

The University of Chicago

Department of Greek

November 30, 1943

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Levinson:

A portrait of Professor R. J. Bonner has been painted by Nan Rice, a Chicago artist. The portrait represents Mr. Bonner wearing the red gown and red and blue hood of the Trinity College, Dublin, honorary Litt. D. All who have seen it consider it an excellent piece of work. It has already been accepted by the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago, subject to the collection of sufficient funds to pay the artist. It hangs on the east wall of the reading room of the Classics Library over the entrance to the Palaeography Room. It has been suggested by several of Mr. Bonner's former students that the portrait would very appropriately be the gift of his friends and former students. It is realized that these are particularly difficult times in which to ask for money, but it is also realized that many of Mr. Bonner's friends will want the opportunity of contributing what they can to the purchase of the portrait. If you can participate will you send me your contribution? Needless to say, contributions of any size will be very welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Smith

Gertrude Smith

Dear Miss Smith,

We shall be glad to contribute - if \$2⁰⁰ is large enough to rank as a contribution! We hope to see the

portrait some day, and to pass the time of day with
you also.

yours truly,

Elizabeth J. Leavison

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Dec. 7, 1943

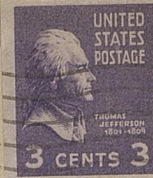
Dear Miss Smith:

I am happy to make the enclosed contribution
towards the fund for Mr. Bonner's portrait.

Sincerely yours,

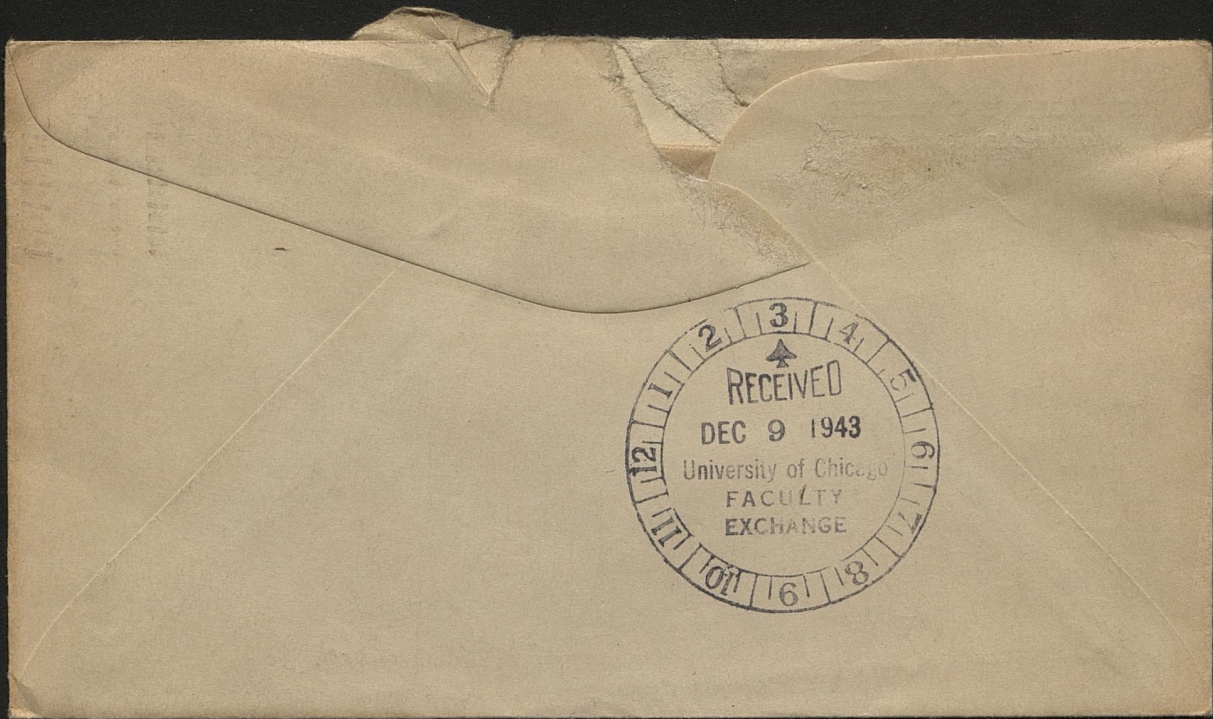
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Dr. Gertrude Smith
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The University of Chicago

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Dear Gertrude:

It was a great shock to hear of the passing of Mrs Link. My impression when I left was that she was on the way to recovery. I wrote a note of condolence to Link. You were quite right about Grene. Hutstun evidently knows something about the situation I judge that from the fact that he had read Grene's papers in C.P. Don't read any of the material he hands into the Dean until it is complete and accepted by McKee. I might like to involve you in the matter.

We have had wonderful weather. I get out every day. There are many things to see in the new project. Pat and I married a session at least once a week for some beer in the May Flower restaurant. Pat work of her own accord she said I should go back to Chicago for the summer mainly because to home is impossible. Wilson want me to go back too. Do you think I could really be of help in the work? In other matters get be guided entirely by you wishes. I am going over "Borolia" picking up the names of officials for comparison with Athens. Did Pat tell you that Captain Howard Humphreys is to go overseas. Your mel "Wily". She is going back to Decatur. Howard drove her to Pittsburg. She is expecting a new Roman Catholic. Pat will miss her

very much. She has so few friends here.

It seems Brant will have to go in Feb'y.

M. would like to help take care of Lucy. I don't see now. I can't see that I can do anything but time will tell. Francis is here for dinner night after night. Ed was away. He had thanks going down with Mary Alexander with mutual friends

I seem to be getting along ok. My hand keeps better and I've ^{no} rheumatic pains in my left leg such as I had in Chicago the day I went to a movie with Gordon. By the way Gordon has taken to reading and is doing well with it. ^{high}

The Italian campaign is a slow and bloody business. With control of the sea why did they not land beyond Rome and split the nazis. A channel landing will be like a thousand deaths I fear. Apparently the proposed fate of the Japs is to hearken the Chinese the Koreans etc. Otherwise it looks like dividing the hide before one catches the bear.

I sure would have enjoyed your cocktail party. May be some other time. Give me a rain check. Pat is saving your contribution until Xmas I think. It was a bright spot but your visit was better. Don't fail to come again

yours as ever

RJ

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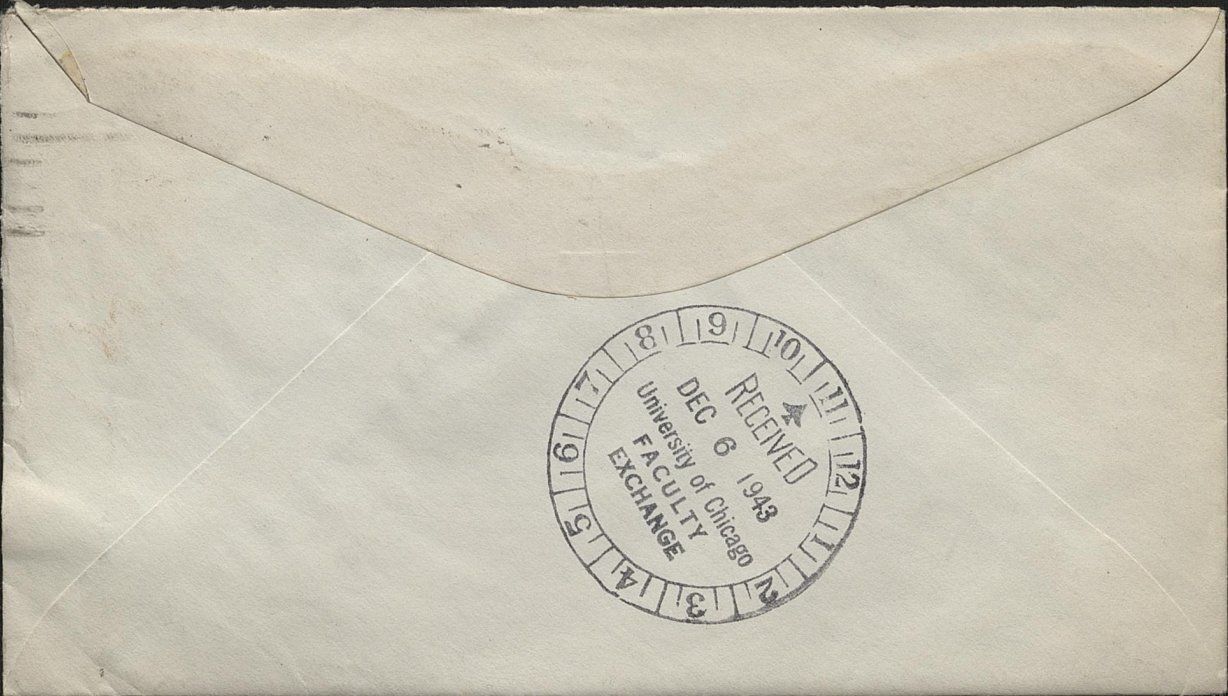
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Aburdeen Maryland



*Professor Gertrude Smith
Department of Greek
University of Chicago
Chicago Illinois*

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Southern Methodist University

Dallas, Texas

OFFICE OF THE DEAN
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

December 6, 1943

Dear Miss Smith:

I enclose a check for \$10.00 as a small contribution to the purchase fund for the portrait of Professor Bonner.

I hope some day to find time to return to Chicago for a visit to the department. The few times when I have returned have been desperately crowded with administrative business for the University here.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frederick D. Smith

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The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

December 2, 1943

Miss Gertrude Smith
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Gertrude:

I am enclosing a check of five dollars toward the portrait of Bonner. I am very glad that he was painted in such gay colors. If you need more, please let me know, but I should think there would be no difficulty in raising the necessary amount if all would contribute. Bonner was well liked by everyone. He certainly was a good friend of ours.

I heard the other day from our mutual friend Miss Wilson and was glad to know that she was in good spirits.

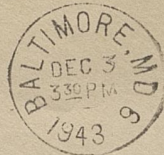
Please remember me to all my friends at Chicago.

Yours cordially,

David M. Robinson

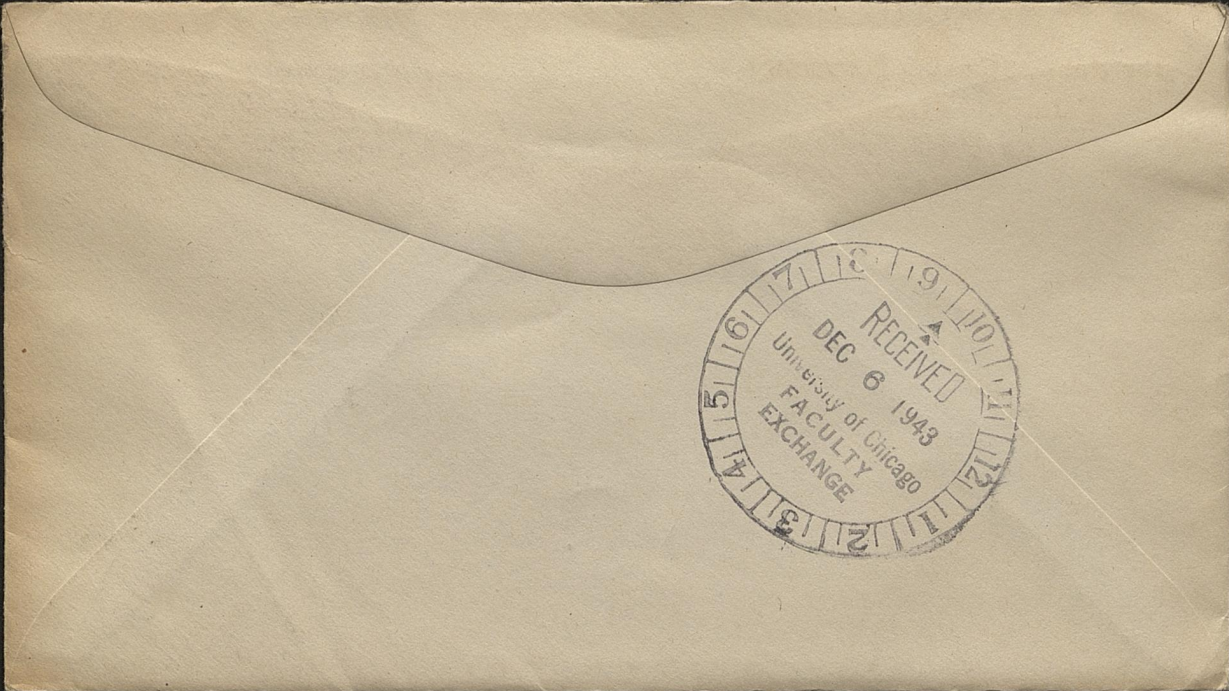
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D. M. Robinson
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland



Miss Gertrude Smith
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
MISSOULA

Jan. 5, 1944.

Dear Miss Smith,

I am sending you my check for two dollars (\$2.00) to help pay for the portrait of Professor R.J. Bonner. He well deserves this honor and I am glad it has come to him.

Is there a portrait of Dr. Shorey on display in Classics? I don't remember that I had any part in paying for one.

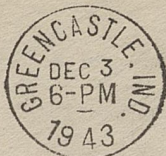
Yours sincerely,

W.P. Clark

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Miss Bertrude Smith,
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WABASH COLLEGE
CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

December 3 1943

Dear Miss Smith:

I am enclosing a dollar; I'm terribly sorry that my contribution toward Mr. Bonner's portrait can be nothing more than a token, but as you pointed out in your letter, this year (and particularly this month) is a bad time to find money for anything.

Wabash College is almost completely a Navy school now: of 340 students, 293 are in the V-12 unit. As you can imagine there is very little Classics being taught. I have one student doing special reading in Greek civilization; and I'm rather proud of the fact that three sailors have elected beginning Greek on top of about 18 hours of required Navy courses they are taking.

You will be amused at the teaching I am doing: American History, Modern European History, Freshman English, French, and Naval History (my favorite). Perhaps that schedule might be taken as indicative of the dexterity or catholicity that a classical education imparts. I am not particularly overworked, although grading themes is a rather onerous job; but I don't have the uninterrupted time that research work requires. So a study I was making of naval affairs in the Corinthian War is temporarily in abeyance.

With best regards to you and your husband,

very sincerely,

John F. Charles

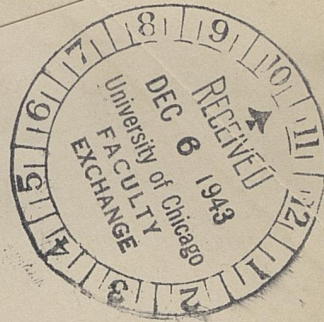
John F. Charles



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University of Chicago
Chicago Illinois

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John F. Charles
Wabash College
Crawfordsville Ind.



MISS HELEN H. LAW
HORTON HOUSE
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 4. 1943

Dear Gertrude,

Of course, I am glad to
contribute to Mr. Bonner's portrait. I am
enclosing a small check - wish I were larger.

Sincerely yours,
Helen H. Law



Miss Gertrude Smith,
Dept. of Arts,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

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MISS HELEN H. LAW
HORTON HOUSE
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS



Rossdhu Castle
700 East Woodbine
Chevy Chase, Maryland
December 7, 1943

Dear Miss Smith,

As you know, John and I are very happy to be able to join Mr. Bonner's students in presenting his portrait to the University as a tribute of our love and esteem for him. We had intended to send in the contribution some weeks ago to save you the trouble of a special letter but the idea got lost somehow in the midst of the moving.

We are now established in our castle in Chevy Chase and liking it very much. It is like something out of a fairy story, a real castle complete with turret, tower, terrace and moat, built on a hill and surrounded by tall trees. You simply must see it to believe it and even then you don't. The surrounding countryside is delightful and we are still enjoying a kind of fragrant autumn. I do hope that you will be able to come to see us here.

Our chief recreation so far has been going to some of the recommended restaurants and an occasional movie. Tomorrow evening we are going to see a play called "The Patriots." John has many Wave officers as associates and we have had some of them as our guests and enjoyed them.

We had a letter from Julia saying that she was working in a department store to occupy her time while Glenn was at the Instructor's School. It was her first experience in the realm of the working girl and seemed to be something of a revelation. Perhaps it will inspire her to return to her studies.

We received an advance copy of Paideia II from Mr. Jaeger and also the good news that they had become citizens. We are, of course, familiar with the contents of the new volume since it was his chief interest during the years we have known him but it gives a student a very special kind of satisfaction to have his teacher's ideas accessible in book form. This is particularly true of this work which centers about Plato whose ideas have such a real meaning for Mr. Jaeger's own life.

On our way from Chicago to Washington my mother and I stopped in Pittsburgh where we were the guests of one of my home study students, a Miss Ethel Davis, who was a wonderful hostess and a delightful person. She lives in Bradford, Pennsylvania but she insisted on coming either to Buffalo, Cleveland, or Pittsburgh to meet us and I am very glad that she did for we had a fine time. Miss Davis has just finished the Iliad course and will begin the Odyssey after Christmas. The Home Study papers have not been so interesting this quarter for they are mostly the elementary ones and two or three of the students have not been too bright. Dr. Luehrs, the psychiatrist from New York who did not like Socrates is now taking Homer.

John enjoyed his evening with you and I was very sorry to have to miss it. When are you likely to have a meeting again? Make it soon because we would like so much to see you. Our telephone number is Oliver 2482. All good wishes also from John,

Sincerely,

Virginia

Ensign John F. Callahan USNR
700 East Woodbine
Chevy Chase, Md.

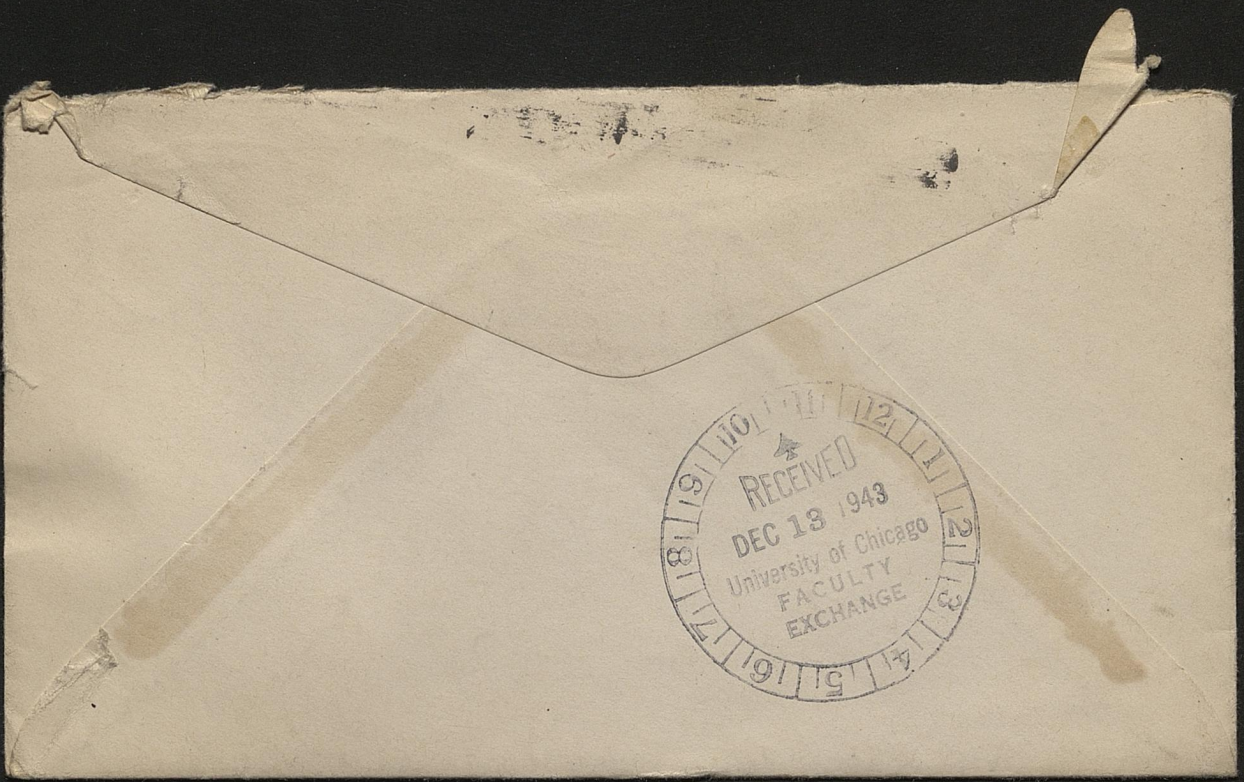
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Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND LATIN

December 5, 1943

Dear Miss Smith:

I enclose a contribution to the portrait fund of my old friend, R. J. Bowker. I hope it meets with success.

Sincerely yours,

La Rue Van Hook

Katharine Van Hook
Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND LATIN



Professor Gertrude Smith
The University of Chicago
Chicago
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Lucy Hutchins
Blue Mountain College
Blue Mountain, Miss.

December 10, 1943

Dear Miss Smith,

Thank you for thinking of me when you were notifying Dr. Bonner's friends of the portrait of him to be hung in the Classics Library. He has no more ardent admirer than I am. But I love him as much as I admire him. Truly Dr. Bonner and Mrs. Bonner are two of my "Highest Particulars". They have meant so very much to me. I wish I could adequately express my love and appreciation of him with a contribution, but I shall have to send only a mite at this time. If the fund does not meet the requirements before the time limit, I shall take pleasure in adding something more in a month or two. You know I live from "heart to mouth," especially in these tragic days.

I recently received a grand long letter from Mrs. Borner, giving me the news of my friends whom she had recently seen or heard from. You were first on her list. She told me of dear Dr. Prescott's tragic death. My father passed through the same excruciating suffering.

You will be interested to know that I have an interesting and interested class in First year Greek this year. There are six in the class. I am very happy to work on Greek myself. My hands are awfully full, though, for my Latin class is unusually large. I have twenty three in the first year, and seven in the second. The more advanced classes are too few to mention! Only one in one class!

I do hope I can see you in St. Louis at the meeting. I am hoping to get there - we have a straight run from here.

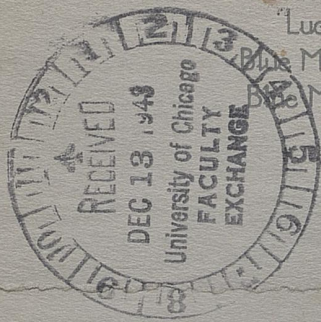
I appreciate your personal note to me. And may I now wish for you a Happy Birthday and a Happy Christmas and New Year.
Much love, Lucy.

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Miss Gertrude Smith
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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Lucy Hutchins
Blue Mountain College
Blue Mountain, Miss.



BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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DAVID MARTIN KEY
CLASSICS

Dear Miss Smith =

It gives me great pleasure to contribute to the purchase of a portrait of Dr. Bonner who has meant so much to me. If at any time photographs or other reproduction of the painting are available I should like to get one. With all good wishes for you in this and all your other laudable endeavors,

Sincerely yours

D. M. Key

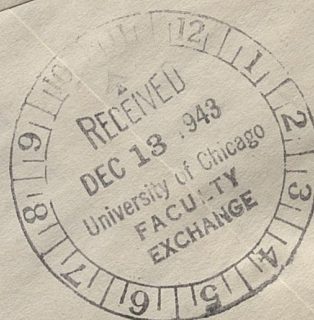


Dr Gertrude Smith
Department of Greek,
The University of Chicago,
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Calvin College

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

RALPH STOB
WILLIAM T. RADIUS

Dec. 15, 1943

Miss Gertrude Smith,
University of Chicago.

My dear Miss Smith:

I received your letter some time ago, and should have written sooner. The matter of a contribution toward the painting of Dr. Bonner interests me, but must wait until I receive a little more information. No, you need not write, for I expect to be in Chicago this week-end, and to call on you. In all probability will be Tuesday morning. Hope to find you having a few minutes of leisure.

Yours sincerely,
Ralph Stob

Calvin College
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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
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December 14, 1943

Miss Gertrude Smith
Department of Greek
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Smith:

I am enclosing a small contribution to the fund you are raising for Mr. Bonner's portrait. I am glad for the opportunity to participate and will look forward to seeing the portrait when I visit the campus there again.

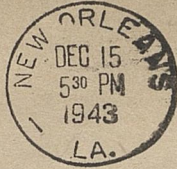
The war has, I suppose, caused many changes at the University of Chicago as it has elsewhere. The Tulane student body is composed largely of Naval Trainees now. You may be interested to know that I am almost a full-fledged Physics instructor. Mr. Geer is also teaching several hours in Physics, and Mr. Riedel, the Greek professor, is employed fulltime by the Mathematics department. The demand for Greek and Latin is not great but we are trying to satisfy what demand there is.

Best Wishes for a joyous Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

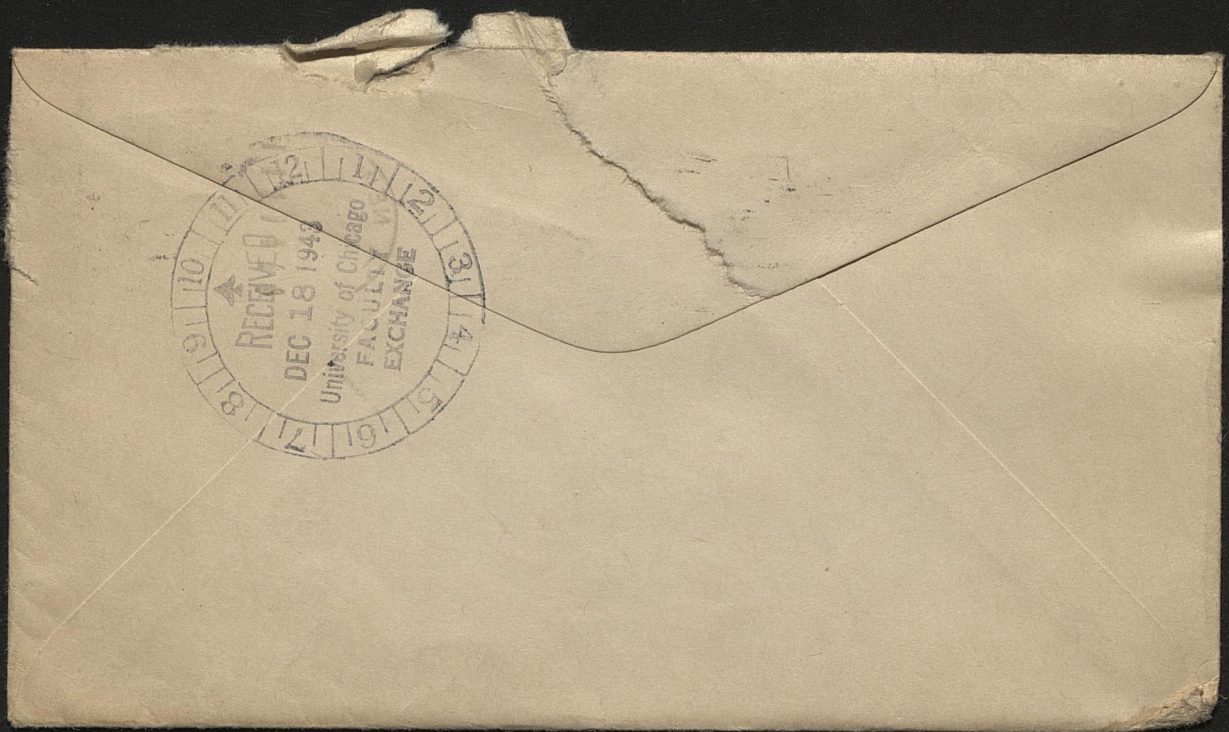
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Tulane University
New Orleans, La.



Professor Gertrude Smith
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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September 13, 1943

Dear Miss Smith,

My most recent round of comprehensive examinations is safely over at last, and I shall have about seven weeks of comparative sanity in which to try to apologize for my negligence hereto~~for~~. Since returning from leave time has passed quickly, with a number of violent changes in ~~ix~~ my life here, chief among which was the departure of Harold. All his friends here were very sorry to have him go, and I have found ^I miss his company a great deal. A few other friends of mine have ~~also~~ left, and others have moved "ashore" after getting married, ~~so~~ I am perforce living a more solitary life.

The work has grown more difficult, time-consuming, and unpleasant since it seems now to consist mostly of memorizing. For a while when ^I first came I made an effort to do some reading, and my great accomplishment in that period was "~~W. and P. 1943~~". I also managed to read a little in the Greek elegiac poets. But since then I have been swamped. This week, however, my best friend here and I plan to embark upon the "Alcestis". We think we can find time for one evening a week.

This friend, by the way, is one Edward Cannan, a Greek major from the University of Texas where he studied under Rheinmuth and Brown. I hope you will be hearing more of him, because, as Harold can testify, he is quite a competent ~~ex~~ classicist on the historical side. Mr. Larsen would be delighted by his

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interest in Hellenistic history. Harold and I have tried to fill him with the idea that Chicago is the centre of the universe for a man of his tastes, and I ~~we~~ look forward to a triumphal return after the war in which Edward will be with us.

I must admit that Edward was rather inconsiderate last week. He got himself married, and so to a great extent, I lose another friend here! But he seems to be in good hands; his wife is charming, a Latinist also from Texas. She was barely a quarter away from her bachelor's in Latin at Texas where she was a student of Messrs. Rheinmuth, Leon, and Hauck. They had thought that she could finish her degree here at Colorado, but the year of residence they require makes it impossible as all of us will be on the move long before then. If the work has ~~x~~ to be completed by correspondence then she would rather do it with Chicago than Texas, if possible. Do you know if it would be possible for her to take her degree in the Latin department? Her credits are in the semester form ^{and} so rather confusing in the light of the quarter system, but they seem quite extensive--9 semesters of Latin, 6 of Archaeology, Ancient History, etc., 5 of English, 2 of German and 2 of Spanish, and 6 of assorted sciences. ~~But if any credits could be taken by~~ She has no Greek but if any could be taken by correspondence, it would ^{be} ideal. It does sound strange, but do you suppose she could complete her degree by correspondence? I realize that such a question should properly be addressed to the Latin department, but what is more important is your general advice and suggestions. If not Chicago, I wonder where; perhaps Wisconsin?

It was most unfair of me to send you the scroll without any word of warning! Even now I'm afraid I can not tell you much about it. A few ^{ago} weeks we had a chance to get some of these. I picked the largest and most impressive one I could find and despatched ^{it} forthwith, taking other ~~xx~~ people's word that it was rewarding inside, since I didn't want to disturb the wrapping. I knew if I ~~xx~~ ever got that off I should never be able to mail it. . Perhaps in November I shall be able to interpret some of its contents. I have probably read some of the stories it depicts. I do hope it is not a white elephant.

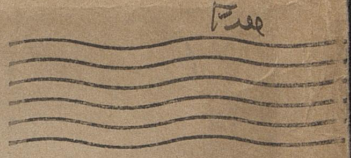
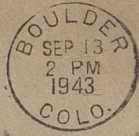
My only news from Chicago lately has been from Mr. Wambaugh, who has his own peculiar bias. I was most pleased to hear of Betty and Bill's engagement, but sorry to learn that Betty will have to go to St. Paul this year anyway. In this hymeneal atmosphere I have my own much less definite contribution to make. Virginia Broylés, whom I first met in that memorable Thucydides class, and I are engaged. This year she has a Rogers fellowship at Johns Hopkins. It will be at least a year before we can make any plans, and ~~xxxx~~ probably longer, depending on where I am stationed. Virginia is going to try to take most of her work in Greek this year, and eventually make it her major subject, and I heartily approve! I hope I'll be able to get to Baltimore to see her on my next leave.

I have been wondering when your vacation comes. You certainly deserve a ~~xxxxx~~ good one after what Mummy has told me of the heat this summer. Has Mr. Greenwood been teaching this summer too? I would like to be remembered to him, though I don't suppose he remembers me.

All best wishes,

Michael

M. H. Ganson, USNR
#19 Men's Room,
Boulder, Colorado



Miss Gertrude Smith,
Department of Greek,
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Chicago, 37, Illinois

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1106 N East St
Bloomington Ill
Dec 5/43

Dear Miss Smith

Sorry I'm not able to contribute more than a \$ to the portrait of Dr Bonner. When the subscript. for Dr Shorey's was going round I think I put in a 5- spot, which makes me wonder whether things then ~~are~~ really happened at all. I guess there will be a lot of subscribers to this portrait. I don't know if I'll even see it, so hope there will be a photo of it sent round even to the tiny subscribers.

Hope you are enjoying Greek as much as ever. I am teaching Eng. & German, with a little N. T. Greek. Mrs Chase joins me in good wishes
Yours sincerely
Rm Chase

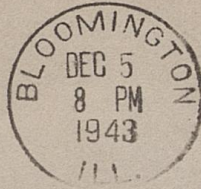
Howzis for a bit of Greek of no particular period?

αὐτὸ καὶ ἐθέλω σοφιστέων ἀρατῆν οὐ γέροιο
παιδίων ἡδιστον' ταῦτο θέλω καὶ ἑμὸν.

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