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W. H. Schuchert, Jr.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

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CINCINNATI, Feb. 7 1895

President Gilman.

Dear Sir.

For several years the Faculty of the University of Cincinnati have made special efforts to arouse and foster public interest in higher education. We have received from the city a fine new site in Burnet Woods Park. On this site new University buildings are to be erected. The main building is now well under way and we expect to occupy it next Fall. Special buildings for the departments of Science are to follow.

Our great need is a president to take the lead in the great work now before us. We trust this need is soon to be supplied. In the absence of a president we have been fortunate in securing visits from men of national reputation in educational

work - who have spoken words calculated to awaken an appreciation of the manifold benefits accruing to any community from a university founded and sustained in a broad and true spirit.

I write to enquire if you can arrange to favor us with a visit at some time, agreeable to yourself, say, between now and April 1st. Your traveling expenses and entertainment would be arranged for by us, and probably - if agreeable to you - a social reception would be tendered you on a special evening either before or after the evening of your public address. I am convinced that such a visit would be of great use to us and not without benefit to the institution which you represent. There are many friends of Johns Hopkins in Cincinnati and many young men looking eastward with a view to college or University work. Some of our graduates have gone to you for advanced work - and one member of our Faculty - Prof Edwards -

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is a Johns Hopkins man. Within the past two years Cincinnati has heard the Presidents of Harvard, Michigan University, Chicago University, and Cornell. She would now like to see and hear the President of Johns Hopkins.

Trusting that you will be able to favor us with a visit. I am

Very Very Sincerely

Thomas French - Jr.

Chairman Committee on Lectures and
Public Exercises.

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CINCINNATI, Feb. 15 1895

President Gilman,

Johns Hopkins University,

Dear Sir,

We can readily conform our plans to your convenience and shall be pleased to make our arrangements for your visit early in May. Of course definite arrangements can not be made until we know the day of your arrival and the time you will be able to stay. I am sure the announcement that you are coming will give great pleasure. We trust you will be able to stay several days. Friday evening is a favorite one for lectures and addresses. If this is agreeable to you we would arrange for a social reception on the Thursday evening preceding. These evenings, Thursday and Friday, are simply suggestions - to be subject to your

decision. A reference to the calendar shows that the first Thursday in May comes on the 2nd of the month.

To be certain of the hall that we desire, it is necessary to engage it some time in advance - so I will ask you to inform me as soon as you can conveniently fix on the day of your coming.

I had the pleasure of meeting you some years ago when Assistant to Professor Barker in Philadelphia.

Unless you prefer to go to a hotel Mrs. French and I will be glad to have you stay with us while here.

This would enable me to show you most expeditiously such things as would most interest you in Cincinnati -

Yours Sincerely

Thomas French Jr.

Gilman

Feb. 18/95

To Thomas F. Trench, Jr.

Cincinnati

Yrs of 15th at hand. I think I said to you
y^t my visit to Nashville depends upon an
appnt to be made by yr Chief Justice,
for a committee which includes him
& Baker Whipple.

I saw him last Thurs. but he was
not then able to fix the day; but as
soon as I hear from him I w. let you
know. I thank you & Mrs. F. for
yr kind hospitality & yet, as I may be
involved in the plans of my colleagues,
& may arrive at some unseasonable hour,
I think I shall do better to go to a
hotel. Yours & Obedient

Franklin T. Johnson
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CINCINNATI, April 20 1895

President D. C. Gilman,

Dear Sir.

Several Johns Hopkins men met in conference with our Faculty committee on Thursday to consider matters relative to your coming to Cincinnati early in May.

Our plans must depend in great measure upon the time you can arrange to spend with us. The University student and University people generally, the charity-workers of the city - (whose secretary, Mr. Ayres, is a Johns Hopkins man) the Commercial Club of the city etc. etc. will all be greatly interested in your visit. It has occurred to us as possible that Bishop Whipple and the Chief Justice may not be averse to coming to Cincinnati

at the same time with you and in
that case we would like to
include them in our arrangements
for your reception. If you are
to be here but a single day
we would like to arrange
a luncheon and include your
colleagues as guests of honor. - if
you can be here two nights some
other plan may be preferred.

As soon as we hear from you
as to the date of your coming and
as to whether the other gentlemen
will accompany ^{you} we will en-
deavor to complete such arrange-
ments for your reception as will
fittingly express the high estimation
in which your name is held in
this city. Very Sincerely
Thomas French Jr
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CINCINNATI, *May 23* 1895

President Gilman,

Dear Sir,

Your second
note, dated May 18th, is received.
I need not tell you that
the postponement, if not the
abandonment, of your visit to
Cincinnati is a matter of great
regret to us. It was my
intention to write to you soon
and to give expression to
our hope that the way will
open in the future - possibly
next year - for you to pay
us a visit. It is now
too early to do more than
allude to such a possibility.

We fully appreciate your
kind consideration of our
invitation and I assure
you that the welcome
you would receive in
Cincinnati will lose
nothing in cordiality by
reason of this necessary
postponement.

Yours Very Sincerely
Thomas French Jr