper:-

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I doubt not that you have seen the article by Prof.

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May I offer the following names, with a personal observation

in regard to each? -  
Mr. J. P. Goode, whose administrative ability and practical sense

I have a high opinion of, judging from observation and what I know of

his work at Pennsylvania. Moreover, the economic nature of his

subject draws him out into the manufacturing and employing world.

Mr. Hill, whose organizing ability has been displayed in the

promotion of practical politics, & who has a long acquaintance

through the City Club and the Citizens Association with the city.

Mr. Hill, who, as you know is Miss Jane Adams' nephew

and whose associations, inclinations and social relations may be

said to be "philanthropic".

Chicago Nov. 10. 1911

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H. F. Chandler

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## The Quadrangle Club

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I have taken the liberty to write so freely - perhaps personally - because I have thought you letter asked for so full a treatment of the subject.

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CHICAGO Nov. 15, 1904.

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Of course you recognize the fact that this work can never be done well until it is put upon some sort of basis, namely of administration under a paid manager.

However I agree with you that something temporary can be done under the auspices of the right committee. I suggest the following names: Mr. Percy H. Boynton; Mr. Joseph Iddings; Mr. G. J. Laing; Miss Myra Reynolds; Mr. Frank B. Tarbell; Mr. J. H. Tufts & Mr. Joseph Warren.

I think all of these persons would be interested in such work and might be counted upon to take an active part.

Sincerely yours,

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Dean

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Office of Information and Exchange

Chicago 1/13/1905.

President William R. Harper:

Dear Sir:

In reference to the report on the Department of Self-Help at the last convocation, I beg to submit the following for your consideration in view of the fact that our Bureau of Self-Help must enlarge its scope to meet the increasing demand for its services.

I have found that students prefer not to and seldom do engage in canvassing or the taking of agencies for goods which manufacturers desire to introduce into the college world. They are ready and eager to engage in any kind of manual or clerical work which their strength and experience will permit.

There are comparatively few business men in this city who know that there is an employment bureau in the University of Chicago, the aim of which is to assist earnest young men and women in assisting themselves through college, and I feel sure that if the commercial men of our city could be appealed to from a business and philanthropic standpoint, they would generously respond. To accomplish this, I suggest that a letter embodying the following statements,

- a) That there is an employment bureau at the University for students working their way through college,
- b) That the bureau can supply men and women of experience in various lines of work,
- c) That by employing such help they would be aiding the cause of education,

President William B. ...  
Dear Sir:

In reference to the report on the Department of Self-Help at the last convention, I beg to submit the following for your consideration in view of the fact that our Bureau of Self-Help must enlarge its scope to meet the increasing demand for its services. I have found that students prefer not to and seldom do engage in canvassing or the taking of agencies for goods which manufacturers desire to introduce into the college world. They are ready and eager to engage in any kind of manual or clerical work which their strength and experience will permit.

There are comparatively few business men in this city who know that there is an employment bureau in the University of Chicago, the aim of which is to assist earnest young men and women in assisting themselves through college, and I feel sure that if the commercial men of our city could be appealed to from a business and philanthropic standpoint, they would generously respond. To accomplish this, I suggest that a letter embodying the following statements,

- a) That there is an employment bureau at the University for students working their way through college,
- b) That the bureau can employ men and women of experience in various lines of work,
- c) That by employing such help they would be aiding the cause of education,



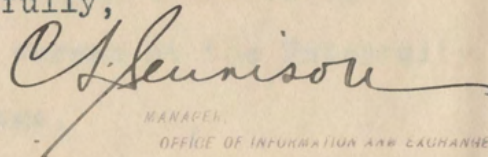
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be sent to

- a) The department stores,
- b) The railroads, manufacturing concerns, collecting agencies, wholesale and retail houses, hotels, contractors, publishers, and individual concerns throughout the city.

I shall be glad to undertake this work if you think it advisable, and to report as to its success.

Respectfully,

  
MANAGER,  
OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE.

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