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EDWARD HOOKER LETTERBOOK
1891

[letterbook page 1]

Winter Park. March 10, 1891.

Julius Davenport, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Accept hearty thanks for your check for \$90 [\$10?]. May I place your name on the list of subscribers of ... year for five years?

You will be glad to hear that this is by far the most successful year of our College work. Every room in the Ladies Cottage is taken-- Nearly all in the Boys Cottage are occupied. I have just reported 200 pupils for the past operation year. We must have two or three new buildings to meet the needs of our growth and take the tide at its flood. We must have largely increased accommodations for boarders and we need imperatively a well equipped scientific building, which should cost, with the furnishings, \$25,000. We have a great opportunity to do constructive work for the South and we must not let it slip.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

I send you last years catalogue.

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Blake and Ripley

Dear Bro. Blake.

We sold our orange crop on the trees at \$1.65 per box. We have sold the grapefruit to Mr. Page at Seminole at .03 per piece. He has objected to taking the rusty ones. I do not know what the result will be, but presume he will keep his Contract. If he should not take the grapefruit on his Contract, what would you pay for it in bonds at the Winter Park Station?

Regards to all.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker

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Henry Huntington, Treas.

Please pay Fred Swain by check \$20.00 in settlement for his Sister's watch that disappeared last term. In making this settlement the Ex. Com. of Rollins College desires it understood that this is never to be considered a precedent. We make the payment because of a promise given in accordance with the advice of a lawyer that the College was responsible because Miss Swain had no key to her room. The Swain legal council afterward said that the College is not responsible as it is a church[?] school and advertises itself as such.

Edward P. Hooker, Prest.

Rollins College, Winter Park, March 10, 1891

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Winter Park, March 10, 1891

C. A. Hopkins, Ins. Agent

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed \$32.56 on my policy 160772 due 21 day of March 1891.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker

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Winter Park, Fla., March 10, 1891

C. J. Spenceley, Esq.

Please find enclosed \$4.00 amount of assessment...

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker

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Winter Park, Fla., March 14, 1891.

Prest. H. Q. Butterfield.

Dear Brother.

Secretary Maile of the College Society informed me that you have had experience at Olivet similar to our's at Rollins, just now. We have separated two young men from the College for licentious talk and have been sued for "Libel," with damages set at \$20,000. Can you give me, or secure for me, the authorities that were valuable to you in your defense? If not, can you refer me to any one who can do this service for Rollins College? Our Lawyer considers that we have a good case, but he wants to know your case and line of defense. Perhaps you can give me vol. chapter, no. I presume the case may be accessible here if our Lawyer knows where to look.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker

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Winter Park, Fla., March 10, 1891

E. T. Howison,

Your favor of the 13th inst. is at hand. Our school rates are very low as you see by the catalogue. We have placed them this way as a concession to the hardships of [present?] life, and especially the hard times through which the people are passing, and have been passing for a few years past. Board is but \$3.00 per week... [a?] single room furnished is but \$[?].50 per week. Then, tuition in the Prep. Dep't. is but \$12.00 per term of 12 weeks. We have put the board higher as an Experiment. I hope we shall be able to continue the same rates. Sometimes we are able to... money to help pay the Expenses of children of Home Missionaries and of other persons in Special Straits, but we have nothing on hand that would justify our giving encouragement that we could do anything of the kind in your case.

Our Ladies Cottage is now full. Every room is occupied. But we hope to build another cottage for them before another School year opens. In case applications ... make probably lack ... us and could be arranged as you desire.

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If you should conclude that you wish to send to us, you should make application as early as you reach that decision. The Ladies Cottage runs North and South, so that nearly all the rooms have morning or afternoon sun. Two rooms are usually in connection and most of the rooms are furnished with single beds. On the 3rd floor, there are four double rooms, large and furnished with two single beds each. These rooms have been let this year for .75 per week by the term. The rooms at the South end have excellent exposure to the sun.

Several of our teachers usually spend their vacation in the North. They will do so the coming summer undoubtedly. They usually sail from Boston or New York the latter part of Sept., and reach here a few days before the opening of the term. The children of whom you write could undoubtedly come with them. The Principal of our Ladies' Department will, I presume, be of the party. I have no plan of rooms that I could send. We always close the School buildings during the Summer vacation. The School year will begin about Oct. 1st, When scholars remain at the Cottages through the short vacation, they are charged the same rates for

board as during term time.

Your truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, March 16, 1891

Dear Brother Hall.

I see that I am on Board of Directors of South Florida Chautauqua. Can you tell me when the Board will meet? I can spend but little time at Chautauqua, as I must be getting things ready for the next college term. Please write me as early as you can the date of the meeting. I expect to send a good delegation from my faculty.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker

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Winter Park, Fla., March 16, 1891.

Mr. Alexander Mack.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 13th was received. I was not aware just when the time for which you were engaged expired. I should like to bring the question of your employment for a year before the Executive Committee. Will you take care of the fertilizer when it comes and apply it according to the directions already sent, I believe, through Mr. Welch. As I remember, the Committee voted to apply six pounds of salt to each tree and ten pounds of fertilizer to each tree. The salt you can buy at Palatka on our account.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, March 23, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster.

I wrote to Dr. Butterfield, President of Olivet College, Mich., as you advised. I think the letter is valuable which I have received in reply. Before enclosing it to you, I will write to the attorney in the case of Olivet College.

A paper has been found on the grounds which I will send you. I have deciphered the writing on the back under the microscope. The words are these: "The words were, that you said--I would like to that girl." It was evidently written by some friend at the Cottage to hand to Moyers when he should be about the grounds. You will probably recognize them as the same as those reported to you as spoken in the gymnasium. There are some other words on the paper besides the names but the microscope will not make out any sentences.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, March 24, 1891

Postscript.

It is thought that Moyers wrote the names on one side for the information of those who would work together for him and that some one of the boys wrote the words on the other side to be returned to Moyers, but that the paper was lost on the grounds.

I have written to the Attorney of Olivet College and send you a copy Dr. Butterfield letter. Please return it or preserve it. Shall you file all additional rebuttal?

Yours cordially,
Edward P. Hooker.

Words deciphered under the microscope from the enclosed paper: "The words were--that you said, I would like to that girl."

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Winter Park, March 24, 1891
I infer date from previous and following

Geo. W. Radford, Esq.
Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of a letter from President H. Q. Butterfield, in which he advises me to write to you. He says you were the attorney for Olivet College in a suit brought against that College for the discipline of a student. Rollins College is passing through the same experience. We are sued for libel and tort to the amount of \$20,000 damages. Our attorney, Hon. E. K. Foster, has been anxious to find cases and can find one. President Butterfield has written me something of the line of defense. He says you are a member of the corporation of Olivet. The boy was sent away for "Licentious talk." I send catalogues of the College.

If you will write to me or E. K. Foster, Esq., Sanford, Fla., you may render very substantial service.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 24. 1891.

Rich and Stone, Esqs.
Dear Sirs.

I consent to the proposed extension of the Colt note for a year or two from this fall.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 24, 1891.

Mrs. M. Van Cur.
Dear Madam.

Your application for the position of Teacher of Art in Rollins College has been received. I do not see any probability that we can make the appointment.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 24, 1891.

E. T. Howison.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received. We shall consider the two girls of whom you write entered at Rollins College for the next School year. Please write me about Sept. first for the date upon which the party will sail from New York or Boston. There is a lady living in Winter Park answering to your description. She is well educated, Christian and has a large airy house. She takes boarders in the winter charging \$8. per week. The surroundings are altogether unobjectionable. I will see her and ask her to write you whether she could take the young ladies, and is so, at what price. No action has yet been taken as to the continuance of the reduction of the last year. In case of it continuing, the rates would be \$33.00 less for each.

Yours sincerely,
Edward P. Hooker.

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P.S. I read your letters to the Principal of our Ladies Department. She suggested that I say to you, that there are four rooms on the third floor of the Ladies Cottage. They are large rooms. Two are on the south side or end two on the north end. These rooms are each furnished with two single beds. The rent on that floor, with two in a room, is twenty-five cents less for each. Would you like to engage one of those rooms? If so, I advise you to take one of the southern rooms.

Truly Yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 25, 1891.

L. E. Stone, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 24th inst. is at hand. I have been Chairman of a Committee of the State Congregational Association for some years whose privilege it has been to carry on correspondence upon the conditions and needs of the Seminoles in Fla., and to devise some plan for helping them educationally and religiously. Recently Dr. J. E. Brecht had become very heartily enlisted in this subject. He has been down into that region. I will send your letter to him and ask him to reply to it. He is in correspondence with the Ladies National Indian Asso. of Philadelphia, Pa.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, March 25, 1891.

Dear Dr. Brecht.

I have just received the enclosed letter and have answered, saying that you are very much interested in the Seminoles and have recently been down in their region of country and that I would ask you to answer his letter. I hope you will be able to do so.

In haste,

Sincerely Yours,
Edward P. Hooker

In haste as the prayer meeting is soon to begin.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 28, 1891.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 25th inst. asking for a Catalogue of Rollins College. I find on reaching home after two days. You will see that our Spring term begins next week Thursday.

If I can give you further information with regard to the College, it will afford me pleasure to do so. I send catalogue.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 31, 1891.

Hon. Harrison Reid.
My dear Sir.

I have just read again your noble letter of Nov. 7th 1890, bearing upon the case of discipline at that time. Hon. E. K. Foster is our attorney. He desires me to ask you whether your Son Harrison "would testify by deposition in regard to Moyer's conversation, and the songs Robb and Moyers sung at evening with the boys and Banjo."

I hope that whatever part he can bear in so noble a work he will gladly perform. An early answer is desirable as the case is set for next week Monday. The case is not likely to come to trial then, but Judge Foster will plead demander[?].

Cordially yours in a good cause.
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 31st

Hon. E. K. Foster.

I have written a letter to Gov. Reid this morning according to your request. The paper you have was given Miss Root by Fred Lawton. He gave it to Miss Root saying that he did not know whether it was of any value or not but asked that she should give it to me to give to you if I thought it was worth while.

There are two records on the Book of Records of the Faculty with reference to Godfrey Moyers earlier than that if this case viz. "March 22, 1888. Voted that Godfrey Moyers shall not be admitted to the School." "April 4, 1888. "Voted that the execution of the sentence in the case of Godfrey Moyers be suspended for the present."

I copy these from a copy given me by the Secretary of the Faculty.

Very Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 31 1891.

Miss E. A. Paine.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 27th inst. has come to hand.

There is no reduction in tuition where two pupils come from the same family. The tuition for the year is already far below the expenses of instruction. Our Catalogue for 1891-92 is in course of preparation and will be printed early next term, I presume. I will keep your letter on file for a copy.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, March 31, 1891.

Messrs. Chase & Co.

Dear Sirs.

We as Ex. Com. of Rollins College accept your offer of three cents a piece for the grape fruit, on the trees, of Rollins College Grove, reserving a few trees for the use of the College and of a few friends. Our understanding is that you will remove the fruit as early as the 15th or 20th of April.

In behalf of the Ex. Com. of Rollins College.

Edward P. Hooker, President.

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Winter Park, Fla., March 31, 1891.

Col. Morton

Eustis, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Mrs. Hooker has just returned from Mt. Dora and reports that you have a nursery of Orange trees at Maitland. We are thinking of setting Several hundred Orange trees and Some Grape Fruit trees, all buds, in the

grove belonging to the College this season. We want the best varieties and trees well advanced in growth. Will you write me at once and give your best terms, remembering that the College is a benevolent Institution and in need of aid from all good people in this section as well as elsewhere. The grove came to us on a subscription and is beginning to make some returns for the money put into its care and culture.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker, President

Please name prices of different varieties including tangerines, etc.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 2, 1891.

Mrs. H. S. Rossetter[?].

Dear Madam.

Your favor of 31st ult. received. A young Lady has a private School in town, with something of Kindergarten methods, I think. We do not begin at low enough grade at the College to Employ the Kindergarten methods. We have at present a native German teacher. Our Corps is full at present, unless we should make changes. I do not know that we Shall make any.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 2, 1891.

Douglas Volk, Director.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for your letter of the 25th ult. recommending Mrs. Vorline[?]. We have a Teacher of Fine Arts who is a graduate of the Boston Normal School of Fine Arts--a State School. I don not know whether we shall make any changes at the close of this year. I will file your letter for the present. This is all I can now say.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 1, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster.

Dear Sir.

I send you a note from W. A. Anno, Esq., and request you to answer it. I copy it here as I wish to transfer it to my Copy Book:

April 1, 1891
Prof. E. P. Hooker
Winter Park, Fla.

Dear Sir.

You will please notify all the persons summoned as witnesses to appear at the April Term of the Orange County Circuit Court in the case of S. Godfrey Moyers etc. vs. E. P. Hooker et al., that their attendance will not be required at this time of the Court.

And oblige,
Yours Truly,
W. A. Anno.

The Faculty advise that you take what action needs to be taken upon the letter. Is it not Mr. Anno's duty to notify his own witnesses in the case?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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April 3, 1891.

Chase & Co.

Dear Sirs.

Your favor just received. I have the memorandum that Mr. Chase made in my presence in his own hand writing. The memorandum is as follows.

"College grape fruit.

\$.03 each on the trees to be removed soon as present work is completed--early next month."

Chase & Co."

It is written on a slip from a paper Black with "The American Fire Insurance Co. Philadelphia with a globe surmounted by an eagle at one end

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Yours Truly,

Edward P. Hooker.

If you desire to see the agreement I shall of course be happy to have you do so.

E. P. H.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 4, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster.

I send you the letter of Geo. W. Radford Esq., Attorney for Olivet College in the suit brought against that Institution.

I have read your letter to the young man of whom I wrote. He has received some encouragement from his father that he will give him his time from now until he is of age. If he will, the young man thinks that will be better than to take any legal steps to get free. He wants his money to support his mother and little sister and his father, who is well off, has been demanding his salary.

Many thanks for kindness in the case. He is grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Hooker

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April 6th [1891]

W. R. Anno, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 1st inst. received. I have given notice to all the witnesses for the Plaintiff who are here, that their attendance will not be required at this term of court. H. M. Reed, A. W. Keiney[?] A. S. Holman and A. L. Thompson are not here and I have not notified them. Some who are absent I have notified= Fred L. Lawton, E. D. Wheston, Clarence Cooley are about but I have sent them word in accordance with your ... G. W. Moyers I have supposed needs no notice. The address of the others is: H. M. Reed, So. Jacksonville. A. S. Holman, Kansas City. A. S. Thompson, Daytona, Fla. These four I presume could be reached at the address I have given.

To save time I will write to H. M. Reed and A. S. Thompson.

Yours truly,

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 6, 1891.

H. M. Reed.

Dear Harry.

At the request of W. R. Anno, Esq., I notify you that your

"attendance will not be required at this term of court."

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 6, 1891.

Dear Thompson.

At the request of Mr. Anno I notify you that your "attendance will not be required at this term of court."

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Please remember me to the friends at home.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 6, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster.

Dear Sir.

I wrote to Gov. Reed, according to your request. I have received an endorsed answer from him and the statement from his son Harry. You will see at once that Harry is mistaken with regard to our principal witness. There is a boy who was no doubt bad who has taken a stand as a religious boy since, but we had no testimony from him with regard to Moyers or Will Robb. If this boy has become friendly with Miss Root, the same is true of all the boys at the Cottage, so far as I know. However, that boy very likely would have been sent away, if we had known what he had been doing.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 18, 1891.

E. T. Howison.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 10th inst. received. We have reserved the South West room 3rd story of the Ladies Cottage with two single beds for your wards. We hope to build a Ladies Hall during the Summer. If we are able to do this, the present Ladies Cottage will be given to the young men. They having two cottages in that case. Should this happen, we will make as good provision for your wards in the new building. It will be decided soon whether the deduction in rates will be continued another year. I have called upon Miss Eva Lamson to ask about board for them in Summer vacation. She could not tell me so long before hand, but thought there would be no trouble about getting board from them when the time comes. Our General Missionaries wife has very plain quarters but is an excellent Lady. She might take them. I think it will be safe enough to leave that question until the time comes. The short vacations we often keep the Cottage open.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., April, 1891.

James Forest, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of yesterday received. The bill is right. I will give you specifications so that it will appear so.

Bill without reductions	Reductions
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Board	\$27.00	On Room	\$2.25
Room Rent	9.00	For ...	<u>6.75</u>
		Sub.	
Music vocal		Total	\$9.00
with use of	9.00		
piano			
Tuition	<u>9.00</u>		
Total	\$54.00		
Reductions	<u>9.00</u>		
Total Bill	\$45.00	as per bill.	

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker

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Winter Park, Fla., April 14, 1891.

Laura M. Buck [Bush?].
Dear Madam.

Yours of the 10th inst. received. We should accept the statement of the President of the State Normal School as to your competency to enter upon any studies he should name. We receive Special Students and permit them to study electives in which we have classes. French runs through the year. We have astronomy in the Fall Term. It is uncertain whether we shall have Geology. But from our extended course you could select according to your need.

I will suggest that you make application at once, if possible. Applications are coming in for next year. The Ladies Cottage has been crowded most of the time this year. Unless we can erect a Ladies Hall before the next school year, we shall not have rooms for all who wish to come. I advise you to decide at once if you can and ask us to assign you a room.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 14, 1891.

George M. Woodward.

Prof. Barrows has handed your letter to me. The statement in our Catalogue, to which you refer, will be modified in the next issue, I suppose. We should receive you upon the recommendation of Oberlin College or any first class Institution, according to work hour and without examination. I suppose your record at Oberlin is more recent and more advanced than that from the State Normal School of Florida. You see by our Catalogue that our rates are low. Cannot your friend meet them? I do not know of any place where he could work for his board. The cheapest good board in town is at the College, I am sure. Has your friend the ministry in view? Possibly work might be found for Saturdays to help out. I shall be glad to do what I can to help him out in the way of finding work. Applications are coming in early. We are likely to be very full next year. Apply as early as possible.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 20, 1891.

Ernest Bergen
Dear Sir.

Mr. Crawford informs me that you will send me money for your Sister Anne's fare home. I send an exact statement of account up to April 23rd. You will see that the 23rd inst. there will be due on Anne's account

\$66.84. If you will mail that amount at once and make weekly payments afterwards, Anne may remain. Otherwise, I regret to say, that I must ask you to send the money for her fare home at once.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 20, 1891.

W. H. Le Bas
Dear Sir.

Yours of the 15th inst. received. I send Catalogue. You can judge from course of study at what point you could probably enter. We shall have a sophomore class of excellent quality.

Write me about your circumstances and what you hope to do in life and perhaps I can find some way to help you. We pay one dollar per week for bell ringing. Sometimes we receive money to aid students.

You see by catalogue that our price of board is low.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Our Soph. Class of next year will have taken their Junior Studies. Possibly you are so far along you could make up Junior Studies and so graduate in two years.

E.P.H.

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Winter Park, April 20, 1891.

S. H. Neff, Esq.
My dear Sir.

Your favor of the inst. received. I send you s catalogue in which the rates for the past year are given. If any change is made for the coming year, it will be made very soon. In case of a change, I will notify you. Correspondence is coming in early for next year and the prospect is of a very full School. Unless we can erect another building, only the early applicants will find room. The Cottages are nearly full and I hear of but very few who are not to return. I speak of this that you may understand the circumstances and apply early.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

April 22. The meeting of Committee has been held and the rates have not been changed.

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Charles F. Parker, Esq.
My dear Sir.

Your favor of the 15th inst. received. We can allow the portion of tuition already paid and which will not be used this year to apply on next fall term. He would have to pass examination at the beginning of next year in Geography. His loss would be especially in Geography, Language and Reading.

"Think mainly of you"? No, indeed! I know something of pioneer hardship. My God bless you and bring on the boy to a noble and useful manhood!

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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April 22nd 1891

George M. Woodward.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 21st inst. received. I am pleased that you will come. I will assign you a room. Write me about your friend. Would he be a freshman? What is he hoping to do in life? If I can know something about him I may be able to find help for him. There are four double rooms in the third story. Would you like to occupy one of these rooms together. The cost of these rooms for each occupant is .25 less than for single rooms in the lower floors.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 23, 1891.

Dear Brother Welch.

It was voted by Executive Committee yesterday that the question whether Miss Dalrymple shall be invited to return as Teacher of Art next year be decided by ballot and that I be instructed to write to you for your vote. Will you be kind enough to send me your ballot by return mail.

We regretted your absence from the meeting very much. I have the ballots of the other members.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 24, 1891.

H. A. Peeples, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 21st inst. received. Please give me the earliest possible notice of word from Dr. Bergen. Please remit all funds directly to me.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Can you settle the bill as Dr. Bergen's attorney without waiting to hear from Dr. Bergen?

Yours.
E.P.H.

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April 24th [1891]

Dear Miss Parker.

The Executive Committee of Rollins College at a meeting the 21st inst. passed the following vote: To grant the balance of Lois Parker's bill for the year, \$127.15 after giving credit for the aid from Mr. F. W. Lyman and Sister, and her services as Pianist in the gymnasium.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

The School is going well and the prospects are bright for another year.

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Winter Park, Fla., April 24, 1891.

Dear Miss Fisk.

Your favor of the 10th inst. was duly received. Your total indebtedness to College is \$144.00. I am glad you have a fine position.

It is a new day at Rollins. The Cottages have been packed some of the time, and full enough for comfort all of the time. New pupils are already taking rooms for next year. Early in the year we very much missed

our former pupils who had become such fine friends and helpers. But the life is going well now.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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April 24, 1891.

Lee Drekle.

How far advanced is your friend's boy? I send you a catalogue. I presume his boy is not far enough advanced to enter our Sub Preparatory Dept. Look on page 16 of Catalogue. You can judge whether he is far enough along to take up Arithmetic and go on in year to Decimals.

If you are still in doubt write me again and tell me just what studies he has taken and whether he has done them well.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 25, 1891.

Dear Brother Welch.

Yours of the 24th inst. received. I find following records of meeting of 21st inst.

"Mr. Welch reported on the condition of the Palatka grove, recommending a six wire fence, with Cypress post 4x6--6 ft. at 15 cents a piece and set ten feet apart, the whole cost to be estimated at about \$140. The recommendation was adopted and Mr. Welch was empowered to procure the building of the same."

It was voted "that the employment of Mr. Mack to have charge of the Palatka grove be referred to Mr. Welch with power." I understand it to be the mind of the Committee that the building should be left to your discretion. I believe I suggested the reference of employment of Mr. Mack to you with the power. I am surprised not to find reference to building a... specified. Please consider that you have power. If you prefer I will consult Committee.

Yours fraternally,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, April 27, 1891.

Chase & Co.

Dear Sirs.

I send enclosed card from Blake and Ripley of Boston. I know Blake well and consider the firm thoroughly honest and reliable. Will you answer the card and oblige.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Rollins College and F. A. Eaton enter into the following agreement for the year beginning May 1st, 1891.

Mr. Eaton will take care of the College grove at Winter Park and do the work there the same as last year and at the same rate of compensation. The spraying of the trees are to be paid for at the same rate as trimming.

/s/ Edward P. Hooker, President.
/s/ Frank A. Eaton

Winter Park, May 30th, 1891.

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Winter Park, April 30, 1891.

E. H. Senegas

Yours of the 29th inst. has been received.

I see no prospect of you receiving an appointment here. We have an excellent teacher of French and she is engaged for next year.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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I think there should be 4 1/2 ton of bone also 1/2 ton of sulphate potash put on the College grove, the latter part of May.

I will furnish the same at 35 no/100 per ton delivered at grove.

/s/ Frank A. Eaton.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 1, 1891.

Blake and Ripley.

Dear Sirs.

Your card of 20th alt. received. The Buyer of the Grape Fruit has been in this morning, saying that the fruit is nearly all brown or russett[sic.]. When the contract was made it was very handsome. I have been to the grove and find a great change. The man in charge of the grove went with me. He says it was nearly all or quite all bright but has changed. What the result will be I don't know. What could you offer us for the fruit boxed or barrelled at the station?

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, May 2nd, 1891.

Miss Amy F. Dalrymple.

Dear Madam.

I have been waiting for the vote of a member of the Executive Committee who was not present at our recent meeting, upon the question of your reappointment as teacher of Art at the College. There is still a vote which is not in, but the question is decided and I think you should know the result.

The Committee did not think best to appoint you for next year.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park. May 5, 1891.

Chase & Co.

Dear Sirs.

Your favor of the 1st inst. received. Under the circumstances, we cannot accept your offer for the College Grape fruit.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 6, 1891.

C. J. Spenceley, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed \$4. amt. of Asst. 84.- also postal card

addressed to be returned.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker

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Winter Park, May 6, 1891.

Dr. C. P. Baird.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 4th inst. is at hand.

I regretted that your daughter could not return. I am especially sorry for you in your financial reverses.

It seems unwise to me for us to accept your offer of the house lots. We are doing benevolent work. The actual cost of board this year is somewhat higher than what we receive for it. I mean the table board. If we were buy lot in exchange for school expenses, it might be a long time before we should realize anything from them. They would be also a source of some expense.

Please remember me to your daughter.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. I am confident your daughter would make but little progress in the little time remaining of the term.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 6, 1891.

Messrs. Blake & Ripley.

Dear Sirs.

Your telegram received. We contracted our Grape Fruit for .03 on the trees. Since contact made the fruit has largely become Russett. The buyer cancels the bargain. We have decided to hold the fruit for rise in the market. We will consider any offer you may make, "delivered at the Station".

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 6, 1891.

Dear Brewster.

Yours of the 12th March was duly received and has been too long without answer. We have just been making our cast of Faculty with reference to next year. Only one of our teachers is to leave and that is the Teacher of Art. Our teacher of Natural Science is to return.

The year has been our best. We have been crowded some of the time. Our great need is of more buildings. Applications for next year are already in, in considerable numbers. We must have on more building or we must turn away. a considerable number, I think.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Can the Foyerweather[?] Estate erect one of our buildings--a Gentlemen's Hall for 30 students to cost ... \$15,000 furnished? It is the nick of time now, as Dunlap's[?] B. for \$25,000.

E.P.H.

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May 7, 1891.

Dear Brother [Rev. Maile].

I want at once the block of buildings at Rollins College giving four buildings and small blocks giving gymnasiums. The plates used, in

printing your leaflet of Rollins College for use in correspondence are the ones we want. I have an impression that you have sent them to Southern Cong. at Atlanta. If the Blocks are with you, please send by return mail or express to Mahlone Gore, Orlando, Fla. Our Catalogues are with the printer and wait for the cuts.

I shall write today to Atlanta to see if blocks are there. Whatever the facts, please write me by return mail.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Please send by mail well packed.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 7, 1891.

Rev. A. T. Clarke.

Dear Brother.

Have you any cuts or blocks of the College = viz. the blocks of four buildings and the block of the gymnasium? I had them sent, as I remember, from Ed. Sac[?], Boston to you for the Ad. you were to insert when we thought the Sou. Cong. was to live. If blocks are with you, please send by next mail to Mahlone Gore, Esq., Orlando, Fla., Orange Co. Reporter. They are to be used in that paper for printing catalogues. Haste.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 7, 1891.

W. H. Le Bas.

Dear Sir.

I have presented your request for aid at Rollins College. Will you be kind enough to state your reasons for making a change in college and locality? Is health the consideration? You state that you are receiving aid from the College and Education Society. How much are you receiving per year in this way? How much is board in families at Crole[?]? If you were to come to Rollins, could you receive the aid from the College and Education Society?

We allow a dollar per week for ringing the College bell. Perhaps we could furnish work enough about the College to pay for board. Write me as frankly as possible about circumstances and in answer to the questions above.

New applications are already coming in for next year. It will be well to have the matter settled as soon as possible. Unless we can erect a new building this Summer, we shall be very sure to have more applicants than we can receive.

Very truly,
Edward P. Hooker, Prest.

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Winter Park, May 8, 1891.

Dear Brother Gale.

Yours of the 5th inst. received. The vote of Committee in Dr. Hartman's case was to retain him on pro. rata pay. He was dissatisfied, but he had concluded to accept though he had not formerly said so. Yesterday, his difficulty with two boys in German class culminated in a Faculty meeting. He had pushed one or both down the steps from Laboratory. He talked angrily in Faculty meeting and the boys talked angrily back. I could not calice[?] him. He wished me to go over to Laboratory at second hour this morning and they were having the same kind of talk. After the boys left, I told him of your letter and your talk with Mr. Berry. He thinks his wife could be matron by having a servant to

take care of the children. Perhaps she could. I hope so. She is brave and pretty and, I think, a good housekeeper. Would board of family be added in some way to the salaries of the two so they could get along comfortably, on less salary? I should hope so. ... [note: last sentence unreadable]

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. If desired, I shall tell the part about Dr. Hartman or you may do it. I must cover nothing.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 13, 1891.

Dear Miss Lyman.

I send this letter from principal folk seconding an application for position of Teacher of Art. Will you take the letter and investigate the matter personally and write your opinion on recommendation? You can see the candidate and her work I hope, and find out all about Mrs. Vorline[?].

I hope you will all have a safe and pleasant journey and summer and return.

Kind regards and goodbye to all.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 13, 1891.

J. E. Ainsworth.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of 6th inst. received. Will you see what offers you can get for our grape fruit by box on bond--better by box--at our Station. It is getting quite ripe and is dropping. I cannot tell what to price[?] grape fruit, as I do not know the market. Please ask Dr. Blake to give me the best price he can afford and let us consider the same. There is a disposition to hold the fruit for good figures, but the figures must be pretty high now, I should judge from your letter. I should not be troubled but for the dropping. Probably we have as much as 5000--I think more. When you answer, mention again that you wish a barrel of grape fruit. Fruit not over ripe on tree.

Give my love to all.

Affectionately yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 12, 1891.

Mrs. S. S. Robbins.

Dear Auntie.

How would Mrs. George Ware do as matron of a Ladies Cottage? Her work would be about as follows.

1. She would have the care of the sick whenever there were any, unless a case should require a professional nurse, or friends should come to take the case.
2. She would inspect the rooms and see that everything is kept in perfect order.
3. She would lock the house at night and open the house in the morning.
4. It would belong to her to keep the house in order, not sweep and dust, but attend to the little things that make a house pleasant and attractive.
5. She would attend to the wants of young ladies.
6. She would have entire care of the cottage, if she came in No. 3, during the absence of the Lady Principal. If she were matron of Cottage No. 2, which would be most likely, she would have the care all of the time

and seeing in either case that the rules are obeyed, but reporting to the
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Lady Principal all discipline and leaving to her all excuses and permissions and regulations of social life. Thus far I have written mainly as though she would have her home in Ladies Cottage No. 1. But it is most likely that there will be two cottages and think she would be matron of No. two if any, which is the present Boys Cottage. We hope for a large Boys Cottage, accommodating 70 or 75 young men and boys. How would Mrs. Ware do in that? Has she authority and firmness to keep order, reporting all disorderly conduct to the Heads of Departments.

Miss Abbott is to retain the Lady Principalship and watch their hours. Her home will be in the Ladies Cottage, but she has general charge of all young ladies and girls in the Institution and her work has been too heavy. We have some one in mind for matron of the Ladies Cottage.

Affectionately yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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M. Belle Tracy.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of yesterday received.

Our Teacher of Elocution is to leave us. He has done excellent work.

You may send me testimonials from the parties whose names you gave me. I have not given much thought to the appointment of another teacher. We have not much work for one. Consequently the pay would be little. We have had Dr. Woodworth's services for very little as he had an appointment as a minister at Orlando.

If you think it worthwhile to write for testimonials under the circumstances you may do so.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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May 18, 1891.

Miss Bell Lener.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 14th inst. received.

We have not selected our Teacher of Art. I shall be glad to receive your testimonials. We have however under consideration another application.

Your truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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May 18, 1891.

Mrs. Otis S. Tower.

Dear Madam.

If you leave Sanford at 2:30 P.M. you will be due at Winter Park at 4 P.M. Wednesday will be as well as any day. Go directly to the Cottage and inquire for Prof. Austin. He is Principal of the Preparatory Department and will attend to the examination of you pupil.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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May 22, 1891.

W. H. Le Bas.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst. received. Your reason for seeking education in the South seems to be excellent. If you wish to come to Rollins and are willing to do some work for the College, I think the matter can be arranged. Would you wait on the tables with the help we provide? With the increase of students we are likely to have, we shall need extra service of this kind. Then we need assistance in filling lamps. We use Kerosene.

There is a Colored Settlement in town. An excellent S.S. is conducted for them Sunday afternoons. Teaching them would be an excellent opportunity for you. I congratulate you upon the prospect before you as a missionary. I think I could get you the aid from the Bd. without doubt.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 25, 1891.

Mrs. Isabella H. Diffenderfer.

Dear Madam.

The tract of land between the present College Campus and the Morton grove may come into the possession of the College, except the lot you own and the street along the Morton property. It is claimed that the street along that property, or one half of it, belongs to Gen. French. In case that tract becomes the property of the College, except your lot, on what terms would you sell your lot to the College? If the tract of which I write becomes the property of the College, it will be by the generosity of the Knowles Estate.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 27, 1891.

George M. Woodward.

Dear Sir.

I am thinking of your friend. I should think he could get aid from the Education Society, if he expects to be a Congregational Minister. I have offered some work to a young man under similar circumstances--waiting with others--they are supports[?] -- upon the tables -- and filling the lamps at the Boys Cottage. For this I have said I would give the young man his table board. This young man had not answered and may not come. If he does not, your friend might like the chance. I should hope he might have aid enough from the Ed. Soc. to pay tuition and room rent. Drop me a line as early as you can.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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May 27, 1891.

Dear Brother Stafford.

I wrote Bro. Gale of the delay of returns from your application. He said he would see to it.

Be sure and come to the Corporation meeting, a notice of which you have no doubt received. One hundred and sixty five pupils this year and nearly all the rooms taken for next year. The outlook is excellent. Send me word that you will come & I will see that you have a place ... you at the College.

You know that College pays the expenses of ... of members upon

Yours fraternally,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., May 31, 1891.

Stuart Ward, Treasurer.

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed by annual dues for 1891-- \$5.00.
Will you be kind enough to send me the date of my former payment?
Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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May 31, 1891.

Dear Mr. Hutchins.

Yours of the 22nd inst. received. The Corporation meeting ... tomorrow. I have set the stakes for the new building--Cottage or Hall--on the addition to campus. I do not know whether I have set them where the Trustees will think they should stand. But I write because the deed had not come. Can you send it on at once? I understand from Mr. Capen that he has forwarded blank for signatures.

Our term closes this week. I wish you could be at Corporation meeting tomorrow.

Best regards to all.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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June 5, 1891.

James Forrest, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 2nd inst. received.

In reply I will say that our charges for table board are now about .20 per week below cost. We cannot therefore make the reduction of which you speak. Notwithstanding the loss, we have made no change in our rates for board. We should make the same reduction for absence from Friday evening until Monday morning as we have made in Minnie's case, for the second one, if you send her.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Let us know early if you wish to send the second pupil.
E.P.H.

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June 5, 1891.

W. H. May, Esq.

Dear Sir.

You were appointed a member of the Building Committee at the Corporation meeting. It was voted to erect a dormitory this summer for young ladies. We need 70 rooms as our plan is to have each student room alone. If you desire to make a bid for the erection of the building will you send me as soon as possible a simple sketch--or plan--such as you could recommend, and an estimate of probably cost of the building. I do not now ask for specifications or final bid, but for such an outline as

you are now willing to make without cost to us.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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June 5, 1891.

J. P. Mace, Esq.

Dear Sir.

The Corporation of Rollins College have decided to erect a dormitory for young ladies during the present Summer. It should contain seventy rooms, one student in a room. There would be two or three Teachers rooms which would vary a little from the others. There would be pretty ample parlors also.

Would you like to bid for the erection of a two Story building as above indicated? If so will you make a rough draft of your idea of what the building should be and an estimate of the probably cost? We shall hope for several bids. The outline we should expect to be without cost to us.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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June 5, 1891.

Coan Bros. & Harte.

Dear Sirs.

The Corporation voted to erect a dormitory this summer of about 70 rooms for students, with parlor in 2. They desire the rooms to be one two floors only as it is to be built for young ladies. Do you wish to bid? If so will you make a rough sketch of what you think would be best and estimate pretty nearly what it would cost. May I hear from you early? There will be other bids, I presume. The building should be done by the 1st of September at latest.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

Come in and let me talk with you if you can.

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June 5, 1891.

Blaine Bros.

Dear Sirs.

Rollins College Corporation plans to erect a dormitory to include 70 student rooms, and parlors. The rooms should all be on two floors as the building is to be for the use of ladies. Rev. L. F. Gale is on the Board and thought you might like to bid with others. If you do, will you make a rough draft and an estimate of cost--not an estimate that will take much time, and also draw a hasty sketch of building. Such as you are willing to make without cost to us. Counting parlors and students rooms and bath areas[?] perhaps there should be 75 rooms in all.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 6, 1891.

Dr. Carl Hartman has been employed as Instructor in Rollins College the past year. His knowledge and pronunciation of German are all that could be desired. There is very little work that could be given him here. We have closed our engagement with him and he is at liberty to accept a position elsewhere.

Mrs. Hartman is a Christian woman and a devoted wife and mother. He will find her a help to him in any position which he may secure.

Edward P. Hooker.
President of Rollins College.

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June 8, 1891.

Elizabeth H. Paine.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 27th inst. to Prof. Barrows has been handed to me. Prof. B. has gone North for the summer. We are to build a large Cottage, a Ladies Hall, this summer. The present Ladies Cottage will be given to the young men. There are to be no 3rd story rooms in the building. All the rooms in the present Ladies Cottage on 1st and 2nd floors have been taken with the understanding that those taking them will be transferred to corresponding rooms in the new building. So far as possible, two of the four rooms on the 3rd floor--double rooms--have been assigned in the same way. I will assign your sister to the N.E. room--3rd floor--double room. Then they will be transferred to desirable rooms in the new building. I expect the new building will be used for occupancy by the beginning of the year. ... from you early. Is my proposition satisfactory? Your sister may have a room on the 1st or 2nd floor. There are to be 70 rooms in the new building instead of 33 in the present College. I am sure the arrangement will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

President

I copied the original, the press blotted the original so badly. But the proposition remained the same in the copy as in the original.

E.P.H.

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Rev. G. R. Alden

Dear Brother.

I think you will remember that the ... was voted as follows at the ... meeting.

"That the Corporation ... by the ... a full ... of the College at the Chautauqua."

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June 10, 1891.

...

...Young men reach the grounds will you give directions about the tract to be secured, and act with your best judgment for the Committee.

The Corporation failed to endorse the action of Ex. Com. in the reappointment of Dr. Hartman.

The records Dr. Barrows took with him to make a copy. But this is the substance of it. When the Records of the Committee were read, the Corporation decided to endorse Dr. Hartman's appointment and ... the same. This action was a surprise to me and wholly without any knowledge ... plan on my part. ... it was brought up in Corporation. It was voted to pay the transportation of himself and family and goods, to Little Falls, N.Y. and \$50 besides. Though without any knowledge or planning on my part, ... very satisfied, even more than when I ...

[note: remainder of letter blurred past legibility]

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June 10, 1891.

J. G. & M. C. Blaine Bros.

Your letter received tonight. When can you send sketch of building? We must not lose any time. The building must be done by the middle of Sept. Give estimate--not bid now--of cost of building by your place.

I am glad to hear of the young people. You know the building can be three stories.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla.
March 16, 1891.

Mrs. S. P. Lisk.

I have been absent several days and am not sure whether your favor of the 6th has been answered in full.

You will find in our catalogue, a copy of what I send you, particulars as to price of board and the care of pupils. We have a very pleasant and wholesome home life. I have never seen so good elsewhere. The cottage for young Ladies and that for young Gentlemen are each under the supervision of an accomplished lady. Both ladies are teachers in the School. The lady in charge of the Ladies Cottage is the Principal of the Ladies Department. You will seldom find a more accomplished and thoroughly Christian lady. She has the spirit of good will and of Christian service, and governs her department in this spirit. I speak of her especially because you mention that you have a daughter to send. I have never known of a boarder's department in School conducted with such uniform satisfaction in any other School.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 17, 1891.

Mrs. Isabella H. Diffenderfer, 2001 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Dear Madam.

The 25th of May last I wrote you the following letter, to which I have received no reply.

"The tract of land between the present College Campus and the Morton grove may come into the possession of the College, except the lot you own and the street along the Morton property. It is claimed that the street along the property, or one half of it, belongs to Gen. French. In case that tract becomes property of the College, except your lot, on what terms would you sell your lot to the College? If the tract of which I write becomes the property of the College, it will be by generosity of the Knowles Estate.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker."

As this is an important letter I take the liberty of registering it.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 17, 1891.

Mrs. Martha C. Welch
87 Madison Ave. N.Y.
Dear Madam.

Miss Louise M. Abbott, our Lady Principal at Rollins College, has received information through your friend, Miss Toney, with reference to Miss Stillman, as one who would be well fitted to be matron of a young Ladies Cottage. From the information we received, we concluded that she would be admirably adapted for such a position. But we are to have but one Ladies Hall, and the Lady Principal will be there. I desire to ask, at the suggestion of Miss Abbott, whether Miss Stillman would be likely, in your judgment, to do excellent service as matron of a Boys Cottage? Would she manage boys well--boys and young men? Some one with less "Faculty" might do well as Miss Abbotts assistant with the girls and young ladies.

I shall appreciate any assistance you can give me in reply to this letter.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 18, 1891.

W. A. Miller, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Please give me the extra cost of a room with deadened walls for piano practice. We might require two rooms so finished. Don't bring it into the general estimate. It could be a matter of arrangement with builder afterwards.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. There is an item that I forgot to mention yesterday. Capen & Co. subscribed \$50.00 to be paid in hauling--10 per cent of the cost to go to College until the amount is exhausted. One subscription of \$25 is to be paid in furnishing--but I think that would apply after building is turned over. Another offers \$18. in plastering-- \$50. if he can have job of plastering. I mention these things that they may be in mind--not to change your result in estimate.

Yours truly,
E.P.H.

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June 18, 1891.

Rev. J. L. Maile.
Dear Brother.

Your letter with check for \$5000.00 date June 8th was duly received. I directed the Treasurer to send receipt for the sum. I am sincerely glad and grateful for the funds. Yesterday we chose our plan of building and have issued invitations for bids. The building itself will cost not far from \$10000 and the furnishing will cost \$3000 and something more. I have secured \$1923.00 towards the building and have letters out that will bring in something more, I hope. The contract is to be let on Saturday of this week. The plan is an excellent one--will accommodate about 70--give good rooms with ample reception hall for the social relations of the sexes.

Can you put in work now in our field for the completion of the building? I hope so. We have a deed of the large addition to the Campus. A part of new building will stand on that. It seems as though sixty men in N.Y. City "and vicinity" could be easily found to give \$100. each toward building and furnishings.

Cordially and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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June 18, 1891.

To the Honorable Town Council
of Winter Park, Florida.
Gentlemen.

The Corporation of Rollins College, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance making that portion of Chapman Avenue, in Winter Park, running from Kentucky Avenue, on the north, to Lake Virginia, on the south. Also that part of Hooker Avenue running from Chapman Avenue to Rollins Avenue. Also the alleys running through blocks 84 and 85 on the map of Winter Park.

And they would state, that they are sole and entire owners, of all the land lying in this portion of said streets, and alleys, and desire to add block 84 and 85 to their present Campus, and use the same for additions to their present buildings.

/s/ Edward P. Hooker, President

/s/ Harry Huntington, Treasurer

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Winter Park, Fla., June 18, 1891.

F. A. Eaton.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 13th inst. received. The Grape Fruit are nearly all gathered.

The Executive Committee ordered the planting of 80 or more to fill vacancies in the grove. I suppose you have made the selection of the trees in Mr. Denny's grove. Should you not have them delivered and set them at once?

I have no doubt but that the grove should be fertilized as you advise. The funds are not in hand just now to use for this purpose and we shall be obliged to wait awhile.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 19, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Dear Sir.

We are just receiving bids for a Ladies Hall at Rollins College. It is to contain 72 students and Teachers rooms. Do you wish to bid for the furnishing of these rooms? We wish Antique Oak Sets. Each set should consist of 1 single a bed with box wire spring, curled hair mattress, 1 goose feather pillow common size, 1 wash sink on stand, with wash bowl and pitcher, 1 small pitcher and 1 China cup, one tumbler, 1 soap dish, one chamber, 1 tin pail for stops, 1 Bureau with mirror, 1 Study Desk, 2 Sitting room chairs, 1 Rocker, 1 curtain for window with Hartshorn's fixtures, 1 Kerosene lamp.

We are dependent upon the gifts of the Benevolent for buildings and furnishings. Please give us your best bid and as early as possible.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Records of Building Com. Rollins College

June 17, 1891

Present, E. P. Hooker, W. A. Miller and A. H. Missildine. A. H. Missildine was appointed Secretary. W. T. Cotter of Sanford; W. A. Miller of Sanford, Coan and Bros., and Alcott, W. P. presented plans. W. A. Miller being a member of Committee, Dr. Hooker was instructed to vote for him in selection of plans. After discussion the plan of W. A. Miller was accepted. A communication was received from W. A. Aldrich's with regard

to furniture for Cottage. The President was requested to correspond with D. A. Beckwith of Jacksonville and make the best terms practicable and secure the furniture.
A. H. Missildine. Sec.

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June 19, 1891.

J. T. and M. C. Blain, Trustees
Dear Sirs.

Your favor of the 13th inst. received. I presented your communication to the Building Committee. Another plan was selected. Bids are to be received so that contract can be let tomorrow. The accepted plan is passing among those who wish to bid and may have reached you before this.

I shall be glad to have correspondence with regard to the attendance of your children and that of your neighbors. I send you a few catalogues to use among your neighbors.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 19, 1891.

To Whom It May Concern.

Frank L. Haynes has been a student in the Lower Department of Rollins College for several years. The past year has been in the first year of the Academic Course. He has been a good scholar, a faithful student and a young man of excellent morals and deportment. He will be faithful and capable in any service which he would consent to undertake. He will be wholly trustworthy and helpful.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 10, 1891.

Mrs. E. L. Goodhue.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 16th inst. is at hand.

We have an excellent teacher of Physical Culture. Our teacher of Elocution is not to return. But the department alone would bring the teacher such slight returns that the position would not be desirable unless one loved the work and wished occupation for four hours in the week and only one hour compensation.

We have an application from a teacher who desires to spend the winter near us and would be glad of some work.

If it seems worth while under the circumstances, you may send your daughter's testimonials.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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June 20, 1891.

An Agreement.

Wherein the Corporation of Rollins College through its Building Committee, as party of the first part, viz. Edward P. Hooker, Mason Noble, W. A. Miller, A. H. Missildine and W. R. O'Neal, does hereby agree to pay or cause to be paid to Wilton A. Miller or his representatives \$10,000 in lawful money of the U.S. provided the said Wilton A. Miller, party of the second part, shall build, or cause to be built, a Ladies Dormitory, as per plans and specifications as made by Miller and Salsbury and which are a

which we may have for her to do--she may have time to do? And that we furnish her home at the Cottage for her work, and you make up what salary she receives beside? I think you would consider this as satisfactory from what you said.

If this is satisfactory, will you secure testimonials for me to send round to the Ex. Com., with my nomination?

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., June 26, 1891.

Mr. Wilton A. Miller.

Dear Sir.

Your favor received. Am glad lumber and brick are ordered and will soon be on ground. Low bids for furniture are in, but I wish to know some particulars not stated, with regard to one of the bids, before the decision is made.

You have heard from Capen and Co. about sand, I suppose.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, June 30, 1891.

C. H. Hutchins.

My Dear Sir.

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... that was made. We asked the local authorities to deed the street next to the old campus on the west and to deed and close Hooker Avenue and the alleys as far west as Rollins Avenue, on which the Diffenderfer lot and shanty are. We did not ask for the closing of anything along that property. It might have embarrassed the local Council in their decision, and might have complicated negotiations with Mrs. Diffenderfer. Thus far I can get no reply to my letters to Mrs. Diffenderfer. I registered my last letter to her and have received postal receipt signed by Mrs. Diffenderfer, that the letter was received. Judge Foster advised this and advised fencing round her lot in case she would not set a reasonable price for the property. That can be very easily done as the lot is on a corner and as the street cannot be closed and Rollins Ave. cannot be closed. It is the public highway from Orlando into Winter Park. But Hooker Avenue can be undoubtedly closed to the west from Rollins Avenue, when the time comes to ask for that.

Gratefully and sincerely yours, with thanks and kind regards to all.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, June 30, 1891.

Mrs. G. H. Durrant.

Dear Madam.

I cannot now see any reason why I may not be at home the 4th and I will make the appointment to see you then. If for any reason I am absent, you can call on Prof. Ford and he can tell you all you will wish to know.

I am pleased that your son and daughter will be with us next year. I have no doubt but that we can help them.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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circular letter to Ex. Com. of Rollins College recommending the appointment or nominating for appointment Miss Hattie A. Peck as assistant to her sister in the Music Department. From Edward P. Hooker. [note: see letterbook page 123]

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The members of Ex. Com. will be glad to know that the lowest bid for the new Ladies Hall was \$10000 and that this has been accepted. It was the bid of Mr. Miller of Sanford. Coan Bros. and Alcott's bid was for \$15000. About \$9500 of this money is either in hand already or subscribed and can be relied upon. There are two bids on furniture. The lowest is by firm in Jamestown, N.Y. about \$50 per room does not include freight. Measurements are being made by Committee on Heating. The furniture will cost about \$3500. I hope we shall be able to raise this during the summer and also sufficient money to put in the heating plant. If we all do our best, I think we can put the College in excellent working order this year, with the exception perhaps of the Scientific Building. I wish that might erected also.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Orlando, Fla., June 26, 1891.

E. P. Hooker.

Dear Dr.

Your favor of the 25th inst. received. While appreciate the fact that salaries must be low in the present condition of the College, still it seems to me that the probabilities are that the music department of the College for the next year will take the time, or nearly so, of two teachers and the fare and expenses down and back would be large. I would however make you this proposition on my own responsibility. If you will make Miss Hattie A. Peck the proposition to pay her for the year \$400 and board, I will pay the College \$200. I do this so that she may feel think the salary paid a liberal one and would consequently feel an extra obligation to earnest efficient work--and I can assure you, in character, ability and Christian deportment--she will compare favorably with her sister. We may feel it necessary to live in Orlando next winter. I would much prefer to have her with us all the time, but it might be better for her there.

Yours truly,
W. B. Peck

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Winter Park, Fla., July 1, 1891.

Dear Bro. Welch.

I am sending the following circular letter to the members of Ex. Com. of Rollins College. Will you return your vote to me immediately? I do not know your Northern address and will send to Pomona to be forwarded to you.

Circular Letter.

We have needed an assistant Music Teacher the past year. The Assistant, Miss Missildine, now goes to Boston. Miss Peck was overworked last year with an assistant. The Musical Depart. promises to be larger next year than it has been the past year. Miss Peck has recommended her sister, just graduated from Oberlin, as her assistant. If her whole time should not be needed as musical assistant, she would be willing to teach other things. Her father considers the younger daughter of as great promise as the elder daughter. He makes the proposition of the enclosed letter. I recommend that we accept the proposition. Will you send your vote

directly to me?

Yours fraternally and cordially,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, July 2, 1891.

Miss Mesina Stittman.

Dear Madam.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Martha C. Weld, you have been mentioned to us and one who would welcome some opportunity of good service in Fla. and she has recommended you for the position of Matron of our Ladies Cottage. Miss L. M. Abbott is Lady Principal and has general supervision of all the young ladies and girls in the Institution, giving excuses in all cases. But she needs some one under her to attend to certain needs in the Cottage life. I will state to you as distinctly as I can the duties of a matron in the Ladies Cottage.

1. Care of the sick, doing for them all they need to have done except in extreme cases demanding a trained nurse.
2. Daily inspection of rooms, seeing that they are in order.
3. Locking up the house at night and opening it in the morning.
4. Keeping Cottage in order--not sweeping and dusting, but attending to the little things that make a house pleasant and attractive.
5. Attention in general to the wants of the young ladies.

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6. Having entire charge of Cottage during absence of lady principal. Seeing that rules are obeyed, but reporting to the lady principal all discipline, and leaving to her all permissions and regulations of social life.

For this work and all general helpfulness and good will, we pay \$30. per month and board and ticket North at the end of the year. Our school year is 33 weeks. One needs to be here a day or two before the opening of the term to have things in hand, and to see the house at the end of the year though our Janitor attends to much of the work at the end of terms and of the year.

This then is the compensation: \$250 and board with room and lights and ticket North, at the end of the year. I will send you a catalogue.

Will you write me whether you would accept the position if it were offered to you? The appointment is by a committee and would have to be made after hearing from you in this letter.

I am sure you would find the Lady Principal very congenial to you.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 2, 1891.

Mrs. A. W. Warren.

Dear Madam.

I have received a letter from Mrs. Martha C. Weld recommending you for the position of matron in a cottage for young men and boys. There are some over thirty rooms in the building.

The work of a matron is as follows:

1. Care of the sick except in severe cases requiring a professional nurse.
2. Daily inspection of rooms, to see that everything is in order.
3. Locking up the house at night and unlocking it in the morning.
4. Keeping cottage in order. Boys make their own beds, but the matron sees that it is done and that the rooms are in perfect order.
5. Looking after things which make a house pleasant and attractive. A chamber maid sweeps and dusts and fills the lamps.
6. Important--Give a home like atmosphere to the Cottage.

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7. See that the boys are in their rooms in study hours except when in attendance upon recitation and other school duties calling them away from the Cottage.

8. Report all violations of rules and all disorder to the Head of Departments.

For this service the College pays \$30 per month and board and a ticket North at the end of the School year, if one wishes to go North. This amounts to \$250 and board and ticket one way.

All this seems matter of fact and perhaps somewhat uninviting. But it is the skeleton. Our College homelife is really delightful. It seems ideal to me. I am confident, if we should arrange for your coming, you would find the house and work congenial. The appointment is by a committee. I shall not communicate with them until I hear from you.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 3, 1891.

Carl Farlton, Director.

My dear Sir.

Your letter with regard to my young friend and pupil now for years, Miss Ida Missildine, has reached me.

In reply I wish to say, that Miss M. can support herself for one year at your conservatory without aid. After that I believe some way will open for her continuance with you. She was our Assistant Teacher of Piano last year. Our Teacher is a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and is, by a good deal, the best Teacher of vocal and instrumental music, we have ever had. She would be a fine vocalist in Germont Temple, or anywhere else. Will you refer again to what she says in testimonials sent, about Miss Missildine's voice. Miss Kate W. Peck is the Teacher and is now in Boston, I presume. I think she is taking lessons herself. Perhaps she is at your Conservatory. I wish you would confer with her about Miss Missildine. But let me say

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that Miss M's. voice is Sweet--it is clear--it has capacity for high notes--I think the chest tones need development. I am Sure that what she needs most is the development of capacity of chest tones and to be led to the enthusiastic utterance of the music that is in her.

I speak as a layman in music, for I am not a musician. But you will know her soon and guide her wisely. I am thoroughly glad she can go independently at first. After that, you will know her and can judge what assistance you can render. I hope she will do a work as valuable as her own worth as a modest and earnest Christian young woman.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 3, 1891.

Mrs. Martha C. Weld.

Your letter of the 24th inst. has arrived[?]. I have written to Miss Stittman and also to Mrs. Warren, giving the particulars desired.

Their appointments are referred to an Ex. Com. when they cannot be brought before the entire Board or Corporation. We endeavor to make all appointments with great care. If I nominate either or both these ladies to the positions named, (a majority of the Committee are now in the North) as discriminating and faithful testimonials as I can, in order that the Committee may be able to vote intelligently. I should wish to send your letter to me. I should also be glad of some word from their pastors or other prominent friends. The matter of Christian character is important.

Their power of self control and control of others. The latter is specially important in a cottage for young men.

You will see at once what I need, let me state[?] that membership in an Evangelical church is necessary.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 3, 1891.

W. R. O'Neal, Esq.

My Dear Sir & Bro.

Yes, the contract the contract was made specific in every particular, so far as I remember, as per your letter. Before the bids were received, Mr. Miller, as himself a builder and a member of the Committee, drew up the specifications according to a pailer form, making changes to suit circumstances. These specifications he sent to me before the bids were put in. The Coan Brothers and Alcott needed to see them before hand, as well as Miller. I took them to the Coans and read them over with them and they indicated all the points when they thought there was any danger of misinterpretation or any opportunity for poor materials, etc. I made note of all these points. When the bids were in and while the Committee were with the successful bidder, I went over those points, one by one, and Mr Miller consented to all the changes and made those changes before he signed the contract. I do not know

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that the Coan Bros. and Alcott know of this fact. I have heard of their saying that there was a change, if anyone was confessed to do so, to put in poor material at certain points, but they did not know that every point which they criticized, when we went over the specifications together had been made right in Mr. Miller's own hand.

2. The contractor did not give a bond. I am not certain, but I think he expressed willingness and that he would readily comply with our wishes in the matter, if the Committee should ask the bond.

Of course, it is natural to think all about for some reason for such great difference in bid.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, July 4, 1891.

The Tropical Sun.

What should you charge Rollins College for the insertion of the enclosed "ad" for three months? Please keep the copy until you hear from me after receiving your terms.

I send you a catalogue.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 4, 1891.

Mrs. H. M. Robinson.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 30th ult. received. Will you write me further particulars about your friend and give me her address. You know that information must be sent round to Ex. Com. and they need pretty full information. Miss Abbott, as Lady's Principal, will of course have authority in the Ladies Hall. A helper will be needed for such duties as the following:

1. Care of the sick, except in extreme cases when a professional nurse

is needed.

2. Inspection of rooms.
 3. Locking up the house at night and opening it in the morning.
 4. Keeping Cottage in order, attending to the little things that make a house pleasant and attractive.
 5. Attention to the wants of young ladies.
 6. Having entire charge of cottage during absence of Lady Principal, seeing that rules are obeyed, etc., but reporting to Lady Principal all discipline and leaving to her all permissions and regulations of social life. Is your friend the person for such a position? Or is she the person to have management of one of the Boys
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Cottages, as you have done and as Miss Root has done? Except that you and Miss Root were compelled to be away a portion of the time in connection with other duties. Please give me your best judgment on these points. An assistant for Miss Abbott ought not to receive so large a salary as one who is in charge of a cottage alone.

Will you have your friend send me testimonials from her pastor and any other friend? However, your fuller statement would probably have more weight with the Committee than any words of others.

Will you tell me what your salary was the first year? How much should your friend receive in addition to "home"?

You will be glad to know that the \$10,000, less about \$2050[?] for the new building is raised!!!

But the \$3400. for furniture is yet to come and that for the heating plant is not in sight.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Mrs. Hooker says: "Tell her I am glad she is better." I join in the gladness.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 4, 1891.

E. T. Howison, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 19th inst. received. Our General Missionary of Florida resides here. His house is not yet finished. He hopes to finish it inside before next summer. In case he accomplishes this he will be quite willing to take the young ladies, your wards, to board for next summer vacation. It is quite probable that they can remain at the College during the short vacations of the year, though I cannot promise that now. But we can find them some place when the time comes. Rev. A. H. Missildine is our General Missionary. He would board the young ladies, in case his house is ready, at \$4.00 per week for each. Several of our Teachers are North. Miss Eva J. Root is at Somerset, Mich. Miss Kate W. Peck is in Boston. Miss Amy F. Dalrymple is in South Boston. Mrs. H. M. Robinson is at Rochester, N. Y. She would be an excellent person to take charge of them on the journey. Write to her at once and arrange with her the details.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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P.S. One thing more. We are to erect another building for the young ladies. However it will accommodate over seventy. The cottage that formerly belonged to the young ladies will be given to the young gentlemen. Your wards will be well provided for in the new building. The provision will be better in the new building than it has been in the one hitherto occupied by young ladies. The prices will be the same, only that there will be no rooms with lower prices than others, I presume. However, as we have definitely stipulated that your wards shall have a lower rate on account of location, I will see that our agreement is kept. Let your

wards bring this letter with them when they come and show it to the Treasurer, in case, that for any reason, I am not here. However, I would wish that the young ladies should know nothing about their receiving lower rates than others, for their own sakes and for ours.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 6, 1891.

Mrs. Elizabeth Warren.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of July 1st, was duly received. I am aware that the compensation I named for Elocution would not be a living salary. But we have been able to secure specialists in that line of work because... were in our neighborhood. Two such are to spend the coming season near here and would be glad of the limited work, however excellent they may be. Of the excellence of your daughters work I have no question. I send you a catalogue.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. I presume we shall secure one of the candidates for limited work whose names

E.P.H.

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Winter Park, July 7th, 1891.

M. F. Hood, Esq.
Witness Pub. Co.

I accept your offer for Rollins College to insert enclosed "ad" in the Baptist Witness for 3 months for \$2.50 for the 3 months. If I understand your offer correctly, insert the ad and send the bill and we will send you occasional notes for the paper, i.e. in case we are entitled to notes free in accordance with the usage of all the papers we patronize. Please send me a card saying my understanding of your offer is correct.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, July 7, 1891.

Mrs. G. W. Durrant.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 1st inst. received. There is one small cottage here to rent. It can be had for \$8. per month. There is one central room and two small rooms connecting with the central room. There is also a small kitchen.

There is another small cottage that I presume will be vacant, but cannot tell when. The owner is North and he has no agent here. The owner is Robert White. He resides at Washington, D.C. Mr. White's cottage is better than the other and much nearer College, although it is not a long house from the more distant house. I suggest that you write to Mr. White. The White cottage is within a few... of us.

However, there may be great delay in vacating this nearer and better cottage, and meanwhile the other cottage may be taken at any time.

I am glad you are coming.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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July 8, 1891.

William A. Miller, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Yours of yesterday received. W. R. O'Neal of Orlando is Chairman of Committee on Heating. The plot of the grounds I suppose is in his hands and should be passed at once to those who wish to bid. I will send your letter to Mr. O'Neal and ask him to give Mr. Saulsburg as early an opportunity as he can to use the plot.

The brick and lumber began to arrive several days ago. When will the work begin?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 9, 1891.

Mrs. Mesina Stittman.
Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 6th inst. received. I will reply to your questions in their order.

1st The College employs no trained nurse in any case.

Our sickness last year was mostly the modified form of Le Grippe--as near Le Grippe as the climate will permit. There were two cases among the girls during the winter that were cared for by the mothers of the sick ones, I think. There were a good many other cases. The Lady Principal was in their room a good deal during the day and at night. She had the care of all the young ladies of the Institution, day scholars as well as boarders, receiving all excuses. She was also Principal of the Sub Preparatory Dept. and taught three hours per day. She had the social relations of the young ladies and gentlemen under her care. Still she did the nursing, except in the cases I have mentioned. But it was too much. If we employ a matron for the Ladies Hall, it will be as a Helper to the Lady Principal.

2. The rising bell rings at 6 A.M. Breakfast is at 7. As you would open the doors in the morning you would need

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to rise with the bell and commence your supervision at once. Lights are required to be out at 10 P.M. You would need to see that the lights are out at that time, and the outside doors locked. There is the same care at night, that a housekeeper feels at home--more of course, as the building is large.

3. The Lady Principal has all social relations of the sexes under her care. She would feel at liberty to ask you to go with the young ladies to social entertainment or office gatherings, or to do shopping or to the "dressmaker" or the "dentist," etc. But they could not go out of town without the permission of the Lady Principal and of myself.

4. You could have a room entirely to yourself.

5. Practically you would probably have a good deal of time at your disposal, but you would be liable to interruptions at all times.

6. I wrote you that you would make daily inspection of all the young ladies rooms.

7. You would also note all disorder and misconduct and report the same to the Lady Principal.[note: last sentence is unreadable]

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Dear Brother Alden.

Miss Missildine, who has been our Assistant Teacher of Piano goes to Conservatory at Boston next year. Miss Peck recommends her sister as assistant for next year and to do other work in Teaching to make up any

time that may not be occupied. The sister has just completed her musical (& Literary course I believe) at Oberlin. Mr. Peck, the father, makes the following proposition to the Ex. Com.: "If you will make Miss Hattie A. Peck the proposition to pay her for the year \$400. and board, I will pay the College \$200. I do this that she may think the salary paid a liberal one and would consequently feel extra obligation to earnest, efficient work, and I can assure you, in character, ability and Christian deportment she will compare favorably with her sister."

I recommend her appointment on these terms. Will you send me your vote directly.

Yours fraternally,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 10, 1891.

Dear Mr. Capen.

My opinion is that we had better follow Judge Foster's advice. I should think that you would be obliged to send her the deeds. If the friends at Worcester desire that the money on deposit at Worcester should be received by the College, please send an order to that effect to the Treasurer, Mr. Huntington as I leave for the North next Wednesday.

Then when the Town Council shall close Hooker Ave. West from Rollins Ave. we can fence round the Diffenderfer lots leaving access perfectly free and open for Diffenderfers into Rollins Ave. I think this would be in accordance with Judge Foster's advice. Would it.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 11, 1891.

Miss Eva J. Root.

Dear Madam.

Prof. Austin and I have been looking over the work of next year today, assigning to Teachers, etc. Prof. A. wishes me to ask you whether you will teach the Academic Chemistry of the Fall Term? Will you also take the Civil Government and the History of the English Language of the 3rd Term?

The contract is let for the erection of the new building. It is to cost ten thousand dollars. The location has been chosen. It is to stand partly on the N.W. corner of the Old Campus and reach out to the west on the new addition. We have received a gift of as much more land for Campus towards the left as we had before. We have about all of the money except \$500. raised for the new building. The plan we think to be pushed to completion.

I hope you are having a good vacation. I go North next week for a month's rest. Please write me at Newton Highlands, Mass.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 13, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I presented your bid and one other to the Building Committee. The Committee request me to ask you to send a set of the furniture throughout, China and all, such as your bid is made upon, to the College. We will buy the one set at the price you have fixed. If you please, send the set to

Henry Huntington, Treasurer for Rollins College.
Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 13, 1891.

Mr. Aldrich.
Dear Sir.

I thank you for your courteous offer to Rollins College. I presented the offer to the Building Committee. They request me to ask you to send a set of the furniture throughout, China and all such as your bid is made upon, to Rollins College. We will buy the set at the price you have fixed. If you please, send the set to Henry Huntington, Treasurer for Rollins College. I shall be absent a few weeks.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 14, 1891.

Dear Mrs. Robinson.

My letter of July 4th has come back to me from Rochester. I am corresponding about matrons. I send on my previous letter with this note asking you to reply to me fully at Newton Highlands, Mass. Yours will be forwarded to me wherever I may locate for my months rest.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 15, 1891.

Miss. L. Belle Haven.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of June 1st reached me some time ago. Our corps of Teachers is very full. I am wishing to find two or three matrons. Perhaps you would be willing to come as matron. I am not prepared to offer the position to you, but I would like to tell you the duties of the position and hear from you in regard to the matter. Let me tell you the duty of a matron with us.

1. Care of the sick except in sever cases requiring a professional nurse. Such cases seldom occur.
2. Daily inspection of rooms, to see that everything is in order. The young people take care of their own rooms, except that a chambermaid trims and fills the lamps and empties the slops.
3. Locking up the house at night and opening it in the morning.
4. Keeping the cottage in order.
5. Looking after things that make a home pleasant and attractive. especially giving a home atmosphere to the life.
6. See that the students are in their rooms during study hours,

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except when in attendance upon recitations and other school work calling them away from the cottage.

7. Report all the violations of the rules and all disorder to the Heads of Departments.

For this service the College pays \$30. per month and board and a ticket North at the end of the school year, if one wishes to go North. Such engagements are for one year only.

This seems matter of fact and perhaps somewhat uninviting to a stranger. But I give the skeleton. Our Cottage home life is really delightful and seems ideal to me.

A cheerful, loyal Christian atmosphere, like that of the best homes,

we value very much and seek to have. The Christian Lady can create such an atmosphere among boys and young men. We shall have two cottages for boys next year with about 30 rooms each and a larger building for girls and young ladies, with 72 rooms. In the latter the Lady Principal makes her home. She needs an assistant, to have charge while she is teaching, which is three hours per day and while she is out in connection with general duties. In that building, the matron has charge of the sick and reports all

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and leaves the social relations of the young ladies and gentlemen wholly to the Lady Principal. Her assistant can probably be secured for less compensation than I have suggested. She is to make herself helpful in every way to the Lady Principal.

We have had a native German Teacher the past year. We have not many, if any, who would have German in the regular course next year. There may be special students wanting German in numbers sufficient to warrant the forming of a class, or student may join us from another school of such grade as to need German. If you were employed as a matron, you might be glad to teach the German if there should be any, leaving the building in the care of some teacher rooming in the building for the hour.

I am glad you are a Congregationalist. I suppose you are a member of a church. We count the religious atmosphere of our Cottage homes of primary importance. We have morning prayers in the Chapel and the boarders have evening prayers in the dining hall after tea. The Lady Teacher and matrons conduct that service. There is Bible reading, singing and prayer. It is the family prayer of the day.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., July 19, 1891.

Mrs. Martha C. Weld.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of 10th inst. received. Rollins College was founded as a Christian College. In the second article of the Constitution it is provided. "Its object, which shall never be changed, shall be the Christian education of youth." In the same Art. 5th, Section 3rd, it is provided: membership in some Evangelical church shall be an invariable condition of holding a professorship." Matrons are not mentioned as coming under this condition. But in close relation with students and influence over them the condition is, if possible, more important in their case than in that of professors, etc. I will send you a copy of By-Laws and Constitution.

I have been very much pleased with the two ladies as you have presented them to me.

Let me say that Rollins College was founded by the Congregationalists of Fla. as a Christian College--not Sectarian. Students can attend any church in town which their parents select. The churches here are Congregational, Episcopal and Methodist. I give them in the order of their founding, or perhaps of their successful work. We permit students to attend any church their parents prefer. We require attendance

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somewhere. We are living here in good fellowship. We are as a denomination, I think, growing in the spirit of a broad charity and fellowship. I cannot question but that many Christian people are living outside of all church connection. I wish it were not so. We should not hesitate probably to appoint as matron or teacher a member of any church of Evangelical faith that would take the same attitude towards us that we take towards them. I think we should be criticized, if we appointed from a church that would be thought of by our friends as exclusive. I cannot

see why Mrs. Warren should not connect herself with some church with which we are in welcome and fellowship. Do my words seem narrow to you in any respect? I hope not. I am specially pleased with the picture you have given me of both the friends of whom you have written. I believe they both would do use royal good service. I desire that the matrons should have a positive Christian influence. That has been the central thought of our homelife from the beginning. Sometimes we have strayed from it. I should despise myself for asking Miss Stittman to become anything else than an Episcopalian, or Mrs. Warren to become anything else then her preference

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would have her to be. I know that both of them would be in good fellowship with us and we with them.

May I stop here? Perhaps you will have something further to write. I leave this week for a months rest at the North. A letter sent to Newton Highland, Mass. will find me. Permit me to add, that a vital Christian influence seems to me essential in the course of a matron.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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July 23, 1891.

I have written a tentative letter to Miss Eva Lamson of Winter Park asking her whether she would think favorably of the position of "Helper" in the Ladies Hall, to Miss Abbott, specifying duties and naming \$5. per week with home as probably salary--\$165.00 per year of 33 weeks and home--suggesting also that she might be willing to remain in the building during the short vacations and see that everything goes well.

E. P. Hooker.

Newton Highlands, Mass. July 24, 1891.

Miss H. A. Peck.

The Ex. Com. of Rollins College authorize me to make the following proposition to you. We offer you the position of assistant music teacher at Rollins College, with this understanding, that, if your sister does not need you full time in her department, you will fill up the remainder of your time in some other line of teaching where you may be needed. For this service we offer you your home at the College for the school year and a salary of \$400. I hope to receive a favorable reply at an early day. Please write to me here.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Newton Highlands. July 24, 1891.

Miss Kate W. Peck.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of yesterday was duly received. I have written your sister offering her the position of your assistant, etc. The College Treasury is empty, so far as funds for ordinary running expenses are concerned. I authorize the purchase of \$15.00 worth of music in accordance with your request, provided you will purchase it near the close of your vacation and with the understanding that the bill need not be paid until the term opens. We are expending heavily for building and furnishing, and we shall have all we can do this summer to meet these imperative needs. I thank you for your offer to contribute from your stack of music to the Musical Library to be.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

Keene Valley, (Estes) N.Y. Aug. 3, 1891.

W. A. Miller, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I spoke to you about deadening the walls and doors and ceilings of two rooms in the new building. I have no figures with reference to the extra cost. Will this be satisfactory? Go on and deaden the walls and doors and ceilings of two rooms and charge the College the extra cost. The best rooms, because the disturbance from the pianos would be least there, for this purpose, will be the rooms on the lower floor, in the wing running a little north of west, the northwest corner room and the room next to that. They will both front the street and the lower or the north side, and the corner room will look towards the addition to the Campus on the west. That will carry the sound of the pianos through the windows away from the campus, where windows are open in

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warm weather. I do not see but there must be some arrangement to persons on that side of the building, but this arrangement will cause the least possible annoyance. I am glad to hear that you have a good force on the building. I have faith that you will push the work and do it well and have it done. Write me about the deadening the walls, please.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Keene Valley, Estes. Aug. 4, 1891.

Miss M. Belle Tracy.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 30th ult. has been received. I regret that very much that I would not be present at the Young Peoples Social and hear your reading. I have written to Winter Park for some report of the entertainment. I regret that matters cannot move more rapidly, but we are separated by long distances. I will not permit any unnecessary delay, but when I get report of your reading, if I lay the matter before the Committee, they are scattered widely for the summer and considerable time will be consumed necessarily. I speak of this that you may not misinterpret the delay.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Keene Valley (Estes) N.Y. Aug. 4, 1891.

Miss A. Stittman.

Dear Madam.

There is a provision in the Constitution and By Laws of Rollins College that no one shall be appointed to a professorship who is not a member of some Evangelical church. The principle applies with greater force in the case of matrons than in that of professors, as the matrons with the Lady Principal are at the center of the home life. I judge from correspondence with your friends, and words of commendation, that you are yourself leading a Christian life. I certainly do not question it. I hear at present you are not a regular attendant upon any church. I think the committee would feel that the spirit of the fundamental law of the College would forbid

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an appointment in your case. ~~It pains me to write this. I make no question but that you are seeking to lead a Christian life. But the position of Matron is at the center, with that of the Lady Principal, of the Home life of the College.~~ I am glad your friends are able to say so many good things about you. I am sure it must be your privilege to have

~~an active Christian life & an active place in the Xian [Christian] church.~~

~~Sincerely yours
Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.~~

Keene Valley, Estes, N.Y. Aug. 5, 1891.

Mrs. Emily H. Warren.

Dear Madam.

~~Is it possible that there is a mistake as to one point? Your testimonials speak of you in a positive way as a Christian. At the same time I am informed, apparently on the best authority, that you are not a member~~

Yours testimonials are excellent, except with reference to one point. I am informed that you are not a member of any church. This information has come in answer to a question from me. There seems to be no doubt but that you are a Christian and a good one. The fundamental law of the College forbids the holding of a professorship by any one who is not a member of some Evangelical church. There seems to be stronger reason why a matron should be required to be a member of some Evangelical church. She is expected to be at the head of the home life of a cottage and to be the warm, earnest life of the religious interest there. Rollins College was founded by a band of Home Missionaries and Home Missionary Churches and their deepest purpose was that the College should be a place of living earnest Christian life and Christian learning. Possibly I am misinformed. Will you write me at once, directing to Newton Highlands, Mass.?

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Keene Valley, N.Y. Estes. Aug. 5, 1891.

Miss Amy F. Dalrymple.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of July 28th received. Mrs. Hooker writes me that she has seen Mr. Huntington in connection with your letter and he says there is no money now to send. We are pressing earnestly for the erection of the building and the Treasury is empty for general expenses. You will have to wait for awhile. I expect to go home early in Sept.--certainly. Write me then at that time and I will see what can be done.

I am taking two weeks of my vacation here.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Keene Valley, N.Y. (Estes) Aug. 6, 1891.

E. T. Howison, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Our General matron is spending the Summer North. Her home is Rochester, N.Y. Her address at Rochester is P. O. Box 215. At present she is at Chautauqua, N.Y. 339 Miller Ave. Your wards could not have a better escort than Mrs. Robinson. She says she will be pleased to chaperon them. You had better write her at Rochester. Could you not arrange to have your wards join ~~her at~~ Mrs. Robinson at Rochester?

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. By reference to the date of Mrs. Robinson's letter, I see that she must have returned already to Rochester.

E.P.H.

Repeated this information Aug. 8, 1891.

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Keene Valley, (Estes) N.Y. Aug. 6, 1891.

Miss Lucy B. Bartlett.

Dear Madam.

Your letter mailed the 5th inst. and one from Dr. Strong of the 4th inst., have just been handed to me. Our corps of instruction in all general work is very full. There is but one position of matron of one of the cottages for young men and boys. I write tentatively to see whether you would consider yourself adapted to the position and would wish to undertake its duties. I do not see that we have any work for your brother. Your appointment would necessarily be conditioned, for one thing, upon your willingness to spend the entire school year there--from Sept. 30th to June 1st.

The duties of the position are:

1. Care of the sick except in severe cases requiring a professional nurse.
2. Daily inspection of rooms, to see that everything is in order.
3. Locking up the house at night and unlocking it in the morning.
4. Keeping cottage in order. Boys make their own beds, but the matron sees that it is done and that the rooms are in perfect order.
5. Looking after things which make a house pleasant and attractive. A chambermaid sweeps and dusts and fills the lamps.
6. Important--Give a home like atmosphere to the Cottage.
7. See that the boys are in their rooms in study hours except when in attendance upon recitation and other school duties calling them away from the Cottage.
8. Report all violation of rules and all disorder to the Head of Departments.
9. Be the cheerful and warm Christian center of the boys home. Very Important. All this requires tact, good will, a love for young people and sympathy with them. It needs a spirit of patient, strong, firm motherhood. You can judge perhaps whether you are adapted to the work. Please show this to Dr. Strong and ask him to write me his wisest judgement about it. If you should desire the position we should wish for recommendations from Dr. Strong and others, and they ought to cover the points I have indicated. We have two boys cottages of 33 or 4 rooms. The one to which you would be assigned, if to any, would not be likely to be full. For full work we pay \$30 per month (the year is 33 weeks), fare North at the end of the year, and home during term time. Your brother would have to board elsewhere. Home includes furnished room and lights and table board. I am glad to hear from you as the friend of Miss West. I expect to leave here next Tuesday. After that mail will reach me if sent to Newton Highlands, Mass.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Keene Valley, N.Y. (Estes) Aug. 8, 1891.

Dear Sir.

The whole atmosphere, method and one of Rollins College are thoroughly northern. We are endeavoring to repeat the best of the North in Fla. We have some Southern students, I am glad to say. We wish to reach the South. Now and then there is boarder from Southern families. More of this class are day scholars. Be assured your daughter will find congenial companions. If you were to step into the Ladies Cottage you would think you were in the North, if you did not know to the contrary. Shall I put down your daughter's name for a room?

I am here in the wilderness for a rest.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Newton Highland, Mass., Aug. 13, 1891.

Miss M. Belle Tracy.

Dear Madam.

I get pleasant reports of your reading at Winter Park. At the same time, there has developed a desire that we may not have a specialist as Teacher in that Department this coming year. How far this feeling prevails, I cannot judge, but it seems to have the sanction of College authority on the ground to such an extent that I am inclined to omit the special drill for the coming year. Most of our pupils did excellent work last year and the number of new pupils will be comparatively few and accordingly return your testimonials.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Newton Highlands, Mass., Aug. 13, 1891.

Miss Lucy P. Bartlett.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 8th has been forwarded back to me here at N.H. I agree with you that your inability to leave for Winter Park before the middle of Oct. would be entirely too late for us. I think you would miss your strategic opportunity to take the reins. I need not explain that to an experienced teacher of course. I hope you and your brother will come to Winter Park however. I wonder if you would not like to hire a small cottage or a few rooms and keep house? If I can aid you in arranging matters, it will give me pleasure to do so. I expect to return to Winter Park about the 1st of Sept.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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On Steamer Algonquin Aug. 27, 1891.

Circular letter to the Ex. Com. of Rollins College.

I enclose two letter from Mrs. H. M. Robinson recommending a lady, Mrs. Proctor, of Rochester, N.Y. for the position of matron. I nominate her for that position and recommend that she have charge of Cottage No. 2, which has been the cottage for boys hitherto, and is already full for next year. After reaching home I shall be able to judge better what we shall need as a matron for boys cottage No. 1. I recommend that her salary be the usual one for matrons, \$30. per month during term time and home and ticket North at the end of the year. I send this circular letter to Bro. Gale asking him to record his vote and forward the letter to Bro. Lyman at Minneapolis, and that the latter after voting will send this nomination with enclosure to Bro. Alden at Chautauqua, N.Y., and that he, after voting, will return the letter to me at Winter Park. A letter to me dated July 9th from Bro. Welch was from Windsor, Ct.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

Af. Edward P. Hooker
Neg. S. F. Gale
Af. M. C. Welch
Aff. F. W. Lyman
Aff. G. R. Alden

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Dear Brother Bingham.

I have entered Mr. Jolly's daughter for a pleasant room. Applications are coming in rapidly, but she is sure of a good room. The plan of the new building is excellent. There is not a poor room in it, so far as I can see.

I returned from the North yesterday and have found your letter waiting for me.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 1, 1891.

Charles Donovan, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 29th ult. has come to hand. I have entered the name of your son for a room on the 1st floor of Cottage No. 1. We shall be very glad to be considerate about his standing at recitations, etc.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 1, 1891.

Charles H. Robinson, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of Aug. 17th received. I have entered your daughter's name for a room. We shall be glad to receive her about Nov. 1st, the earlier the better for her and for us so far as her success in school work is concerned.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 1, 1891.

Dr. S. C. McCormick.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 27th ult. received has come to hand. We can accommodate your son at Rollins College. Probably his best chance of restored health is in our milder climate. We send you a catalogue. That will give you the information you need. He will be under excellent influences here. I am glad to hear that "he is a good boy". You did not ask me to reserve a room for him. The applications are coming in rapidly.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 1, 1891.

Mrs. James D. Taylor.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 29th ult. has come to hand. Your daughters can have connecting rooms on the second floor.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 1, 1891.

Richard Salinger, Esq.
Dear Sir.

I send you a statement of expenses with items marked. I am willing

to receive your daughter into the regular school life. In that way she will be happy among us and get much good, I trust. I should not be willing to receive her in any other way. Will you be kind enough to inform me whether this is acceptable to you? You can see that ones school life would be much injured by receiving children as boarders chiefly. Perhaps I ought also to say, that we are not likely to many if any, others as young as she is in the boarding dept. Will you turn to the 21st page of our Catalogue and see whether your daughter is prepared for our Sub-Preparatory Dept. I send a Catalogue.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 3, 1891.

T. F. Drudy, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 17th ult. came while I was North and was forwarded to me. I reached home on Monday of this week. This will be a satisfactory explanation of delay in answering your letter. We shall be very glad to have your daughter here. Her association with her cousin, I have no doubt, can be satisfactorily arranged. I have entered your daughter's name for a room.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 3, 1891.

Mrs. Horace K. Ide.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 31st ult. has come to hand. I regret to hear of Mr. Ide's poor health and wish I could be of service to you. We have an excellent Teacher of Vocal Music. I do not know of anything to suggest, as I know of no vacancy. Possibly, you might find an opportunity to teach vocal music in Palatka or the towns about. The old way of a course in vocal music during the winter--It used to be useful. Possibly you might find churches or towns about Palatka that would be glad to form such classes. Recently we had such a class at Winter Park with Prof. Case as Teacher. Remember me kindly to your husband.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 3, 1891.

Circular Letters to members of the Ex. Com. of Rollins College.

I nominate Miss Evelyne K. Stevens as Helper to Miss Abbott, Lady Principal, in care of the Ladies Hall, at the salary of \$5.00 per week, her "home" and fare to Boston at the close of the year. I send enclosed some testimonials. I saw Miss Stevens in Boston. She is a member of a Methodist church in Boston. Mr. Fisk of the Teachers Agency, is a member of the same church with Miss Stevens. She was not on his list but, hearing from me of the duties of the position, he recommended Miss Stevens. She seems to be the leader of the Young People of her church in the Hepworth League and to be an earnest Christian. As the position is a little different from that of matron, I will state the work she would be expected to do.

1. Take care of the sick.
2. Lock up the house at night and open it in the morning.

3. Inspect the rooms daily and see that they are in order.
4. Keep the Hall (new cottage) in order. (She is willing to sweep and dust.) And attend to the little things that make a house pleasant and attractive.

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5. Give attention to the wants of the young ladies and girls.
6. Have entire charge of the building during the absence of the Lady Principal, seeing that the rules are obeyed, but reporting to the Lady Principal all disorder and leaving to her all permissions and regulations of social life.

In favor of the appointment.
Edward P. Hooker

Against the

I wish to add that Miss Abbott has the care of all the Young Ladies and girls in the Institution and the supervision of the social relations of the sexes. She had last year also the care of the sick, both night and day, with a few exceptions. Her labors were very severe and she was very much exhausted at the end of the year. I think the Helper will be very economical and will save the Lady Principal's strength for the important matters for the care of which she is appointed.

E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 3, 1891.

Member of the Ex. Com. of Rollins College in the following order:

Rev. S. F. Gale, Jax. Rev. G. R. Alden, Chautauqua, N.Y. F. W. Lyman, Esq. Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. M. C. Welch--say Pomona. As I am not positive with regard to Bro. Welch's present address. Will each member of the Ex. Com. please record his vote, send on the circular letter to the next and send me a postal card telling me what his vote is, as it is getting late for appointments.

Yours cordially,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 3, 1891.

Alanson Trask, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of the 27th ult. has been received and I acknowledge it with special pleasure and gratitude. Your subscription for \$500. with Dr. Kitchel's for the same, completes the \$10,000 needed for the erection of the building. The work on the building is well along towards completion. If we can secure the money already subscribed and enough more to furnish the building and provide the heating plant[?], we can occupy our new accommodations the next school year, which begins Sept. 30th. The bills are pressing for payment. Can you accommodate us by sending the amount of your subscription at an early date? You fixed no date for payment.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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This letter was not sent as part of the money came and rest was promised.

[note by EPH]

Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 4, 1891.

C. H. Hutchins, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Upon my return, I find the work on the Ladies Hall proceeding well.

It is to be an excellent building. I have the \$10,000. subscribed. There is pressing need of money on the subscriptions. I remember you pleasant assurance, when you announced the generous subscriptions of the family June 25th. "That Mrs. Hutchins will send you her check for \$500. whenever you need it and I will also give \$500." I hope it will be convenient for you to send the check for your subscription also.

I went out to Worcester to see you all, but you had gone for your vacation to Narragansset, R. I.

We need to pay about \$3000. on the building at once. Then I was endeavoring to raise the \$6000. for furnishing and heating the building. I am glad of staunch and able friends to put their shoulders under the load with me. If we cannot complete and finish the building we must turn away many applicants.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 4, 1891.

Dear Dr. Kitchel.

You will be glad to know that yours and Mrs. Kitchel's subscription of \$500 is secured to the College. The last subscription was on the same condition as yours, except as to time of payment. You are familiar with the good example lessons. I am glad you have given thus, in a sense, two fold. The \$5000. pledged by the College Society has been paid and the building is well under way and will be completed and furnished and the heating plant in and ready for occupancy and use Sept. 30th, if some good people will only give us \$6000. for heating plant and furniture. I hope you know some of the good people right about you who wish to help a good cause in this Home Missionary Land.

If we cannot get the furniture and heating plant we shall be obliged to turn away many students, or ask them to board themselves, which will amount substantially to turning them away. I know you will not forget us in the struggles of our growth. You know there are "growing pain." I think I am experiencing them. I thank you for the closing sentence of your good letter: "All our love and hope and prayer shall be with you in it."

Affectionately and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 4, 1891.

Dear Dr. Clapp.

I find that the Bank in Orlando, upon which we have been depending for every exigency is quite likely to have its funds so drawn upon for other large enterprises that we cannot depend upon them even temporarily for the \$6000 of which I spoke to you. We need to furnish the new building and put in the heating plant. We cannot lose a moments time. I have written to a benevolent woman who may do the work. I write to ask you if you will not look up the man at once, if you can, who will make the loan on our \$23000 orange grove. I should be glad if the loan might be \$8000 instead of \$6000 as there is a note against us of a little over \$2000. at 10 per cent interest. Our grove we consider worth \$23000. The fruit crop last year amounted to over \$2000. And we are improving the property. If we cannot buy the furniture and cannot put in the Heating Plant and must turn away many applicants. S. Gale joins heartily with me in the desire that you and Dr. Taylor may come down next Winter as we talked. Do come.

Gratefully and cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 4, 1891.

W. Sheck, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of Aug. 22nd received. I have just returned from the North and answer as early as practicable. Rollins College is a thoroughly good school. It is the best of its grade I have ever known, North or South. My six children are in it and have been in it for several years. The moral and religious life is excellent. The home life has been especially wholesome. I know of no place where your son would be likely to be less exposed to evil influences. We have a Preparatory Dept. The best for him is to board in the College. I send you Catalogue and another general statement. You will find our terms distinctly stated.

The school year begins Sept. 30th.

I hope your son will come and will be here punctually to begin with the rest.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 4, 1891.

F. W. Lyman, Esq.

My dear Sir.

I have received the enclosed from Miss Livingston. I regret our great loss but it is inevitable. I desire that you may nominate the person for the position. It seems evidently fitting. Will you read the letter and write me as soon as you see the matter clearly?

The building is getting on well. I am making collections of subscriptions. The ten thousand dollars for the building we raised. The College Society has sent the \$5000. I am working now for the money to furnish with and to put in the Heating Plant. We need \$6000. for these two. The applications are coming in freely. If we will get the building ready, we shall have a very full school. Miss Livingston's going is a great loss to the gymnastic work and in other, but I suppose an early nomination of Successor is important. We are all quite well. Is it convenient to send your subscription towards the building?

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Sept. 4, 1891.

Dear Miss Livingston.

Your letter of the 18th ult. has been received. I have reached home from the North only this week. Your going is a necessary part of much loss. It does not seem possible to fill your place, but some one must be set to do the best that can be done. Perhaps this person of whom you wrote may be the one for us. I am disposed to refer the matter to Mr. Lyman for a nomination. I should be unwilling to name any one without previous consultation with him.

The prospect for the school is excellent. We need money for the furniture and heating plant. The \$10000 for the building has been subscribed and the work is making good headway. We need \$6000 more.

I will write to Mr. Lyman this afternoon. I am favorably impressed with the person whom Dr. Anderson recommends, all things considered. Give regards to all.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 5, 1891.

Dear Mr. Denny.

The \$10,000 subscription for the new building is completed and the work is well under way. We are greatly in need of funds to pay the bills. I do not remember whether anything was arranged between us as to time of payment of your subscription. You will remember. If it is convenient and in accordance with our understanding, it would be helpful to us to receive the money for the payment of bills due.

We are having abundance of rain. The thunder showers are quite severe. The lightning entered the church yesterday, passing down the rod part way and running into the church, tearing the plastering in places, but no doing a great deal of damage.

How are you passing the summer? At home I suppose, and I hope very comfortable.

Remember me to Mrs. Denny, if you please. Come early.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 5, 1891.

Gilbert Hart, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of June 3rd subscribing \$400 in case we get the \$10,000. for the new building... The \$10,000, I am glad to report, is all subscribed. The work on the building is well under way. We are embarrassed somewhat in making payments as the work is going on rapidly and it is not convenient in all cases to make payment.

It will add very much to the favor conferred if you can send us the \$400. to meet bills due.

I am very grateful to you for your generous aid. We are now endeavoring to raise the money for the furnishing and heating of the building. We need the room for our next years work.

Please remember me to your family.

Cordially and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 7, 1891.

Dr. Clarke.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Maxson has handed me your letter of Sept. 4th. I hope your son is ready for our Sub Prep. Dept. Miss Abbott, who has been the Principal of that Dept. next year, will probably be here the last of this week. She could tell you very quickly whether your son is ready for that work. May I suggest that you bring him with you to Winter Park the first of next week? Come to my house and I will go with you to see Miss Abbott or direct you where to find her.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 7, 1891.

Mrs. T. D. Stevenson.

Dear Madam.

Prof. Barrows is absent and your letter has been handed to me. Our Catalogue says "students who do not wish to take a full course are permitted to select such studies as they can pursue to advantage, provided they bring a written request from their parents or guardians designating the studies desired." There will be classes in English, Algebra, and

German, I suppose [sic.], through all the terms of next year. I have no doubt of it. Where students select studies the tuition is that of the Department to which the studies belong. I presume the studies you desire to select are of the grade of the Academic Course. In that case, tuition, room and board would be \$165.00 per year.

I send you a circular with the totals for the year stated according to Departments.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 7, 1891.

Mrs. R. B. Moore.

Dear Madam.

Prof. Barrows has been North all summer. Your letter has been handed to me. Your son can have a room. The Rogers House will be open at the beginning of the term and I recommend that you and your daughter board there while you remain. I think it will be the only house open for guests.

Yours faithfully,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 7, 1891.

Miss Fanny F. Wright.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 6th July has just been handed to me. Prof. Barrows, to whom you wrote, has been in the North all summer; I have been also North a part of the summer.

It is likely that one already in mind will be appointed as Teacher in the Gymnasium.

In any case we could not afford to pay sufficient salary to employ some one from abroad for that work alone.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 7, 1891.

Mrs. A. Perry.

Your letter of 2nd inst. received. We have an excellent matron. Are you a first rate cook for a family of 70 or more?

If so, and you would like an appointment as cook for the College, please send me testimonials from reliable parties and your formal application at once. I shall be able to tell you whether we shall need you, and is so, what we can give.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 7, 1891.

R. W. Post.

Dear Sir.

Your card received. Our board is already below cost. Would you be willing to render some service in part payment for board and tuition. For example, the lamps for the boys cottages have to be filled. We need help in waiting upon the tables. Then there is work to do out of doors. If you are willing to pay us the \$100 and do work, leaving the amount of the work to the matron, we should be very glad to have you come. Of course,

the amount of work should be agreed upon between you and the matron at the beginning of the year. We have no money in hand contributed for the aid of students. Let me hear from you.

I have been North and have recently returned.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 7, 1891.

Jno. J. Aldrich, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Livingston, our mutual friend you will remember called upon you and got your terms on set of furniture for new College Dormitory--Antique Oak. Have you the furniture in stock, so that you could fill our order promptly? The term begins Sept. 30. Our building is progressing rapidly. A considerable portion of it will be ready to receive furniture in a few days. If the beds with lower head-boards are not in stock, how much lower in price are these sets than those with higher head boards? Will you tell me whether all the pieces are real oak? I suppose so. Do you give any time in payment of bills? I hope not to need any, but am thinking of possibilities? Will you be kind enough to answer by return mail?

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 7, 1891.

Dear Mr. Miller.

I find there are no thresholds under doors that are hung in the new building. There is a large space between the bottom of the doors and the floors. In all our other buildings we have thresholds. Are they not considered an essential part of a finished building? I am sure this omission is without your knowledge and approval. I write you because your foreman tells me that they are not to be put in.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 8, 1891.

W. M. Colly, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I mail [sic.] you some Florida documents. I cannot hold myself responsible for all the people say about a new counting. I hope you will come and see for yourself. Do not fail to visit Winter Park. I think you will like it.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 8, 1891.

Dear Bro. Maile.

Yours of the 4th inst. received. I did not see Dr. Clapp after our interview with him. I have written him asking him to get the loan as speedily as possible as we need to order the furniture and put in the heating plant at once. I wrote Sept. 4th, the day you wrote your letter to me. The building will be ready for us. Will the furniture and heating apparatus be in so we can use it?

along--quite likely. But I wished to make sure that she is prepared for the Sub Preparatory grade. You probably know the grade from Ollie and John and the Catalogue. Kind regards to all.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 26, 1891.

Harris, Underwood and Deering, Esqs.
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dear Sirs.

We bought the full sets of one firm, China included. Thanks for your offer. We were pleased with the bid from Aldrich, but we could not wait to have our order filled.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 26, 1891.

F. A. Bailey, Esq.
San Matro, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Your favor just received. Your son is far enough along in reading to enter our Sub Preparatory Department. If he has mastered the principles of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the tables, he is far enough advanced in Arithmetic. Let him come at the beginning of the term. Can he not come Tuesday afternoon? We open Wednesday morning, the 30th.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 28, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

I return your copy of Contract duly signed, and retain one copy.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 28, 1891.

Harris, Underwood and Deering, Esqs.
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dear Sirs.

Under date of 26th inst. I wrote you as follows: "We bought the full sets of one firm, China included. We were pleased with the bid from Aldrich, but we could not wait to have our order filled." Your card of

27th inst. received. No doubt you have received the above for this. We shall not need your China.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 29, 1891.

R. W. Rea, Esq.
Wesson, Miss.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 23rd inst. received. I send you Catalogue and Circular of Rollins College. Our College year begins 30th inst. Can you not send on your son at once, that he may begin work with his class? I hope he will come. I have six children in the Institution and am thoroughly satisfied with the work done for them.

At what point in the County do you intend to locate.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 29, 1891.

C. H. Hutchins, Esq.
My Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 26th inst. received. In it you say: "Enclosed please find check for \$500.00 to apply toward building fund as per my letter of June 25th." I regret to say that there was no check in the letter. The envelope does not seem to have been tampered with, so I presume the letter sent without the check by mistake. The carpenters are nearly through their work. The Building is an excellent one. The furniture has been bought, but will not probably arrive for a week or ten days yet. We hope to move into the building about the middle of Oct. We have secured rooms for a considerable overflow at the Rogers House. They will take their meals at the College Dining Hall.

Kind regards to all.

Your with many thanks,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 30, 1891.

L. H. Stevens
Redlick, Fla.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 28th inst. received.

I send you a Catalogue: also a circular with rates per year in the several departments marked. The rates are economical. The table board costs a little more per week than we charge. Of course the instruction costs more than we receive in tuition. We could not furnish the excellent accommodations but for the assistance of benevolent friends.

Our term has begun today. Can you not send at once?

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 1, 1891.

Bond Lumber Company
Glenwood, Fla.

Dear Sirs.

Your of 28th ult. received. The statements in Mr. Miller's letter are true. I consider Mr. Miller reliable and responsible. We owe Mr. Miller \$2600, which will be due when the inspection has been made and the work accepted. The delay in the final inspection is due to the fact that the Inspector has been North. He is expected tonight or Saturday night.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 2nd.

I promise Charlie M. Moore that, if we will go to work in earnest and continue at work until he hear from his father in answer to his request to be permitted to go home, if his father consents to it, he shall go and pay only for the time he has been here, and I will pay for the use of the books he has necessarily bought or will buy the books of him.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 2, 1891.

Dear Bro. Gale.

Your letter received. I find that a meeting of the Board can be called "if any exigency arises which, in the unanimous opinion of the Moderator, Registrar and Scribe, requires an extra meeting of this Body." The Registrar and the Scribe are both out of the State and there is no possibility of arranging a meeting at Sanford the eighth. So you need not come. I don't want to go myself. I think I ought to be excused from the duties of Chautauqua with all else I have to be responsible for.

Affectionately yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 2, 1891.

Everett O. Fisk & Co.
7 Termont Place
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs.

I wrote Sept. 16, 1891 to Miss Evelyn K. Stevens in your care announcing her appointment as Helper to the Lady Principal at Rollins College, agreeing to the terms we arranged together as satisfactory while

I was in Boston. I had told her of her duties and salary in your office just before I left Boston and they were satisfactory to her. I told her also that our work would begin the 30th of Sept. I have waited for answer. I have telegraphed her to come on--I have done all I can, asking her to telegraph back when we might expect her and I can get no reply. I did the business with Everett O. Fisk of the firm. I wish you would look into this at once and wire me what to expect.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 2, 1891.

Wilton A. Miller, Esq.
Sanford, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I think it is necessary that Mr. O'Neal should look over the building before the final acceptance. I suppose he will be home pretty certainly by tomorrow night. I will put your letter in an envelope for him and he will get it Saturday night, if he reaches home by that time.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 2, 1891.

W. R. O'Neal, Esq. Orlando.
Dear Sir.

I send you a letter from Mr. Miller. I should be glad to go over the building with you before Mr. Miller comes out. He wishes to come out on the 2:30 P.M. train. Can you not come out on the 11 A.M. train on the Orlando[?] R.R. & Mr. Miller come up on the 2:30 train of the Same day.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 2, 1891.

Rev. R. T. Hall
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Bro.

I have sent card to all the Trustees in the state to come to the meeting of the Chautauqua Com. I cannot call a meeting of the Trustees of the Asso. as such a call requires the unanimous opinion of the moderator, Registrar and Scribe that an exigency calls for such a meeting. The Registrar and Scribe are out of state. I hope to be at the meeting. The college has opened excellently. One hundred and twenty three are reported already. Many more will come in.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 2, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I write to remind you of your promise to keep watch of the freight on its way to us and see that the car or cars are pushed steadily on--also to suggest that you keep your pressure on the manufacturers, not that they slight their work, but push thoroughly and rapidly on. We need the building very much. It is done. We shall put a piano in there tomorrow or Monday.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 3, 1891.

Mrs. Josiah Hawley.

Dear Madam.

Can you take a class in the Sub Prep. Department from 1:30-2:30? Will you be kind enough to answer by Bessie? Should like to have you begin Monday.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 5, 1891.

Miss L. A. Stoermer.

Dear Madam.

I interpreted Dr. Anderson's letter as meaning School Expenses. When we pay fare of Teachers, we mention the fact in our agreement. Dr. Anderson's letter however will bear the interpretation you give it as including passage from New York, and return at the end of the year. Upon my recommendation the Committee have unanimously elected you by circular letter returned to me tonight. As the term has already commenced and we need the Gymnastic work at once, I add your fare to your board and room and tuition, without waiting to consult the Committee who are scattered widely. I will send by the same mail with this \$23.45, (the amount of your fare to Winter Park) to Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., Bible House, Astor Place, N. Y. City, and ask him to purchase a ticket for you to Winter Park, by the Ocean Steamship Company. At the close of the school year the College will pay your fare back to New York.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Go to Dr. Clark at the Bible House and get the ticket. Come at once.

EPH

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 5, 1891.

Dear Dr. Clark.

We have employed upon the recommendation of Dr. Anderson of Brooklyn, Miss L. A. Stoermer, as Teacher of Gymnastics. I do not know Dr. Andersons City address, so I send you \$23.34 (the amount of her fare to Winter Park by the Ocean Steamship Company). By the same mail I send a letter to Miss Stoermer, stating that I send this to you asking you to buy the ticket for her, by the Ocean Steamship Company. When she goes to you, please send some office servant whom you can trust, to buy the ticket for her--or do it in your own way. I would send the money to Dr. Anderson, but I do not know his city address. I hope this will not trouble you too much.

School work has opened well.

Cordially yours, with thanks.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 6, 1891.

Mrs. Victoria Lowd. New Smyrna.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 29th ult. with \$75. enclosed was duly received. I send you to the receipt bill. The School is beginning well.

Very truly yours,

Edward P. Hooker.

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W. A. Miller, Esq.

Sanford, Fla.

My Dear Sir.

I was speaking of the price of screens at the windows of the building. Mrs. Hooker and Sheats[?] both said at once that you said at the table when here that you would put in coarse screens for 1 dollar per window and fine screens or \$1.25. I would like to have you give the matter a second thought and write me as early as possible. Possibly you thought of screens for the whole window when spoke of \$2.00 per window. Write me as soon as you can and give me the best you can do. I am thoroughly glad you are making something on the building, but we are in a tight place and must get out the best we can.

Yours truly,

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 6, 1891.

Isaac Whitaker, Esq.

Homeland, Fla.

My dear Sir.

I am sorry that Ollie and John are not coming back this term. I counted a good deal also upon your daughters coming. She seems to me to give a good deal of promise in the line of music, and we can give the best opportunities in that line I have ever personally known. I thank you for

remembering the ton of phosphate. I should be glad to receive it as early as you have a mind to send it. I hope it will prove so useful that I can be helpful to you.

Please remember me to cordially to Mrs. Whitaker and to the young people.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 6, 1891.

Alfred Howard, Edg.
Deland, Fla.

My Dear Sir.

We can now give your son a room in the Dormitory. We shall be glad to have him at once. I hope he will come soon.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 6, 1891.

H. H. Hale, Esq.

My Dear Sir.

Charlie Moore returned. I send you his bill in accordance with your request. I did my utmost to keep the boys from making their mistake. Remember me to Horace.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 6, 1891.

Dr. J. Tyler
St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Dear Bro.

Please send me a copy of your 40 years among the Zulus for the College Library. After the receipt of it I will have Treasurer send you the money. Enclose a bill.

Give our kind regards to your daughter.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 7, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Will you give me description of the #250 oak chairs we have bought for the rooms--height of back--how braced, etc. How much are they put in at? Can I buy one or two dozen extra ones at the same rate, if I desire

to do so? How much would it cost to send up two of them as samples for us to see, with reference to buying some more for Reception rooms? Let me hear by return mail. Could you send by freight so that we could get the package in about 24 hours sure? How are they getting on with the furniture? You have size of our windows. At what rate per window could you put in our wire screens, fine mesh and cypress frames? There are needed about 174 screens. They shall be screens for half the window. The windows are about the usual size, I think, you know by our exact figures.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 7, 1891.

A. H. Zackery, Esq.
Bartow Junction.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 5th inst. at hand. I am glad your daughters are to return. It will be better for them and for us that they come as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 7, 1891.

F. W. Foster, Esq.
Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir.

In the Heating Committee, there is a strong preference for Hot Water. I have presented your bid for heating by Steam. Will you send me a bid for heating by Hot Water? There is no chimney in the building and smoke stack, etc. must be provided outside. I send you a drawing of the second floor--the same you had to estimate upon for Steam. There are three floors you will remember. I hope you will bid and set the figures as low as you can. Please write me at once as the contract must be let and the building be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

Concerning heating Ladies Dormitory Building of three wings with 72 rooms in all and three stories.

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Winter Park, Oct. 7, 1891.

George G. King, Esq.
Villa City, Fla.
Dear Sir.

We have held the rooms for your sons until your letter was received tonight. I am sorry they cannot come and sorry for the cause.

I hope the tide will turn with you. The Ladies will soon be in the new building and then there will be an abundance of good room for your

sons. Meanwhile we shall miss them.

I did not know about settlement by note. At least, if I knew, it had passed from my mind. All best things for you all.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 7, 1891.

Geo. Hickes
1 W. Bay St.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I send you Catalogue and Circular of Rollins College. In Circular you will find expenses stated distinctly. The several courses are drawn out so distinctly and requirements etc. to enter are stated so plainly that they will be readily understood, I think. Probably your boy is ready for the Preparatory Dept. You can probably judge. He can enter at the point for which he is prepared. The term began the 30 of Sept. Your son will be examined upon his arrival, unless he brings certificates of the work he has done.

I hope to see him here as early as possible.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 8, 1891.

J. H. Foss, Esq.
Winthrop, Mass.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 5th inst. received this evening. When we first began our school work, we received a few friends of pupils and some others into our home life as boarders. But we found that we lost in unity what we gained financially and more. So we very early concluded to decline to receive any as boarders who would not be connected immediately with our school work. So we could not entertain the proposition you make to receive Mrs. Foss and yourself and youngest child into the home life.

I am glad to hear your good report of your daughters. I am sure we should like them.

Miss Lamson's is the very best I can find for you in town when quality and price are taken into account. There is no place nearer the College where all things considered, you would be so well satisfied, I am sure. Washing is not included

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in \$4. per week. We do laundry work for the pupils at estimated cost and we make careful estimate. When I tell you that our table board is less than cost a little, I am sure you will be satisfied that I cannot make you a better offer than I have done.

Miss DeHaven, at Mr. Batchelder's, takes some boarders. The house is a very nice one. It is much nearer the College than Miss Lawson's, I think her price is considerably higher. I will mark the two houses on a

map of the town.

I am not sure that Miss Lamson may not make some other arrangement and not take boarders. In that case Miss DeHaven's or the Rogers House would be the best place for you and Mrs. Foss and your youngest child.

I am sure that, with your experience and that of Mrs. Foss in school work, you would find Winter Park a congenial place. I do not find a copy of the town map.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 9, 1891.

Charles Moore, Esq.
Port Tampa, Fla.

Charles Moore is at school still. I think will do well.
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 10, 1891.

We send you \$ [blank amount] to pay the fare and cook and waitress from New York to Winter Park. This is done on the condition that this advance shall be taken from their wages of the first three months. At the close of the school year provided they have served us till that time, we will pay their fare to N. Y. We require also that Mrs. Kelley shall send the checks for the baggage of these parties to Edward P. Hooker, President of Rollins College upon the sailing of the parties named, to prevent serious loss such as has formerly occurred.

We send \$4. as the amount of the fees of the Agency. Please send receipt for all the money with the checks.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 10, 1891.

Henry Huntington, Esq.

Please pay G. W. Crane \$15.00 on account of Piano Tuning for Rollins College.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 10, 1891.

Dear Mr. Hutchins.

When I was in New York, I endeavored to make arrangements for a loan on the orange grove ... as security. We are authorized to do this by the Corporation. There are old obligations to meet. The new Building is completed except the putting in of the screens. But we must put in a heating plant and the furniture has been ordered. To do all we need to do before the building is occupied and place our other indebtedness we need \$10,000. We ought to be about to occupy the new building by Nov. 1st, if

we can move right on with our preparations. I know you are all good friends of the College and know the grove. Last years crop brought us something over \$2000.00 I believe. The orange over \$18000. Next years crop will be light. Perhaps you may know somebody who would loan the money at a reasonable rate of interest. Will you drop us a line early?
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Yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 10, 1891.

Joseph Battell, Esq.
Middlebury, Vt.
Dear Sir.

Your favor just received. I think there is a house here that may meet your desire. It contains five bedrooms an unfinished room over the kitchen which the owner has used as servants quarters. She thinks the house would be worth \$300. as other houses are renting. The Lady has taken boarders for some years and it has been a cultivated home with cultivated people for guests. This is the best of which I know. I hope you will come.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 10, 1891.

Joseph Battille, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Let me say farther with regard to Miss Lamson's House, that it has Dining Room, large Hall, Parlor and Kitchen besides the five bedrooms and Servants quarters of which I wrote.

I wrote your letter in great haste, hoping to catch the evening mail.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 12, 1891.

J. M. Tuten.
Dear Sir.

I have used different Text Books in Mental Science and Moral Science. Last year I used "Mental Philosophy by Asa Mahan, D.D., L.L.D." and liked it very well. In Moral Science I used "The Law of Love and Love as a Law," by President Hopkins. Are you thinking of coming here to study? I could tell you better what text books in these departments would be best for you after talking with you. If you are not coming here, but wish to pursue these studies by yourself, I would be happy to see you and help you in the choice of Text Books.

Next year we shall have an excellent class in these Depts. Perhaps

if you are thinking of coming here for study, you would do well to take Some Studies which you may not have taken, before entering upon these which you mention: e.g. Logic, if you have not already studied[?] it. We have an excellent class in that next Spring term.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 12, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

There are 3 crates of China at Station here directed to you. Is it for us? If so, please send us an order so that we can get the goods. The chairs are not good enough for Reception rooms. Our screens our ordered near home. Keep watch of freight and see that it is not side tracked or changed from one car to another.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 12, 1891.

Dear Dr. Deming.

I see by the last Cong. that Dr. Harding has been invited to supply the churches in Winter Park, and Ormond, Fla. I suppose you wish your record to be accurate. I am sure Dr. Harding has not been invited to supply the church at Winter Park. I was interested that he should be secured here for temporary supply and put some papers in the hands of the Committee on temporary supply, but they concluded not to invite him to come--whence came the next to you?

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 12, 1891.

Mrs. V. T. Taylor.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 10th inst. just received. I have read your letter to Mrs. Proctor, that she may keep your wishes in mind and do everything she can for the boys. Stephen has already a room on the second floor. There is but one room between the boys. In case of sickness, we shall of course let you know at once. Please do not be troubled about them. Mrs. Proctor promises to see that one of the boys writes you each mail. I know you will naturally feel anxious about your children. I am the father of six children and I know a parents feelings. I want your boys to do nobly here. They have been homesick--that has been the worst, I think. But they are getting past that. Stand by the authority of the school in your letters to them and we shall be able to help you to make your sons noble men, I trust. Mrs. Proctor, I presume you know is my matron of the Boys

Cottage.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 12, 1891.

J. C. Harris, Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 10th inst. enclosing a certificate of vaccination for Clara B. and Hattie B. Leyton has just reached me. This movement for vaccination in the schools is not made by the College but by the State authorities, and it is not a question which we have any choice about. I shall hand your request about rooms for your wards to the Lady Principal, who will locate the young ladies and girls in the new building.

I have this request to make, that in all cases when you remit money for College expenses you will send checks or drafts made payable to me--or to Rollins College.

Of course your wards will not be required to be vaccinated.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 13, 1891.

J. C. Harris, Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. received. I find enclosed certificates of vaccination for Clara B. and Hattie B. Layton. This requirement for vaccination is by the State Authorities, not by Rollins College. We have no choice about it.

In your letter of last March the 28th, you expressed the hope that we could "modify our terms so they can continue their education as they should be prepared to be Teachers and so earn a teacherhood." We accordingly arranged that they should have a rooms on the 3rd floor, by correspondence with you, where the rates would be twenty five cents lower than on the other floors--\$.25 lower per week for each. We shall have no difference in price of rooms in the new building, at the opening at any rate, but I shall carry out the agreement of last Spring with you for the present school year. The Lady Principal will locate your wards on the first or second floor. Every room in the building has the sun some part of the day.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Please remit in all cases to Edward P. Hooker, Prest.
E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 13, 1891.

Mrs. L. M. Thayer.
Shrewsbury, Mass.
Dear Madam.

Your postal of the 10th received. I have mailed you a catalogue. The new Ladies Hall is done. We expect the furniture about the middle of this month. Meanwhile, the young lady of whom you write can have a room outside and board at the College. Every room in the present Ladies Cottage is occupied. Several are rooming outside temporarily. I hope we shall be settled in the new building by Nov. 1st. For the best results the young lady should be here as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 14, 1891.

Mrs. C. McAdong
Bessemer, Ala.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 9th inst. received. Rooms connecting can certainly be given in the 3rd story of the new building--possibly in the 1st or 2nd. The stairs are easy. The chimney and fire are to be outside of the building. Either hot water or steam is to be used. I speak of this to show the safety of the building on any floor. We have excellent musical advantage and physical training--a beautiful and well furnished gymnasium. Our supreme aim is to have the Institution thoroughly Christian as well as thorough in all departments of learning.

The Rogers House is open. With our large number of pupils we cannot receive guests at the College. We shall be glad to have the young ladies come. Let me hear from you again as early as possible.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 14, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster,
Sanford, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I have received your letter of yesterday asking for itemized and receipted bills with amounts paid by you for the board and tuition of C. R. and Louis B. Layton. I enclose the bills and state that we have received no payments on them. I will remind you that you have presented no bill for legal services rendered to the College last year in the Moyer case or any other connection. Will you send me the bill for legal services rendered to the College last year?

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 14, 1891.

Mitchel Manufacturing Co.
200 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs.

Sept. 25th I wrote you asking that you would send metallic numbers for rooms of doors in the new Ladies Hall, Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla. from 1 up to 72 inclusive. That is we have 72 rooms. I receive no answer. I write now to ask you to add 72 tags for keys with numbers corresponding to the number of several rooms. The tags should be metallic. We have four outside doors. Please send tags for the keys to these doors, lettered instead of numbered--"N" for North--"E" for East--"S" for South and "W" for West. It is very important to have these numbers and tags at once, as we expect to enter the building soon. They will save a great deal of confusion. I suggested that the figures should be one inch.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker
Prest. of Rollins College.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 14, 1891.

President Pratt.
Carlisle, Pa.
Dear Sr.

Miss Annie W. Morton, our good friend and teacher has done excellent service for Rollins College since its founding. She died in London during the summer vacation, having resigned her professorship of History at the close of the last school year. We shall have some memorial service for her probably next week. Can you send me any pleasant memorial words for the meeting? I should be glad to have such as I can read as from you. The letter need to be long.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 16, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I am surprised to find that the #250 Oak Chairs are the kind Mr. Gale and I selected, if, as you say, the chairs belonging to the set you sent and set up in the gymnasium are #250. They are not worthy of the other pieces of the set. Can you not put in the chairs that belong with the set at the same price? I should not ask this for myself, but I don't wish to be ashamed of the chairs every time I step into one of the rooms. I want a good thing for the College. The chairs which we bought with this same class of goods in Boston were mostly high backed, with wicker work and the joints of backs with seats were well braced. Be real generous and make the suites perfect. In case you can or cannot do this, write me the lowest figure they could be afforded--cost say--(I do not see however how we can add to the bill). I want two of that style of chair for my study. I am greatly ashamed of my furnishings. Send two pieces and I may order two for myself.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 16, 1891.

Miss Janice[?] F. Emery.
Dear Madam.

Your letter of Sept. 23 is at hand. I have written at considerable length in answer to your questions--but the facts are not all at hand. We are to have a memorial service, Thursday, Oct. 29. The Lady Principal, Miss Louise M. Abbott, is to prepare a memorial of her. I presume facts will be received in connection with the writing of her ... which I have not. So, please wait a little and let us do better by her. I suggest that you write to Miss Abbott after the date of the service is past. Perhaps she may, be willing to lend you her work[?] or send you its frame work. A good teacher and a good, strong, faithful woman has gone, very courageously, to her home and reward.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 16, 1891.

Dear Brother Gale.

My circular letter, signed, appointed Miss Stevens helper for Miss Abbott, Lady Principal. But my letter announcing her appointment was sent in care of Everett Fisk at Agency in Boston as Mr. Fisk introduced me to Miss Stevens, and as I did not know her address. Mr. Fisk was out of the city for a week and Miss Stevens failed to receive notice for that time. Thinking she was not to have the appointment, she made an reengagement where she has been. I think Miss Eva. J. Lamson, a resident here, an intelligent, earnest Christian woman, would be willing to take the position. She will accept it, if we offer it to her, provided she can make a reasonable disposition of her home. She would require some more compensation. She would accept probably for \$200. per year and home. We should not have to pay travelling expenses, so the cost to us would be about the same as for Miss Stevens is she had accepted. I nominate Miss Lamson on these terms. Will you send me your vote directly. I am writing to the others to save time. Miss Root ... a sister for the position. If Miss Lamson declines, do you vote for Miss Root's sister?

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 16, 1891.

Miss Kate A. Peck.
Dear Madam.

I enclose a letter from Mr. Brown. In answer to a letter from him I wrote him Sept. 24th as follows: "Yes, he may take a half hour lesson per week." I regret that I did not recall this correspondence at the opening of the term. Will you set the matter straight according to my promise to his Father as quoted above.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 16, 1891.

Wilton A. Miller, Esq.
Sanford, Fla.

I referred your communication concerning College laundry work to Mrs. Robinson. After considerable consultation with parties interested, the conclusion is to do our laundry work at home.

Yours truly,

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 17, 1891.

Mr. Tallisforo, Lake Howell.

Dear Sir.

Is your daughter, who was entered for Rollins College, coming? The rooms are being assigned now in the new building.

Please send me an early answer.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 17, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster.

Sanford, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 16th inst. received. I enclose the receipted bills for school expenses for Ellis Foster and for Rodney and Louis Layton. Please send me receipt for attorney fees and Mr. Huntington will make the proper entry upon the books.

Dr. Hartman can give no information against the College so far as I have knowledge. Mr. Anno's statement that Hartman was dismissed because he favored Moyers is without the least foundation, in fact. Dr. Hartman's was an unfortunate appointment. He is not the kind of man morally or spiritually & or as a teacher that we want. Besides, he talked without examples against people whose lives are beyond reproach. I think, if he ... [note: last two lines too blurred to read.]

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Received from Mr. John A. Brewster One Hundred Dollars on % of 5 years subscription to College.
\$100.

Rollins College
/s/ H. Huntington
Treasurer
Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 18, 1891.

John A. Brewster, Esq.

Lawrence, Mass.

My dear Sir.

I send you receipt for \$100. for which I am sincerely grateful. The College has opened prosperously. Large numbers here as boarders. New building done as soon as it is furnished and heating plant is in. Several have been rooming outside thus far. We have an excellent building. Hope to get into it early in Nov. Are you not coming to W. P. coming winter? I shall be glad to see you and have you see the work you are helping us to do.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 19, 1891.

Joseph Battell, Esq.

Bread Loaf, Ripton, Vt.

Dear Sir.

I directed my two letters of the 10th to you at Middlebury. I

presume you have received them. Miss Lamson is anxious to know whether you desire her house. She has an opportunity to take up other work, which is very congenial to her. The College is also in the case, as Miss Lamson will enter upon certain household duties for the College if she lets her house. She has some guests now and she has applications for more rooms, but she will not give answer until there is time to hear from you. Will you wire me at once upon receipt of this as to your decision?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 19, 1891.

H. H. Hale, Esq.
Tampa, Fla.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 17th inst. received with check enclosed for \$60.25. I send you receipted bill.

I am glad to report to you that Charlie Moore is doing "nicely," both in his studies and in the cottage life. I have the word of his principal as to his studies and the matron of his cottage gives me the same report of his home life. He was homesick. But that is past. He is already all you ask of him.

Our School is large and is moving on well.

Thanks.
Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. I have told the Treasurer that he is to look to Charlie's father for payment of laundry bill.

Yours etc.
E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 19, 1891.

Mrs. L. F. Dommerich.
180 West 59th St.
New York, New York
Dear Madam.

Your favor of Oct. 15th received. Miss Abbott is well, but she mislaid your letter and so lost your address. She wrote you however Friday, 16th inst. and directed to Mr. Dommerich's business address. She also stated that Alexander must have studied are elementary geography and arithmetic and must understand long division.

Let me add also what she stated: that he would be received at the Cottage if prepared to enter the school.

I send you a circular with expenses marked. He could board at College during term time. Room rent is \$12. per term of twelve weeks and table board is \$36. per term of twelve weeks. If one leaves before the end of a term, the price of table board for the unexpired term is deducted from the bill, but no deduction is made from room rent or tuition.

I am glad you are enjoying[?] Mrs. Hooker writes[?] with me in kind regards to yourself and husband.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 19, 1891.

Miss Lula Watson
Lovageville, Va.
Dear Friend.

Your favor of 14th inst. has come to hand. I am glad your brother is coming. Our winter term begins Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1892. The Ladies Hall is completed. We are expecting the furniture in a few days. The heating apparatus is to be put in yet, but no doubt the building will be ready for occupancy and be occupied before the present term closes. We are to give the present Ladies Cottage to the young men. We hope there will be a demand for several rooms there next term. Your brother has the first choice and I assigned him, according to your request, your old room, No. 22.

The school is very full. Several ladies are rooming outside taking their meals at the Dining Hall.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 19, 1891.

W. R. O'Neal, Esq.
Orlando, Fla.
Dear Sir.

The location of the furnace in the basement of Knowles Hall is very important. We shall be obliged to dig some, I presume, to prepare a place for it. It should be set deeper than the old one, I am confident, and nearly under the center of the building. In this case considerable digging must be done. Would it not be well to have the man who is to set the furnace and manage the pipes, come up at once and give directions for the preparations to be made in the way of digging and mason work? I think it necessary to have the furnace put in of a Saturday, when there are no sessions of school.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 19, 1891.

Dear Brother Maile.

The Recorder has come tonight. It is a long time since I have heard from you. I do not hear from Dr. Clapp with regard to prospect of a loan. The Recorder says: "A temporary loan of the balance enables an early occupancy in the building, which was greatly needed." I hope you information about a loan which I have not received. We have ninety days on the furniture, but the heating plant will cost \$2000 at the lowest figure probably, and we cannot move in without that. We have students rooming outside and more young ladies cottage. The building is done. The furnishing has begun to arrive. I am working for a way to open. I wonder if Dr. Clapp has seen Dr. Taylor and if Dr. T. has talked with Mr. Warner? Is that the name? It is a critical time with us. \$2000 of our Subscription is yet behind. It is said to be "darkest just before morning." But faith and works are apt to go together, I believe. Money can be had here. Please drop me a line.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 22, 1891.

Mr. A. F. Sherrill, D.D.
Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Brother.

I thank you for thinking of our Winter Park Church in connection with Installing Council. I have resigned my pastorate here and the resignation has been accepted. So I as really out of the question. I am

still supplying the Church. But I could not go so far if this were not the case, there is such a constant pressure upon me at home. One of our Deacons wishes me to add that he does not think that the church, in present condition of finance, would feel able to send delegate. If you wish it formally presented to the Church I would like to have a new letter ... sent, as the one received has been ... away so carefully that I cannot find it.

The most fraternal wishes for you in connection with the ... pastorate at Atlanta.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 22, 1891.

Miss L. A. Stoermer
64 Bond Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter of Sept. 29th I wrote you under date of Oct. 5th: "As the term has already commenced and we need the Gymnastic work at once, I add your fare to your board and room and tuition, without waiting to consult the Committee who are scattered widely. I will send by the same mail with this \$23.45, (the amount of your fare to Winter Park) to Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., Bible House, Astor Place, N. Y. City, and ask him to purchase a ticket for you to Winter Park, by the Ocean Steamship Company. At the close of the school year the College will pay your fare back to New York." I asked you to "Come at once." Our gymnastic work has been waiting all this time and we are still expecting you. Will you telegraph me at once, night rates, whether you are coming?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 22, 1891.

Miss Eva Lamson.
Winter Park.
Dear Madam.

I have heard from a sufficient number of the Ex. Com. so that I can offer you the position of Miss Abbott's Helper with authority. And I do so.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 22, 1891.

Mrs. Sophie Flentye Stevens.
Hickory Grove.
Chicago, Ill.
Dear Madam.

Your letter of 16th inst. has been received. Walter seems to be in earnest about his work. I hear no complaint of him. I have just called on him. We had a pleasant talk together. I do not think it is time for him to choose his profession. He seems interested in his studies. He likes the Greek. It is a good deal now for him to pursue a diligent students life and I hope we would not be sorry to have me to say to you that he is privately endeavoring to lead a Christian life, with daily morning and evening prayer in his room. Of course he is at a morning prayer on school days. He attends morning service at Church.

If we can help him to be a Christian student for the present,

without definite reference to what God may have for him to do, I think
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that would be the best for him.

I hope you will write to him occassionally. There is one thing we could always do for our friends. Prayer is perhaps our best and surest aid. I went Walter ... afternoon the Young People's Meetings. But it is quite natural that he should shrink from that. I presume he does. I did not say anything about his doing it. But I am a good deal encouraged. He is in a much more hopeful condition than he was at the close of the last school year.

I will tell the Treasurer what you say about the School bills.
Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 22, 1891.

Isaac Whitaker, Esq.
Homeland, Fla.
My dear Sir.

When you send the ton of Phosphate for Parsonage ground will you add (1/2) ton for my neighbors very pretty place. I will pay you for that (1/2) ton and hope the experiment will be helpful to you. How are your young people getting on? I hope they will be here next term.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

Kind regard to all.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 23, 1891.

Miss L. A. Stoermer.
Dear Madam.

In answering your letter of the 29th ult. I failed to answer one point. You will be permitted to take any studies in which we have classes. By this I mean to leave our courses open for you to select from, so far as they are taught or you are prepared to enter the classes. That is of course all you could wish. We have a very wide range and I am sure you will find an abundance of studies it will be profitable for you to pursue.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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F.E. Nettleton[?], Esq.
4436 Jefferson, Ave.
Scranton, Pa.
My dear Brother.

Your favor of 10th inst. received. ...S.S. Report has not come. I had declined to sign ... to ... Tavares Bank on the ground that I had no ... the State Asso. in the case, in my opinion. ... opinion as a Chautauqua Committee (only ... members of the State Asso. were present at Stanford.) That it was ... consent of the C. Com. that under the circumstances the notes in the Tavares Bank should run as they are ... be a meeting of the Cong. Asso. and then the ... is requested to empower their President and Treasurer to sign notes for the sum for which the Chautauqua ... is indebted to in the Tavares Bank. This ... into the State Asso. for decision.

I thank you for the very sound Catechism of the Soul ... it by me to go through day by ... is the more previous and ... we thought as the

months and years go by. ...

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Responsibilities I am carrying to Him. May I tell you something about Him? Let me state our financial case.

Insurance to be paid	500.00
We need steam or hot water heating costing about	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture ordered will cost	3,700.00
We have notes in banks amounting to	<u>5,444.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,644.00

We have been obliged to carry some subscriptions which by the terms upon which they were made are not yet due, to the amount of \$2000. We have been obliged to advance that to such an extent that our obligations which we ought to place at once are \$12,144.00.

You will remember that the Corporation authorized us to mortgage property except College Buildings and Campus to secure the money. The Committee would be glad to cover the promised indebtedness included in the \$5444.00 with our pressing needs for the furniture by a loan, say at .06, or somewhat more if necessary. You know we have valuable property. We can mortgage e.g. the College grove, which we hold at about \$23000. The fruit crop the past year amounted to over \$2000 on the trees as I understand. I think it sold for about \$2200--the oranges on the trees--and we had expense of gathering and

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shipping the grapefruit. Dr. Clapp, Treasurer of the A.H.M. Soc. thought the security ample and was willing to do what he could to secure a loan for us, but he has not sent us any word of success. He thought we should get a loan and then Dr. Taylor (Dr. Clapps Pastor) visit us next winter and go home to raise the money. We have rooms enough in the new building to yield a rental of \$2376. All rooms on 1st and 2nd floors are taken, unless there be a shade of doubt about one or two of them. I wrote to Mr. Hutchins about the matter. He said he considered the security ample and would take it himself if he had the money. It has occurred to me that you may be able to secure a loan for the College, so that we may meet our present exigency and place our old indebtedness at a reasonable rate of interest. Please write me about it. Could not the whole be placed at six per cent?

If we cannot put in the heating plant, we shall fail to meet our pledges to the young people who have engaged rooms. Several are going to the Rogers House now to sleep and they would be ... Please write me as early as possible.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 24, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

Let the furniture come on according to contract. Let it come directly to Winter Park.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 26, 1891.

H. B. Wrey, Esq.
45 Peachtree St.
Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 24th inst. received. When your letter missing came, I consulted at once with one of our Deacons who is also Chairman of our Board of Trustees for the Parish. I had resigned the pastorate of the Winter Park Church and so would not be a member of the Council if the church should be represented, unless by election as a delegate. Practically, I could not go. We felt, in the condition of our finances, the church could not afford to pay the expenses of a delegate. (We have a hearty interest in your work at Atlanta.)

Not having in hand your letter missing I wrote to Dr. Sherrill about our inability to be represented, thinking he would communicate the facts to the Committee. Probably he was absent.

Fraternally and cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 26, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I have been looking at the lamps and chimneys you have sent. There are no shades. Are the shades coming? The lamps in the other cottages are without chimneys. The lower half of the lamp is glass. The upper half is Porcelain. The upper part of the surface is tasteful & the base is ... as imitation of ebony. I suppose that in my ... weariness at the close of the perplexing morning's work, I contracted for the lamps you sent. But they will not answer. I wish you would pick carefully a suitable lamp to go with such a set. ... as we bought--with shade and without chimney ... as those described above.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 26, 1891.

Dear Brother Maile.

Yours of 23rd inst. at hand. The furniture is not yet in the new building. I think a photo has been already taken of Ladies Hall--but we must wait for photo of furnished room. Do you want common size, or large picture to set up before an audience? The artist has just been getting up a group of buildings. Write me just which we serve you best. Am glad of the \$416.66 in near prospect. We are just now greatly burdened. I fear we must go into the new building until the heating plant is in, and we are waiting for loan or Subscription with which to put it in. The Bank that has been so glad to loan us is straitened. Money has been so scarce with it that it has been compelled once lately, at least, to pay a large obligation in Species from its own vaults. They are carrying Some of our paper however. I do hope something will come through you and Dr. Clapp and I from New York. The building is done--the furniture is on the way and we are paying as ... for rooms outside & new

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 26, 1891.

J. C. Harris, Esq.
Phil. Pa.
16 & Lawson Sts.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 22nd inst. received. The Treasurer probably did not know where your wards were located in the building. He did not know about our

correspondence. In the new building there is no difference in the rent of rooms on the different floors. Each room is \$1. per week.

I note your request for information upon special status of the girls--especially the elder. I showed that part of the letter to the Lady Principal, who has general care of all the young ladies and girls, and she made note of your request. I think you will hear from her or the Principal of the Dept. to which they belong. I assure you that you would seldom find a lady in whose care your wards would be more safe and under whose influence they would be more likely to be well qualified for a good position and work in life. She is a ... Christian Lady.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 27, 1891.

Dear Miss Lamson.

I am disappointed as to the result of my correspondence with Mr. Battell. I send you his letter. Miss Abbott and I agree that there is no probability that Mr. Battell Senior and his daughter, Mrs. Stewart, will come to Winter Park for the winter.

What next?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 27, 1891.

W. R. O'Neal, Esq.
Orlando, Fla.

Dear Sir and Brother.

A letter from Brother Maile dated Oct. 24th from New York says: "It seems to me that there seems to be no delay in getting the Heating Apparatus in and the building ready for occupancy. Our Executive Committee meets on Monday. I will return so as to attend the same and propose that the Society advance you \$2000. of the \$5000. promised to Rollins this year. The appropriation of a certain amount this year to four Colleges, Doane, Yorkton, Rollins and Whitmore was made under condition that each institution raise 2/3 of the amount on its own field. I hope the Committee will waive the condition for the present in case of Rollins and advance the two thousand. Meanwhile we hope to get money from other sources to meet furniture bills, etc." I write that you may have this hopeful outlook about heating apparatus in mind as chairman of the Heating Committee and be satisfying yourself as to what it is best to do in that direction in case the money is secured. I suppose the furniture is on the way and come in here and day. Meanwhile we are paying out the amount of about \$5.00 per ... room rent ... Rogers House.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Oct. 27, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Pres.
Dear Sir.

Mr. Huntington has called your attention to the fact that only 48 upholstered box spring mattresses have reached Winter Park. 52 are called for by contract. Only 50 toilet sets are called for. There should be 52. There ought to be 52 rockers, also 52 pillows. There should be also 52 study desks. I need only to call you attention to these deficiencies, I feel sure. If the total payment called for does not include the articles deficient, then the articles should be supplied and additional payment

should be made.

Will you see to it.

Glad to see the freight come in.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 28, 1891.

Miss Lula Watson.
Savageville, Va.

Dear Friend,

Your favor of the 14th I answered the 19th inst. It has come back marked "missent." I directed to Pa. instead of Va.

Let me answer again. The Ladies Hall is completed. The furniture is coming for it. We hope to put in the Heating Plant very soon now. Probably the Young Ladies will move into it in two or three weeks.

We hope there will be several young men to go into the present Ladies Cottage, so that it will be occupied. I have no doubt of it. In that case you brother can have your old room, No. 22.

The School is very full. Several young ladies are rooming at the Roger House and taking their meals at the College Dining Hall.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 29, 1891.

Dear Brother Maile,

Yours of the 26th inst. is at hand. I have tried to the utmost the friends whom I can approach at present: for more I cannot ask now wisely. It would be of no use and would alienate friends who we should hold. I have picked up a good deal in small sums. You know the country is new and poor. Most of the people are just keeping their heads above water. Looking at the matter all around, I am sure it is not best to urge a second subscription from these friends--and my canvas has been pretty extensive and thorough. There has been hearty interest in the work.

We are obliged to put up a heating house with smoke stack outside. The whole bill for heating plant must, at lowest, amount to \$2500, if hot water is put in--even more I think. Do as well by us as you can. We are fighting a brave battle for Fla. and are waiting the day gloriously. I know the Society will stand by us. The State is poor. It is genuine Home Missionary work we are doing. I will telegraph lest this should not reach you in time for meeting.

Cordially and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 29, 1891.

Mrs. C. J. Dommerick.
180 West 59th St.
New York.

Dear Madam.

I have no doubt but that your decision is wise to let Alex board at the College. I have shown your letter to Miss Abbott. I will convey your message to Mrs. Robinson. I hope you will place Alex with us at the beginning of the Winter term, Jan. 5th, 1892. He will have a far better chance for a successful winter's work.

With kind regards from Mrs. Hooker and myself to yourself and Mr.

I am glad you are going to work in New York and Brooklyn so soon. There is One who says He is with us.

I resigned my pastorate last Sabbath, my resignation to take effect, I suggested, after the first Sabbath in Oct. There is a disposition, if one of the Deacons represents the feeling, to defer action till later. I think he will oppose the acceptance of the resignation.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 8, 1891.

W. R. Moses, Esq.

I have recently returned from the North. You may pay monthly in advance. The expenses will be as follows:

Per month of 4 weeks.	Table board:	\$ 9.00
Per month of 4 weeks.	Room rent	4.00
Tuition	" "	<u>4.00</u>
Total per month		\$17.00
Total for 3 months--12 weeks		\$51.00

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

Mrs. Hookers statement was correct as you will see as to amounts.

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Winter Park, Sept. 9, 1891.

Dear Miss Waterhouse.

I shall leave the assignment of rooms until Miss Abbott returns and will give her your card. No rooms have yet been assigned to students in the new building. I am glad you are to be back.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 9, 1891.

L. H. Davis, Esq. Orlando.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of yesterday at hand. I send you Catalogue and statement in which you will find our terms. It is quite important that I should be at me my office now, there are so many wishing information by personal interview and by letter. You will get this tonight and I should be glad to have you come up tomorrow if you can. I shall be at home or within call. Ask for my residence--Congregational Parsonage. We can no doubt accommodate your children.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 9, 1891.

Rev. E. G. McKinley. Canton Hill, Fla.

Dear Bro.

We shall have abundance in room in the new building. I hope the furniture will be in at the opening of the term. If it is not there will be a little inconvenience at first perhaps, but it will be only for a few days.

The price of board is now a little below cost. We sometimes received donations for aiding students. Brother Alden is a member of the Ex. Com. and his advice will have a good deal of influence. I shall join with him in advising aid. The amount must be determined later. The Lady

Principal will have the grouping of the Young Ladies, but I am sure there will be no objection to your daughter and Bro. Keigwire's occupying connecting rooms. Let me know your decision as early as practicable. Please have either your daughter of Bro. Keigwire's speak to Miss Abbott, Lady Principal, about their having connecting rooms. Your daughter may bring this letter.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 9, 1891.

J. D. Taylor, Esq.
Madison, Ind.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 9th inst. received. I am not personally acquainted with the climate of South Carolina. I came to Florida in Dec. '83. I was troubled with Catarrh had almost ceased. I have had but little trouble from it since. It was a surprise to me when I noticed the result. The mild winters, which are almost rainless, the balsam in the air from the pines and the bracing air from the nearness of the ocean and the Gulf combine together to heal and strengthen. There is a portion of the winter when we get much needed moisture from fogs.

Our School work is admirable. I was educated in the North and lived there until '83, but I am perfectly satisfied with the education my six children are receiving. Yes, I think our climate would be favorable to the health of your daughter.

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I send you a catalogue and a printed summary of information. I will transfer the financial statement:

In Academic Dept. Tuition, Room	\$165.00
and Board: Each.	165.00
Music lessons on piano for year for	33.00
one if half hour lessons twice a week	
Use of piano for practice	<u>8.25</u>
Total	\$371.25

Our board is good, our home life is the best I have ever known in a school and I have never known better school work of the grade. I am satisfied with it for my own six children, three of whom are now in the College course. I hope you will send your daughters.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Telegram
Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 10, 1891.
To John J. Aldrich, Esq., Jamestown, N.Y.

Send sixty sets Antique Oak, single beds. (Height of headboard immaterial.) Also other articles, named in correspondence, in your bid. Delivered here by Sept. 28. Answer by telegraph.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 10, 1891.

John J. Aldrich, Esq.
Dear Sir.

I have ordered by wire today 60 sets of furniture--Antique Oak. Please send China as per offer of Harris, Underwood and Deering. Let the study lamps be like cut ... within, .60 each No. 3 Buener and Son Ill. and shade 7 in. Send 194 six foot window shades, light olive, Hartstone

rollers, .40 in your bid. Add 18 chairs to your order by rooms, six of them rockers. These are four reception rooms. Thanks for the courtesy of 90 days time.

I have been North. The order should have been in earlier. I know you will do your best for us in time and every way.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 10, 1891.

E.S. Williams
Rock Ledge
Dear Sir.

I am glad to hear from you through your letter Mr. Huntington. We expect to occupy the new building for young ladies at the beginning of the term. Miss Abbott will transfer the Ladies from Cottage No. 1 and locate them in the new building, and locate the new students. I expect she will be here in a few days. I have entered your sister's name with note of preference about location. I wish you were to be back.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 11, 1891.

R. Bruce Perry
Dear Sir.

I am glad to hear from you again. I do not know whether there will be any call for shorthand or bookkeeping. I do not know that we have anyone in the Faculty who could teach either well. If it is not inconvenient for you, you might come up at the beginning of the term and see whether we can give you any work. Do not consider that we are under any obligation from what I write. Probably we shall not need the service. You may find opportunity for work elsewhere meanwhile.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 11, 1891.

A. D. Shaw.
My Dear Sir.

I received your letter of the 8th inst. yesterday. I have put down your sisters name for a room with note about location. All the rooms in the new building have two windows--some of them, corner rooms, have four windows. Your name is down for Room 22, I suppose that is your old room. I do not remember how the numbers were. Undoubtedly it is right. I have Miss Root's record.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 11, 1891.

S. G. McCormick, M.D.
Duluth, Minn.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 5th inst. is at hand. I have entered your son's

name for a room. He can have a first rate room. I send another Catalogue. He should be here as early as Tuesday, Sept. 29th. If he reaches here by the 5:30 P.M. train, he will be able to begin at the opening of the School.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 11, 1891.

Dear Bro. Keigwin.
Orlando, Fla.
Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 10th inst. at hand. I have entered the name of your daughter and that of Bro. McKinley's daughter as wishing connecting rooms. I have no doubt but that it can be so arranged.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 11, 1891.

Rev. A. H. Clapp, D.D.
Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 8th inst. is at hand. I have the offer of our furniture on three months time, and the offer is our lowest. I have written accepting the same. The only embarrassment just now is for the heating plant which ought to go in as the building is finished. Our lowest bid is \$1865--but the plant must be put outside with arrangements for engine and draught. Probably the increased expense of this arrangement will make the total \$2000. If that amount was in hand I should advise putting in the plant at once. Perhaps Dr. Taylor can lay his hand on the party to make a donation of this sum.

Cordially and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 11, 1891.

Dear Bro. O'Neal. Belpre, O[?]

I have looked over the heating bids you left. I find none of Miller and Saulsbury unless it be that of Hopson and Chapin Mfg. Co's. Connecticut Radiator the highest bid I believe. The Heating Com. are yourself, Nettleton and Crawford.--Neither in the state now, I think. What shall we do? One fact may throw light on the steam for this climate. Prof. Ford investigated the matter in connection with the heating at DeLand, Stetson University. They have put in steam and say it is entirely satisfactory. They especially favor steam on the ground of our climate and because it can be turned off instantaneously. You will remember the lowest bids. Shall we go ahead or wait?

I have excepted lowest bid for furniture--that of Aldrich, Jamestown, N.Y. He gives us 3 months time. His was much the lowest bid. I have written to subscribers. Received \$500. last night as first answer to my letters. Think money will come in. When and how much is next payment. Mr. Huntington will know.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 11, 1891.

George M. Woodward.

Oberlin, Ohio.

Dear Sir.

In our correspondence of last April you spoke of a friend whom you desired to have to come to Rollins College with you. Has he located anywhere. We are putting up a large building for the Ladies. We shall have two Cottages for young men. We could give your friend work enough, filling lamps and waiting on tables, to pay for his board, and, as he is preparing for the ministry, I suppose he could receive aid from the Education Society which would pay his tuition and some necessary expenses besides. From your letters, I judge that he is a manly fellow and would be willing to do such work as I have mentioned. Will you write me about it, after communicating with him?

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 12, 1891.

S. F. Hayward, Esq. N. Broadway, N.Y.

My Dear Sir.

I am glad your daughter returns. I have entered her name and made note of her preference for room.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 12, 1891.

Alanson Trask, Esq.

My Dear Sir.

Yours of 7th inst. I received yesterday with check endorsed for \$400. for Rollins College. I am very glad to receive this through your courtesy from the Marquand Estate. I send you a Catalogue of the College and a copy of our Constitution and By Laws. We are seeking to build here in the far South an Institution of thorough Education. The work is excellent. You can Judge pretty well of our success from the letter I wrote to Misses Wollett[?] and Pent[?]. You saw something of our needs also. Our attendance will be considerably larger next year than it was last year. The next need will be, (it is already deeply felt), a Scientific Building with all the modern appliances for the illustration of Natural Science, lecture rooms, laboratory, cabinet, observatory for our Clarke's Telescope, etc. This Southern part of the country needs, very much, this Advanced Christian Learning.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 12, 1891.

Dear Mr. Curtis.

There is one bid for the Heating Plant that I do not find in the envelope sent up from your safe. It is the bid of Miller and Saulsbury. Is it still at our office? I found their plan of the building. There were figures that had reference to the Heating Plant upon one of the floors. But there was no bid.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 14, 1891.

Dear Prof. Austin.

Yours of the 10th inst. received. I have put down young Moore's name for a room and have written that he can have one. I wrote in reply to a letter of Mrs. Moore to Prof. Barrows.

I congratulate you all upon your good time. The building is getting on well. The furniture is ordered. It remains to be seen whether it will be here in time. I have done what I can about it.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 14, 1891.

Miss Susan G. Hawkes. Old Orchard, Mass.

Dear Madam.

Yours of the 10th inst. just received. We have no need of more teachers in any of our literary lines.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 14, 1891.

Dear Miss Root.

Somerset, Mich.

Your favor of the 10th inst. received. It seems clear that you had better take Wednesday, the 30th inst. to complete your journey. Will you send me the lessons of your classes for Thursday, so far as you can? I regret to hear of your illness and that of your family. I presume you have heard of Miss Morton's death. I thank you, I am much better than when the last school year closed. In most respects I am quite well. The new building is progressing finely. It will undoubtedly be completed for the opening of the term. The furniture, so far as it will be needed for next year, has been ordered. It remains to be seen whether it will get here in time.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 14, 1891.

F. A. Sabin, M.D.

Fort Scott, Kan.

Your favor of the 9th inst. received. We have three Drug Stores. I do not know whether you could buy out one of them or not. I wish you could (privately[?]) He sells liquor. I should not recommend an exchange, for he would be likely to continue the liquor business somewhere else. Which I suggest is wholly confidential in this case. The man's name is Lansing. You can write him here. He is away just now but his letters I presume are forwarded. We are well supplied with physicians. Boarding Houses are needed. The best opportunity in town is open to you for winter boarders. Miss Eva Lamson has been keeping boarders for some years. She built her house. She has first class boarders at about \$8. per week. She has four bedrooms. She has had as many as six boarders. If one wanted to take more boarders rooms could be hired in Dr. Henkel's block quite reasonably, I think. Better write both parties and get terms. There are several houses to let in town, but these are the best opportunities for taking boarders.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 14, 1891.

Dr. W. G. Anderson,
40 Clifton Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Several days ago I received a letter from Miss Grace Livingston with regard to a young woman who might do our gymnastic leading for board and room, or for School expenses. I do not remember whether you thought her service should cover the entire School expenses (I have sent her letter to a member of our Ex. Com.). I write to request that you will send me a testimonial for her as to ability to teach and with reference to Christian character, that I may send to the members of the Committee if I nominate her for the position. Our Constitution and By-Laws require that every Prof. (and so we judge every Teacher should be) shall be a member of some Evangelical Church). Can you tell me of her church relationship?

Very respectfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 14, 1891.

Dear Dr. Kitchel.

Your good letter of the 10th inst. has reached me with its welcome \$100 for the two \$50. payments on the subscription of May 1887. I enclose the Treasurer's receipt for the \$100. Your understanding of your \$500. subscription corresponds exactly with the terms of your subscription in your letter of Sept. 10th, '91. I am very grateful to you for the generous subscription. A letter of mine to another friend in which I mentioned the subscription was passed to the Residency Legator of the Marquand Estate. He sent word that he would do the same as you. Three members of the Knowles family subscribed after you and each put down \$500. Mrs. Knowles gave a thousand. One good friend, Gilbert Hack has given \$400. Several of us have put down \$100. each. I am endeavoring to get furniture now. The rest must wait a year. Thank you for your "love and hope and prayer" in it all. You and Mrs. Ketchel have been royal friends of us here and elsewhere. Yes, our 25th anniversary is not far away. Our love to you both in our gratitude.

Affectionately,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 15, 1891.

H. H. Wilkinson, Esq.
Rock Ledge, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I have entered your daughter's name with not of her desire to have a room connecting with that of Miss Williams. This can no doubt be arranged satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 15, 1891.

Miss. E. A. Spanell.
Dear Friend.

Your favor of the 10th inst. received. I have received the draft of \$100 for the new building from William P. Spanell. I send you enclosed receipt from Treasurer. The weather is very warm. Your place is looking well. There are a few large persimmons this year. We have just had a

delicious one. It was practically seedless, the seed was so small. The new building will be ready for the opening of the term, I think. I hope the furniture will be here in time. The vacation has done me much good. I keep the College. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 15, 1891.

Miss Eva J. Root
Somerset, Mich.
Dear Madam.

Call this a postscript to a letter I have just sent. Millie went to Mr. Maxon's to buy a copy of Biology. Mr. Maxon told her he did not know what text book is to be used and that he should wait until you return and then send. This would probably involve a week at least of delay in the work of the class. Can you not send to Mr. M. the text book he is to secure and let him procure the necessary copies at once? I am sure you would be very much disappointed to reach here and find the class without textbooks, and the class and their parents would be disappointed also.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 15, 1891.

Robert Benedict. Fort Meade.
My Dear Sir.

I do not know whether you desire to ring the bell the next school year. I do not recall that anything was said about it at the close of the last school year. There seems to be an opportunity to help another student in that way. Please write me as early as convenient.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 16, 1891.

Dear Miss Peck.

Your favor of the 10th inst. received. I write at once and will send it to Wahare[?]. It will no doubt be forwarded to you, if you leave Newton before this reaches there.

I authorize you to purchase for Rollins College one Silent Piano, with this promise, that 30 days time shall be given us to make payment. Our expenses our now great and no money is coming in except for the building.

Miss Morton's death has been an affliction to us all.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 16, 1891.

Mrs. Anna L. Obenchain.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 15th inst. has come to hand. We have never made any reduction on account of the attendance of three or any particular number from one family at the College. I think it would be a dangerous precedent to establish. For many families who are abundantly able to pay full tuition could ask the same privilege. Sometimes we make allowance in

cases where there is need without reference to the number attending from a family. Perhaps the circumstances are such that we could do this in your case. I should be very glad to have the three with us and am confident that it would be to their advantage as well as ours.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 16, 1891.

Mrs. H. M. Robinson.
Dear Madam.

I fail to receive my circular letter back in the case of Mrs. Proctor. I wish you would say to her that there is no doubt but that she will be appointed, as I think I have already assured you. It is getting so late that the matter ought to be closed and she may consider that she is appointed at \$248.50 salary and home and her fare to Rochester at the end of the year. Will you ask her to write me at once?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

I write to you as a letter to Mrs. Proctor might not reach her directly so soon as by her hand.

E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 16, 1891.

Miss Evelyn K. Stevens.
Dear Madam.

My circular letter nominating you as Helper to the Lady Principal at Rollins College has been long delayed and has not yet found its way back to me. It is so late that I must take the responsibility of making the appointment. I told you of your duties and salary and they were satisfactory. Will you send me notice of your acceptance at once? Our work begins the 30th of Sept.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 18, 1891.

D. A. B. Beckwith, Esq.

Dear Sir.
Jacksonville, Fla.

May I ask a personal favor? That you present a nice Ricker to Rollins College for the use of the Lady Principal? You are aware that there are always those who are ready to interpret[?] bad motives in the making of contract. I think it is better for you and for me that I accept no courtesy of this kind under the circumstances. If you are willing to make a present of a nice chair for the use of the Lady Principal, I will be glad if Mrs. Gale will select the chair.

You and I understand that your gift was promised after the contract was made, so you are as in offering the present as I should be in accepting it. It is merely a matter of caution with me. It would have been a matter of principle, if the offer had been made before the trade was made.

I want to add two sets to the order--one for the family of one of our Professors. One for a man in our employ, making in all 52 (fifty two) suites.

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There was an oversight in drawing the contract. Window shade were

included in the former bid with Hartshon fixtures. But it is best to have all the rooms furnished with shade, etc. So I will send the full order for shades and fixtures when we complete the furnishing we will have the less to do.

The following is the statement of the Foreman.

Windows		
152[?]	3 ft.	0 in.
12	2 ft.	7 in.
8	3 ft.	0 in.
6	2 ft.	1(1/2) in.

The above length is over all fixtures. I will pin on the measurements as written in pencil by the Foreman.

Each set was to include also one 3# XXX piece goose pillow. I enclose the contract, asking that you will supply the omissions and return to me for signature. We shall accept your draft. Please state in the new copy of contract that we have the ninety days time. We did the work at last in great haste.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 18, 1891.

Dear Mr. Denny.

I am very glad to receive your letter with \$50. enclosed. The building will soon be done. The furniture has been bought. But will not be in place before the middle of Oct. Both the old Cottages are full and there are ten girls over. Probably a considerable number more will enter before the term begins.

I hope you will come in a good season. Probably it is very pleasant in Vermont now.

Gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 16, 1891.

Mrs. Mary G. Foster.

Dear Madam.

I have received your letter of today. I am perfectly willing. I am quite glad that your young friends should stop off at Sanford and remain with you until the opening of the School. I did not know that they were coming until your letter reached me tonight. If the girls reach here Tuesday night on 5:30 train, they will be in season. I cannot tell with what Teach they are coming. I think the matron, Mrs. Robinson, comes that way. They may be coming with her--or possibly Miss Curtis. The furniture will not be in the new building, which is for the girls, until the middle of Oct. It will be necessary to provide rooms for the overflow outside until that time. I am likely to find good careful ... for them for the two weeks. They will take their meals at the College. There are also ten other girls to be provided for in the

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same way temporarily. You may be sure that I shall see that they are well

care for.

When the new Ladies Hall is done and furnished, we shall give the former Ladies Cottage to the boys and shall have some room left for growth.

I thank you for your very appreciative words about the College. It is a thorough, earnest Christian School, and those who like honest effort after excellence will I am sure be patient with any faults we have and be helpful towards the best.

With kind regards to Judge Foster, and the boys.

Respectfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 19, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

I left out the memorandum of the Superintendent of Building which I promised to send in my last. I forward it now. You will find it to correspond exactly I think with my statement.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Mrs. A. R. Gordon, Jr.
Franklin, Tenn.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 15th inst. received. I have entered the name of your niece, Lizzie A. Senekin[?] of Ft. Reed. The furniture will not be in the new Ladies Hall for two weeks probably after the beginning of the term, but I am arranging for some rooms outside for the two weeks. Our former Ladies Cottage has overflowed. But we shall have good accommodations for the overflow and all will be pleasantly provided for in the College Buildings after a little time.

Respectfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 19, 1891.

John J. Aldrich, Esq. Jamestown, N. Y.
Dear Sir.

It does not seem practicable for us to wait until Nov. 1st for the furnishing of our Ladies Hall. It seemed very desirable also that the Committee should see a sample of the furniture. Our present quarters have overflowed already and we must quarter a considerable number outside, to their and our detriment. The Committee have concluded to purchase the furniture of a firm here in the state and hope to have it delivered as early as the middle of Oct. I thank you for the pains and trouble you have taken for us. I only regret that we could not have made some

adequate return for it all.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 21, 1891.

Dear Mrs. Gale.

I thank you and Bessie for helping about the chairs. They will no doubt be just right. Mr. Boone of Orlando has subscribed \$25.00 I think we had better look there for carpeting and rugs. I presume he expected to pay in goods. The table too for reception room we will look for at Boones. The Wicker Table you mention seems very reasonable. After looking at Boones I may write again. Kind regards to Bessie and to Mr. Gale.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 21, 1891.

Alfred Howard, Esq.
Deland, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 20th inst. received. Our rooms in the Boys Cottage are full; we are building a new Ladies Hall. The furniture will not be in that before the middle of Oct. When that is ready for use, the Cottage which has hitherto been occupied by young ladies will be given to the young men. The accommodations will be excellent then. If your son is willing to accept temporary rooms, boarding at our College Dining Hall the same as afterwards, I will enter his name. I call your attention to statements with regard to admissions on page 33 in Catalogue which I send you.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 21, 1891.

Miss L. A. Stoermer
745 Union St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dear Madam.

It is nearly time for the school year to open and so I must wave formalities. I have two letters from Dr. Anderson recommending you as Teacher of Calisthenics and Gymnastics at Rollins College. He assures me that you are willing to come and do this service for your school expenses. By these we mean Board and Tuition. You enter the Institution as a student and do the work of instruction in the gymnasium. I do not know what your grade will be, but you will be entitled to the regular tuition in the department to which you shall belong. See page 38 of Catalogue

which I send. There are certain extras which are not included when we speak of terms for tuition and board and room--viz. Music and Art. There is an extra charge for washing also.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 21, 1891.

Circular Letter to Ex. Com. of Rollins College.

Dear Sirs.

Miss Grace Livingston, who has filled so generously and with such entire satisfaction and without charge to Rollins College, the position of Instructor in Gymnastics and Calisthenics has resigned that position. At my request she has put me in correspondence with Dr. Anderson, whom we recognize as one of the leaders in this branch of training. He has sent me the enclosed letters. As the time for the opening for the next school year is close at hand, I have departed from my usual custom, by necessity in this case, I think, & have accepted the terms which Dr. Anderson [assented to will?] be satisfactory. I understand this compensation will include board, furnished room with lights and tuition in the department which she will naturally enter. Extras are not included as I understand and as I have stated to her. Will the Com. each record a vote and forward in the following order, Alden, Lyman, Gale, Atlanta, Ga., Welch?, Hooker.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

Aff.: Edward P. Hooker

G. R. Alden

F. W. Lyman

S. F. Gale

W. C. Welch

Neg.:

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Winter Park, Sept. 21, 1891.

Mrs. E. H. Swain,
Anthony, Fla.

Dear Madam.

The new building will not be ready for occupancy before the middle of Oct. Miss Abbott's promises to your daughters will be faithfully kept. We will put single beds in the girls former rooms. The room Miss Root promised Fred has been kept for him. There will be classes in the following studies which you name: Caesar, Higher Algebra, History of Civilization, Plane Geometry, Ancient History. There will be no classes as far as I can judge next term in what is technically termed English Literature, unless it is formed especially for Fred and Della. There will be a class in what I suppose is more Elementary English than you have in mind: Lackwoods Lessons in English. We are also to have a class in Biology an able class. Technically, it is new in our courses though the ... had much of it been covered... other names. I think they would find the study

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interesting and profitable. They might also join the Sophomores in their three essays and declamations.

I am glad the young people are coming back. The School is to be quite large. We have already forty five young ladies and girls with applications constantly coming in. And the Boys Cottage is full and overflowing. We shall provide rooms in town for the overflow until the new building is completed. Kind regard to your young people.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 21, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 19th inst. received. We supply only one pillow to a bed. Your revision of estimate therefore is not quite right. Will you revise again the contract and send to me for signature? I am very glad the work has begun. Use all influence to crowd it and at the same time to secure the best work.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 22, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Sir.

P. S. In addition to what I said in the body of my letter, permit me to say that we want shades to all the rooms and all the windows. Please send the whole number ordered. We understand that we are to pay the additional price for the additional shades, but at the same rate. Let the shades be light olive. Send back the contract revised and we will sign it.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 21, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.

In my letter this morning I did not enclose the contract which you sent me but which needed some change. I send it with this. Please make the change about pillows and return contract for signature.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. The beds of the two extra sets are to be three fourth size.
E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 22, 1891.

F.W. Lyman, Esq.
Minneapolis, Minn.
My Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 19th received. I received very hearty words of commendation for the candidate for the Gymnastic work from Dr. Anderson. I have received an excellent testimonial for the young lady recommended by him. He was so hearty that it seemed to me that there was no doubt but that she is the person for us. No one can satisfy us probably after what we have had. My table is crowded with work and I have mislaid Dr. Anderson's commendations, but I hope to work through my pile before this letter goes. The employment of a young man occurred to me, one of the students, but the fact that the young ladies and girls need the heavy work seemed an indefinite objection. I thank you for your very kind words about the closing of my pastorate for yourself and family. [note: remainder of letter to blurred to read]

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 22, 1891.

Rev. Joshua Coit, D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Massachusetts.
Dear Brother.

I have resigned the pastorate of the Winter Park Church. The name of Dr. Harding of Longmeadow, Mass. has been given us. Will you write me your most level judgment about him as a preacher, etc. for us for the coming season--the fall and winter? We have a complex congregation--College with professors and their families and many young people, and many cultivated and intelligent visitors, all sinners, needing the truth effectively spoken. Write me in a way to help our people. Do you think of some one better?

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 22, 1891.

Rev. F. B. Makepeace,
Springfield, Mass.
Dear Brother.

I have resigned my pastorate to give my whole time to the College. Dr. Harding has been named to us (of Longmeadow) as one who is wishing to visit the South. You are a neighbor of his. Will you tell me what kind of man he would be for us for a winter's supply? We have a peculiar congregation--College Faculty and their families, large numbers of cultivated guests in the winter season, and an excellent Christian atmosphere--and all of us sinners, needing a good, fresh, earnest Gospel.

Is he the man for us? If not, who is?
Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 23, 1891.

Gilbert Hart, Esq.
Detroit, Michigan.
My dear Sir.

Your favor with check for \$400. was promptly received. I thank you very heartily for the timely subscription and prompt remittance. The new hall is going on rapidly towards completion. We can occupy it by Oct. 15 if we can get the furniture in by that time. The building is in good taste and is convenient for use. I shall not be surprised if it is full the coming year. The applications are coming in very freely. We now need 57 of the 72 rooms.

You have my hearty sympathy in the matter of your physical indisposition. I have been very much worn but am much better than when last school year closed. I hope you and Mrs. Hart will be here in your pleasant home the coming winter.

Please remember me to Mrs. Hart.

Gratefully and cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 23, 1891.

Rev. C. M. Livingston.
Dear Brother.

I send you enclosed receipt for \$19.28 note from bank sending check. Everything is going well. The Ladies Hall will be done about Oct. 1st. Furniture will not be in until about the middle of Oct. Applications came in freely. We need now 57 rooms in Ladies Cottage. Mrs. Rogers will let rooms to accommodate all we need to send there until building is completed. The former Boys Cottage is packed to the roof and we shall have to find room for overflow until the new building is ready for the girls so that the boys can occupy the former girls cottage.

Please give our love to all you family and the Aldens.

Gratefully and fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 23, 1891.

Mrs. H. M. Robinson.
Dear Madam.

I send you enclosed a sketch of the lower halls of the new Ladies Building and the three Reception Rooms. The dimensions are marked upon the sketch. I understand that you reach Jacksonville on Sunday morning. You will undoubtedly spend the Sabbath there and remain till 12:15 P.M. Monday. Will you mind looking about for rugs for the three reception

rooms? or carpets? and for halls the hemp carpeting such as we have in the other buildings? We need good quality and to buy cheaply. I should want 90 days time for payment perhaps. If you think you cannot buy to the best advantage, Miss Abbott has a friend in New York who can buy for us. Mrs. Gale would be willing to go with you if you desire that she should. She and Bessie have already been to some of the stores. I think there are three ... needed for each of the three reception rooms. We need the carpet[note: rest of letter unreadable]

P. S. I would not buy but look and get prices of what pleases you. You know our ... and ... get favorable terms.

Truly yours,
E. P. Hooker.

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Sept. 24, 1891.

Dear Miss Lawson.

Will you read the enclosed letter and answer by ..., giving the rates at which you would give them the accommodations he names. Perhaps we should be more likely to induce them to come to Winter Park, if you should name price also for Father and Mother and youngest daughter separately and I should tell them the rates of room and board at College for the three older daughters. I should like to have you send me rates for the whole party and rates for father, mother and youngest child alone. I wish to answer today.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Please return the letter from Mr. Foss.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 24, 1891.

H. A. Fuller, Esq.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir.

Your daughter will be due here the 30th 5:30 P.M. I will see that some one is at the train for her. I suppose Miss Root will be on that train, so there will be no embarrassment for your daughter.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 24, 1891.

Dear Flentye.

Yours of the 21st inst. is at hand. I think your mother and family are wise in wishing you to return to Rollins the coming year. There is no objection to your coming back. I shall welcome you and wish you and I believe you will try to do your best. Will you not. I have put your name on the door of the room you chose.

Yours sincerely,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla. Sept. 24th 1891

S. U. Gladwin, Esq.

Titusville, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 22nd inst. received. We shall move into the Ladies' Hall about the middle of Oct. and can give her a good room. The building is very satisfactory. Meanwhile we will give her a room elsewhere temporarily. The temporary accommodations will be good.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Sept. 24, 1891.

List of Girls in Girls Cottage

1. Lena Tenney.
2. Nona Wiley.
3. Miss Carson. [Saphronia?]
4. Della Swain.
5. Gene Swain.
6. May Pomroy.
7. Kitty Franz.
8. Ada Lowd.
9. Flora Walker.
10. ~~Edith Sayler.~~
11. Ethel Anderson.
12. Laura Walker.
13. Annie Fuller.
14. Minnie Moreman.
15. Marion Woodsum.
16. [Alice] Sayler.
17. [Edith] Sayler.
18. Miss Talisforo. spends from Friday evening to Monday morning with friends in Orlando
19. Miss Dimick (1). [Belle]
20. Miss Dimick (2). [Lorena]
21. Miss Dimick (3).

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22. Miss Carson. Good Room. Mr. Alden's ward.
23. Eunice Simonds. (Refusal of room) next to Annie Fuller if possible.
24. [Avis] Paine. sisters from Minneapolis
- ~~25.~~
26. [Cordelia] Paine
27. Ward of E. T. Howison - notified Mr. Howison of new building but assured
28. Ward of E. T. Howison him we would keep promise about room rent
29. Bertha Genevieve Ball. Room on second floor and is to have choice in order of proceeding. Spends from Fri. evening till Mon. morning with friends in Orlando, at home.

30. Miss Jolly, ... -- wants pleasant room.
31. Ella Todd. (Mamie Cofirls friend) a southroom.
32. Frances Lee Drady. Wants and East room, cousin of Fritz Frank
33. Bessie Robinson, St. Paul, Minn. arrives Nov. 1st.
34. Daughter of James D. Taylor - connecting rooms second floor of
35. Daughter of James D. Taylor Ladies Hall.
36. Stella Waterhouse- 2nd floor, east front, if these are not taken.
37. Miss Blood - girl of 11.
38. Miss Williams, prefers 2nd floor, E. side. Do best we can.
39. Miss Shaw. Archer's sister wants room south or east side.
40. Mattie Keigwin - daugs. of Con. Ministers - want connecting rooms.
41. Eula McKinley

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 24, 1891.

Rev. W. D. Brown
Interlacken, Fla.

Dear Brother.

Your favor just received. I am glad your son is coming. The room chosen has been held for him. Am glad to hear of his uniting with the church. That sets him in right position before his fellows from the first and in a natural way. He will do good. We can wait on you for payment until Oct. remittance is received. Yes, he may take a half hour lesson by himself once a week. We are likely to open with larger number of boarders than ever before.

Please let your son take this letter and show it to Miss Peck when he makes his arrangement for music lessons.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 24, 1891.

J, H, Foss, Esq.
Winthrop, Mass.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 18th inst. has received my careful attention. I note that you desire good quarters and good board. There are two houses at Winter Park besides the hotels that are excellent. One is across Lake Osceola. They drive to the College every school day morning and at close of school in the afternoon. Conveyance is free to boarders. The house is commodious, beautifully furnished and located so as to overlook the lake, with ... Beautifully finished on the inside with hand work. The house is 1(1/4) miles from College, I think. W. J. Waddell is proprietor. He would accommodate your family at the following rates.

Parents each per week	\$10.00	\$20.00
when you are absent		
you need not pay		
The 3 old daughters ea.	7.00	21.00
The youngest daughter,		

per week	5.00	<u>5.00</u>
Total when you are at home		\$46.00

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There is another place that I am always glad to recommend to good people. It is near town, within walking distance of the College. It is owned and kept by a youngerly woman, a member of my church and she always has very choice people. The house is roomy--not large. The guests are generally very congenial and the family and home like. If all who have engaged rooms come she could not accommodate your whole party. I have a note from the Lady, Miss Lawson, and she says she has received a letter from you and that she shall write, so I need not say anything about prices.

The most economical way for you would be this, I think. Put your 3 eldest daughters in the Ladies Hall. Their board with furnished rooms and lights would be only \$48.00 each per term of 12 weeks, or \$4.00 per week. They will have good board and neatly furnished rooms. They will be under the care of and accomplished lady as Principal. They would not be far away from the family and could see you often. They would be likely to accomplish far more in their school work. Knowing

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the work as I do. I should do that way if I were in your place. You can compare the terms Miss Lamson gives you with that of the College and judge what is best for you.

I hope you will come to Winter Park. I am quite sure you will like the place, the people you meet and the College work.

If there is anything more you desire to know about the places of which I have written, write again, and if there is anything more I can do for you in any way, feel free to make use of my service.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 24, 1891.

Mrs. Mary G. Foster.
Sanford, Fla.
Dear Madam.

The Clyde Steamer leaves New York Wednesday at 3 P.M. and reaches Jacksonville early Sunday morning. I have recently come by that line leaving N. Y. and arriving in Jacksonville as above stated. I remained in Jacksonville over Sabbath and left for W. P. at 5:30 P.M. Mrs. Robinson and another matron come that way, leaving N.Y. at 3 P.M. yesterday. I presume one of our teachers, Miss Curtis, will come by the same boat. I am confident that they will spend the Sabbath in Jacksonville. I have written to Mrs. Robinson there, asking her to do some business for the College on Monday. Of course, the Ladies will be likely to find out the girls, if they did not start in their care, and will bring them on when they come. I am so confident that I should think Judge Foster would do well to have the train stop Monday.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 24, 1891.

Mrs. H. M. Robinson.

Dear Madam.

I have sent letters for you to Jacksonville in care of Mrs. Rev. S. F. Gale. I suppose you will spend the Sabbath in Jacksonville and can attend to some business matters of which I write on Monday morning. I have just taken the trip and reached Jacksonville Sunday morning and was just about on time I believe. I left for Winter Park Monday at 12:15 P.M. My letters will explain all.

All very well. Miss Abbott has come. The building is progressing finely. Furniture is ordered but will not be here probably for two weeks.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 24, 1891.

Robert Benedict

Ft. Meade, Fla.

My Dear Sir.

I am not sure whom we shall appoint to ring the bell. Can you be here at the beginning and ring until an arrangement is made? One who seems to want and need it very much, has decided not to come next term: and still another will not be here until December. He would be glad of it then. There is no reason why you should not have the appointment if you wish it.

I am glad you will be back.

Kind regards to all at home.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 24, 1891.

Rev. E. G. McKinley

Center Hill, Fla.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 22nd inst. received. Bro. Keigwin wrote me about connecting rooms for your two daughters. Let them speak to Miss Abbott about it when they come, or speak to me. Yes, we can "grant a few days indulgence" on "term bills." Be sure of any fraternal courtesy I can extend.

Fraternally and cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 25, 1891.

Mrs. H. M. Robinson.

Dear Madam.

If you have time Monday morning will you step into wholesale store

in Jacksonville and see what figures they will give us on supplies for dining hall and what the quality of their goods would be? We shall have to buy very closely to escape considerable loss on such a large family. If we can get a little margin on the profit side, the large numbers will help us a good deal. I think I have an excellent young man--student--to help in waiting on tables and filling lamps, etc.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 25, 1891.

Dear Mr. Whitaker.
Homeland, Fla.

When Mr. Blood was here he said that Ollie and John might not return to school next year. But I hear nothing from you about it and presume they are coming. I am holding the rooms they selected for them. If they are not coming, will you be kind enough to notify me at once? There is such a demand for rooms that I shall be obliged to hire rooms outside for a short time, until the new Ladies Hall is furnished and Cottage No. 1 can be given to the boys. I hope your daughter is coming. We hope to get into the Ladies Hall about Oct. 15.

Please give my kind regards to all your family.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 25, 1891.

Mitchels Manufacturing Co.
200 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir.

We have bought metallic numbers of you for the doors of our Students Rooms. We are erecting a new building for young ladies. It is nearly completed. There are seventy two Dormitory Rooms. Please send us numbers beginning with 1 and ending with 72. The numbers we have had have been one inch, I believe. That will be sufficiently large. I suppose the package should come by express. Pack firmly. Please send at once with bill.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.
President of Rollins College.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 25, 1891.

Miss L. A. Stoermer
59 Bond St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

I wrote you 21st inst. at 745 Union St. Brooklyn, N. Y. asking you to come on terms specified as student and Teacher of Gymnastics. I

address you at 745 Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y. I offered you board and tuition in the regular studies of the department to which you will belong and sent you a Catalogue. Music and Art are not included in General Expenses. Room is included with light.

No doubt you have received my previous letter before this and hope you will be here promptly.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Dear Mr. Hack.

Please find above your receipt for \$400. sub. on new building.
Thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 25, 1891.

Mrs. Dora D. Davis, Tilton, N. H.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 22nd inst. is at hand. We have ceased altogether from receiving any persons into the College as boarders who are not immediately connected with the College. Financially we could make a gain by doing it. But our experience was that our school work was impaired by doing it. We can receive you son, if you wish us to do so, as a boarder. You have of course found by the Catalogue for what grade he is prepared. Undoubtedly it would be much better for your son to be in the home life of the school than in that of a hotel. Our experience of some years is all that way. We are obliged to give the former Ladies Cottage to the Boys. I think the Ladies Hall will be nearly full by winter. I hope you will come to W. P.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 25, 1891.

Rev. C. M. Livingston.

625 Maryland Ave. N.E.

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Bro.

I have written you already of receipt of \$19.28 on your subscription. By your favor of 21st inst. I have received your check for \$30.72 = \$50--and so your subscription is paid. Many thanks. You have always been a joy and help to us here and I shall sincerely miss you. But this is our way here, meeting and parting.

I hope that we shall in some way be kept informed how all you busy people are getting on.

Cordially and gratefully yours with kind regards to all,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 25, 1891.

Dear Miss Lawson.

There are already some more boys and girls than can be provided for at the Cottages at the opening of the term. Mrs. Rogers has consented to take all the girls we cannot accommodate, until the furniture is placed in the new building. They will take their meals at the College Dining Hall. I have the names of two boys regularly entered for rooms and board--two others who may be here at the opening of the term, for whom we have no rooms. Probably there will be more before the term opens. On the other hand, some may fail to come, so that we can furnish rooms to all. I do not suppose that we shall have the new building ready for occupancy before the middle of Oct. In case we need rooms temporarily for boys can you accommodate them at your house? We receive \$1. per week for furnished room and light. It will be an accommodation if you can and will receive the boys we cannot accommodate and accept the rent for the rooms until we get into the new building.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 26, 1891.

Thomas J. Adams
Davidsville, Ga.
Dear Sir.

Your card of 18th inst. has been received. I send a catalogue. Sometimes we have a little money placed in our hands for deserving students but we have none now. Our rates are low. Board is a little below cost. There has not been a demand for type writing and stenography thus far. They are valuable and there might be an interest to learn them among a few. I cannot tell. Examine our low rates and see if you cannot come. A former student has applied for position similar to the one which you name. I said to him that he might come at the opening of the term and see whether there would be any work. If it were not for this, I should feel like giving you more encouragement in this line of Stenography and Type Writing.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Sept. 26, 1891.

Dear Mr. Blood.

I made no note, as I can find, of the advancement your daughter has made in her studies. Will you drop me a line by return mail stating how far she has gone in Arithmetic? Has she been drilled well in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division? Perhaps she is much farther

Dommerick.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

We shall be glad to see you when you come.

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Winter Park, Oct. 29, 1891.

Mrs. T. K. Price.

Dear Madam.

Miss Curtis handed me your note with regard to Jennie's illness and you fear that the illness was carried by impure water at the College. The water is taken from the well at the Dining Hall. A chemical analysis has been made by several of our teachers of chemistry and the water has been found to be very pure. There is no opportunity for drainage that would carry impurities to the well. However, I have arranged to have our chemist analyze it and hope to send you a report soon.

I thank you for speaking of your fears in the right quarter.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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SALARIES OF FACULTY FOR 1891-92

From Oct. 1, 1891.

E. P. Hooker	\$1200.	
L. A. Austin	1200.	
J. H. Ford	1200.	Prof. Barrows \$1200.
Louise M. Abbott	1000.	3 hours teaching and care of young ladies.
Eva J. Root	1000.	5 hours work.
Louie E. Curtis	700.	Has care of Dept. and 4 hours work. Extra paid for hours to be
Kate W. Peck	700.	
Hattie A. Peck	400.	Mr. Peck pays \$200 of this.
Amy F. Dalrymple	250.	Fare back to Boston and tuition of pupils from outside the school.
Miss Stoermer		Board, room, tuition in any studies in which there are classes and fare both ways.
Mrs. Proctor	248.50	and home and fare to Rochester at end of year.
Mrs. Robinson	248.50	and home and fare to Rochester at end of year.
Dr. Eagen		Teacher of Chemistry.
Mrs. Hawley		1 hours work.

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Winter Park, Oct. 30, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Is it possible for you to send the remaining four springs covered with strong ticking instead of burlap? Can we remove the smell of oil from the burlap by fumigation of in any other way? Tell me how please.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 30, 1891.

Rev. Edwin B. Palmer.

Dear Brother Palmer.

I have been long in sending List of Books. Is the list "Long"

enough? I wish \$6.85 of the \$100. left for you with Brother Coit sent to me for direct purchases. If the money remaining will buy more than the list, send me word about how much will be left and we will add to the list.

Fraternally and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 2, 1891.

Rich and Stone, Esqs.
Chicago, Ill. 89 Madison Street.
Dear Sirs.

Your favor of the 27th ult. received, saying that the owner of the Loundale Ave. lots desires to take up the Colt note at maturity, and asking me to send the note and any other papers pertaining to the property. I send you the note for \$750.00 with one years interest endorsed upon it. Another years interest is due.

There is due a follows:

Principal	\$750.00
Interest for one year	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$795.00.

I do not find any other papers that are of value to either party.
Please remit and oblige.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 3, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Your favor of the 31st ult. received. In your contract how mush did you consider the lamps worth? If you will turn to your copy of the contract signed by yourself and by me as President, you will find that the upholstered Box Spring mattresses and grey fabric mattresses are included & so our bill is in the total of \$3237.35[?].

Will you write me at what price the lamps were put in? I need to know in making a sale of the lamps.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 4, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Dear Sir.

In your favor of the 31st ult. you say: "The fifty springs were shipped from the factory. You ask that we W.P. The Treasurer told me today that the springs were billed to Jacksonville--but the bill ... Jacksonville to 48. and says the bill ... change. There has been a change of Station Agents here since this happened, but and says the changed bill is at the station. I think he can help the new agent to find the bill if you wish it, or a copy of it, for us in finding the missing box Springs.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 5, 1891.

Dear Mrs. Gale.

Your favor of 31st ult. is at hand. We can sell the lamps here and

buy somewhere such as we want. Will you write and tell me how many rocking chairs you bought of Mr. Beckwith for us? We have been looking for rockers for Reception Rooms at Orlando and I wish to know how many are coming from Jax. before we purchase more.

I do not know whether we shall get the price of the lamps from Mr. Beckwith, think we shall. No price is given in the contract. But I have written to him of this and you will not give yourself any bother about it.

With thanks,
Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 5, 1891.

Mahlon Gore, Esq.
My Dear Sir.

Your letter with \$25. received. Please find receipt enclosed.
Yours with thanks,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 5, 1891.

Paul G. Ross.
Dear Brother.

Yours of 1st inst. received. Am compelled to use all the money I can earn or raise in any way for family and College. So you need not send sample number of "Purple and Gold."

Yours fraternally,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 5, 1891.

Mahlon Gore, Esq.
Dear Sir.

In my letter with receipt enclosed for your sub. of \$25. I think I omitted to say anything about Miss Fuller's testimonial. I regret to say that thus far I am not able to find it. I fear it is lost. I am sure the writer will gladly duplicate the good words for her.

College is prospering.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 6, 1891.

Dear Brother Maile.

Your favor of the 2nd int. was received yesterday. I see the difficulty under which your Committee labors. Yes, we have money coming in which we can use for heating and furnishing to the amount of \$2795.00 provided the College Society can appropriate a corresponding sum "for the Support of Instructors."

I thank you for the suggestion. It so happens that this can be done quite as well as not. I hope the special meeting of the Directors will be held as soon as practicable. You are familiar with this kind of work and its anxieties. It has been your privilege often to bring relief in such anxieties. But notwithstanding the severe labors and the anxieties, I am glad I have had part in them. I believe that foundations have been laid here for a good future.

With kind regards to all your family.
Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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ACTION OF FACULTY NOV. 6, 1891

Voted: That the students observe the hours from 8 to 10 A.M. on Saturday as study hours, and be released from observance of evening study hours on that day.

Voted: That the boys be separated from the girls in gymnasium practice.

Voted: That other questions pertaining to gymnasium work be referred to the heads of departments as a Committee with power to act.

J, H, Ford, Secy.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 7, 1891.

The Gregory Talc Blk. board Co.
Nashville, Tenn.
Dear Sirs.

Your circular handed me. Please find enclosed .50 for box of your Leulters Crayons, "Talc". Please send by mail & I will return the amount of postage used. Would send postage enclosed but do not know how much will be required. We use a great deal of chalk. I hope we shall prefer your crayons for all our work.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 9, 1891.

Mrs. M. Topley
Caledonia, Miss.
Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 4th inst. has come to hand.

We have excellent teachers of music. They are both graduates at the Conservatory at Oberlin, O. They are two sisters. One of them has been with us one year before this and is the best teacher we have ever had in that department. It does not seem to me likely that one could find such good advantages in that department at any other point in this state. There is a small house to let here. The price of rent is...

We have no industrial department connected with the College. We could give the young men of whom you write an opportunity to do some work and pay a part of his expenses in that way. We could give him an opportunity to help in waiting on tables at the Dining Hall and also in care together to amount to \$2.50 per week.

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Edward P. Hooker, Prest.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 9, 1891.

Jno. B. Clotworthy, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst. received. I am prepared to think well of any one whom my dear Brother Livingston refers and recommends to me. However, we have an excellent matron and I do not need Mrs. Clotworthy in

our Boarding Department. There is no prospect of any vacancy.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 9, 1891.

W.R. Moses, Esq. Knoxville, Tenn.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of Oct. 29th has been received. I suppose the Treasurer has sent you receipt for the \$20. Enclosed. I have made enquiry of his Principal and find that he is doing well. I am glad to hear from you that he is contented and happy. I will send this to Sanford, as you were expecting to be there tomorrow when you wrote.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 9, 1891.

Dear Mr. Hudson.

If you have so many copies, please send up 70 of the Reporter containing Memorial addresses. I will have the money received for those which are sold and will return what I left unsold. I called for numbers and I think a considerable number will be disposed of. The 25 you sent me will be used to good purpose. Thanks.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 10, 1891.

Isaac Whitaker, Prest.

The 15 sacks of phosphate were duly received. I have had the personage garden thoroughly fertilized and the trees of my neighbors grounds, for whom I bought 1/2 ton. I send you enclosed pay for the latter: \$3.50. Please return receipted bill. Accept thanks for the phosphate. I hope the experiment will be helpful to you and to us hereabouts.

Kind regards to the boys and all others of your family.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., April 21st, 1891.

The Ex. Com. met at Dr. Hooker's Study at 7 P.M. Presiding the President, G. R. Alden, M. C. Welch, S. F. Gale.

Rev. M. C. Welch offered prayer. Mr. Welch reported on the condition of the Palatka grove, recommending a 6 wire fence, with cypress posts 4' x 6' ft, at 15 cent a piece, and set 10 feet apart, the whole cost estimated at about \$140. The recommendation was adopted, and Mr. Welch was empowered to procure the building of the same.

It was voted to empowered the President, after correspondence with Miss Fisk (Liddia) to remit such part of her remaining indebtedness to the College, \$144. as may seem to him best, the amount to be remitted not to exceed 50% of the whole sum.

It was voted to grant the balance of Lois Parker's bill for the year \$127.15 after giving audit for the aid from Mr. F. W. Lyman and sister, and her services as pianist in the gymnasium.

It was voted, that with reference to certain lots in the proposed addition to the Campus, the President be authorized to accept the best

terms in which Mr. J. S. Capen can obtain.

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On recommendation of the President, it was voted,
1st That Miss Abbott be retained as Lady Principal, with three hours work in teaching.

2. That Miss Curtis be advanced to the Principalship of the Sub Preparatory Department, with salary of \$700 a year.

3. That Miss Root be retained as Teacher of French and Science, with five hours work and salary heretofore.

4. That Miss Peck be continued at a salary of \$700 and home.

5. That sundry repairs be made to Miss Abbott's office.

6. That telephonic communication be established between Dining Hall and Ladies Cottage.

7. That young ladies receiving pecurinary aid may be called upon to assist in certain light work as may be approved by the Lady Principal.

8. That Hamilton Johnson be appointed as tutor for the ensuing year.

9. That Lady Teachers be informed

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that the Principal of the Ladies Department may call upon them to have oversight in case of her sickness or absence and to assist in the details of discipline.

10. It was voted that the employment of Mr. Mack to have charge of the Palatka grove be referred to Mr. Welch with power.

11. It was voted, that the Ex. Com. authorize the printing of a new edition of rules.

12. It was voted to continue the present rate of board and room in the Cottages.

13. It was voted, that the matrons shall have the care of the sick in their several cottages, and the general oversight of the rooms and buildings: that the matrons in the Ladies Cottage shall report all misconduct to the Principal of the Ladies Department, and that the matrons of the gentlemen's cottages shall report all misconduct to the Heads of Department to which the [?] guilty of misconduct belong.

Adjourned to Wednesday, 2, 8:30 A.M.

Wednesday, 8:30 A.M., Ex. Com. met according

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to adjournment. Present, the President, G. R. Alden, S. F. Gale.

14. It was voted that Mrs. Robinson be re-engaged at same salary this year, for same work.

15. It was voted, that the question of re-employing Miss Dalrymple be determined by the votes of the full Committee as ascertained by the President.

16. It was voted that it is the sense of the Committee that Rev. Mr. Woodworth be engaged for next year, if the way be opened.

17. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to express to G. Porter, M.D., and M. A. Henkel, M.D., the thanks of the Corporation for their services, and request the continuance of the same during the next year.

18. It was voted that the Ex. Com. desire to express to Miss Livinston their high appreciation of her services as Teacher of Calisthenics and light gymnastics, and request and desire her to continue these services.

19. It was voted that Prof. Ford be engaged to canvas the state in the interest of the College for two months during vacation, or longer, if an conference with the President it may seem desirable to them both, salary to be \$100 per month and necessary expenses: and money received for preaching to apply on said salary.

Recess till 1 P.M.

20. After recess it was voted that if desirable budded orange trees can be obtained at reasonable rates, 180 or more be procured, and set to fill the vacancies in the College grove.

21. It was voted that the re-employment of Mr. F. B. (A?) Eaton to care for the College grove be referred to the President with power.

22. It was voted to spray the grove with the Bran Insecticide and that a machine be purchased for that purpose.

23. It was voted, that the following set of inquiries be submitted to each member of the Ex. Com. with the request that answer be returned to the Secretary: 1) Shall Dr. Hartman be re-engaged for next year
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for the same work as this year, viz. Chemistry, German, Spanish and Book-keeping, in regular courses, and such other work as the President may assign him? 2) If so, shall his responsibilities be the same as this year irrespective of the amount of such work to be done? 3) Or, shall it be at the same rate per annum, been according to the amount of such work done?
Adjourned.

Nathan Barrows, Secy.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 10, 1891.

R. E. Green, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 4th inst. received. We have excused you son from Elocutionary exercises in accordance with your request.

Your sons health seems good--he does not look rugged, but he is never that I judge. I think he is as well as usual. Should he be seriously ill we shall let you know at once. As to his studies, he is at disadvantage in this, that he came in late and his classes had gone over some of the ground. He is doing fairly well however in his studies and will do better when he brings up that which is behind. I think that life in this climate will be very profitable to him in health and that he will make a very positive gain in scholarship.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 10, 1891.

W. A. Miller, Esq.

Sanford, Fla.

Dear Sir.

The window frames or casings have shrunk. The weights are proving to be too light to hold up the top windows. There are already 256 weights which are too light to do their work. They should be 7 lbs.

Also--there were not enough stops sent. There are 72 stops wanting. Each room requires two stops. Can you not send us the 72 we need? They are needed for the closet doors.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 11, 1891.

Messrs. Miller and Salisbury.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 10th received. Would the building for heating contain a room for the Engineer to sleep in? Would you two bids at least provide for such a room and cover expenses of same? I suppose so, but it is not specified.

I presume I shall hear from Mr. O'Neal. Please answer at once that when Committee meet we may know about this.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 12, 1891.

On account of the alledge misrepresentation by the intelligence officer in New York of the offer made by Rollins College to Mary Lynch for services during the present school year, we consent to modify the contract so as to read as follows: We will pay half her fare down from New York to Winter Park. The other half should be taken from the monthly payments to her in equal amounts. In consideration of this change of contract Mary Lynch promises to render faithful service for the year. The College will pay her fare back to New York at the end of the school year upon condition of her faithful compliance. With the terms of this agreement and of faithful service rendered during the year.

Edward P. Hooker, President.

Mary Lynch.

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On account of the alledged misrepresentation by the intelligence officer in N. Y. of the offer made by Rollins College to Rosa McDermot for service during the present school year, we consent to modify the contract so as to read as follows. We will pay half her far down from New York to Winter Park. The other half shall be taken from monthly payments to her, in equal amounts. In consideration of the change of contract, Rosa McDermot promises to render faithful service for the year. The College will pay her fare back to New York at the end of the school year upon condition of her faithful compliance with the terms of this agreement and of faithful service rendered during the year.

Edward P. Hooker, President.

Rose McDermott.

Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 12, 1891.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 13, 1891.

Dear Mr. Seymour.

I send you some correspondence from Mr. Welch etc. concerning the Palatka grove. Will you give me your judgment with regard to what we should do.

I wish very much I could have a talk with you about business matters.

From correspondence with College Society, I confidently expect from them \$2500. towards payment of salaries, that we may turn and take amount toward the Heating Plant. I have not word of its appropriation yet, but think there is no reasonable doubt about it. Mr. Maile thinks he can raise the money for the furnishing of rooms from churches, room by room--from S.S., and the like. By the way, I wish Mrs. Seymour would furnish a room and have a plate on a door. I want the young people here to love the College.

A part of the furniture has reached here. The regular sets have not come. Most of the chairs and desks are here. Kind regards to all.

Yours truly,

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 13, 1891.

E. H. Rice & Co.

Dear Sirs.

We will wait for the Diamond matting, we have ordered until the middle of January. Will you put in our order at once and make our receiving it certain at that time? We very much prefer that style and shall be at considerable inconvenience for the sake of getting it.

Please keep the set of furniture Miss Abbot selected. We wish to see some other that has been ordered from elsewhere before deciding. My remembrance of the price is \$24.00.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 13, 1891.

W.A. Stafford, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of the 12th received. I send you a catalogue of the College. You can judge whether your son would be in the Preparatory or Sub Prep. Dept. by turning to page 18-21. You will see that the expenses for tuition is a little less in the Sub. Prep. than in the Prep.

Board and room are the same in all Depts. See expenses in the leaflet I enclose. Next Wednesday we begin the second half of the Fall term. The expenses for the remainder of this term will be half those for a whole term. Board will be \$18. Room \$6. Tuition in Prep. \$6. Then, if he takes extras the tuition for those would be added. Expenses for the rest of the term, beginning Wednesday next, without extras is \$30--in Prep. or Academic departments. I hope your son will come. Please let me hear from you

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 13, 1891.

G. A. Rollins, Esq.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of 8th inst. received. The \$100. enclosed was very timely. We are doing a great ... this year and some indebtedness of other years is ... us. The \$10000 for the new building is a great deal to raise in a year. I have strong hope that \$2500 is about as good as secure for the Heating Plant. The building is to be furnished. The furniture per room will cost about \$60. Probably this will come from individuals ... making the rooms memorial. It makes the ... mean much more to have a good name on ... The furniture has begun to arrive and the contract for heating has been let. When we get the building completed and all indebtedness ... I think the ... point in the history of the College will be past. ...

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I hope it is only temporary. We have about 130 students now. Our chapel seems quite well filled at morning prayers. The Ladies Cottage in considerably more than full and several are rooming outside until we can move into the new Ladies Hall. I hope Mrs. Rollins will come to Fla. the coming winter. Cannot you come also? Come if you can. A rest would do you good and we should all be glad to see you.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 13, 1891.

Rich & Stone, Esqs.

89 Madison St.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs.

Yours of the 9th inst. received and draft for \$795 (seven hundred and ninety five dollars) enclosed.

Much obliged.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 13, 1891.

Mrs. Price.
Dear Madam.

I assured you that our Chemist would analyze the water that is used for drinking at Knowles Hall. He has done so and reports to me that there is no organic substance in the water and that there is nothing in it that would be harmful to health. I am glad to make this report to you. The water from the same well is used at the Dining Hall and Kitchen.

I am sure you will be glad to receive this favorable result of the analysis.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 16, 1891.

Dear Brother Gale.

I referred your letter to Trustees. They do not feel ready to take action with regard to the coming of any one. I have told one of them that I should desire a discussion by Council with clean papers, so that I can settle somewhere else--say in the North, and that, for this purpose, I should wish a dismissing Council. I suggested that a Council be called at the time of our Feb. meeting of the College Trustees. That would relieve of two journeys on the part of most of the Brethren. Then, if I am to serve the College alone, there would need to be a recast of terms of compensation. I should need a house and means to support my family. So, I said I thought I had better preach on until the Feb. meeting.

Our Trustees do not wish to call anyone until our Northern members of means come down.

I am glad you think of coming this way. I rejoice that you are coming this way.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 17, 1891.

L. E. Bridgman, Esq.
Northampton, Mass.
My Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst. has just come to hand. I think I recognize the position your church occupies. Rev. R. T. Hall is a strong man intellectually and would be called a decidedly good preacher. He is an interesting man socially--a good conversationalist. He would interest the young people in his sermons. He preaches without notes, except a brief skeleton. I think his preaching is largely memoriter. Mr. Hall has been largely engaged in business matters in Florida, in connection with his pastorates. He has been interested in banking, in the loaning of money and in orange groves. He is secularly quite thrifty. His preaching is intellectual and esthetic. Probably it is his purpose to drop much of the secular in going North, and devotion to parish and pulpit chiefly would naturally deepen that part of the nature where a ministers best power resides. He would be a leading man in your city. Mrs. Hall is a fine Christian Lady.

In strict confidence.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Nov. 17, 1891.

Faculty meeting at Library at 11:30 A.M.

Voted, that Thursday and Friday of next week be given as holidays.
This is done in view of the fact that Thursday is Thanksgiving Day.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 17, 1891.

Mrs. George M. Pener

Worcester, Mass.

Dear Madam.

Your favor received. I have been looking for place for you and your friend. I think I have succeeded well. You can have rooms in a house belonging to Rev. Mr. Alden--Mrs. Alden is Panzy. The house is near the Rail Road Station in a small orange grove. Rent of rooms alone \$2.50 to \$1.50 per week furnished but not cared for--Board and room, including care of rooms, lights and fuel \$7.00 per week. Both the above terms will include the use of parlor, etc.

There is a family in the house, earnest Christian people, who would furnish board and service as above named. I could not find you such good terms at any other place in town, I think, taking all things into consideration. You may engage board through me, if you desire to do so.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 19, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir.

We have received shipment of desks, springs, mattresses, chairs, toilet sets, window curtains, pillows. I have ... you to report Chamber Suites as supposed to be on the way for sometime. Are you keeping in connection with them by wire? According to your best judgement, when will they be here? We are paying out about \$12. per week for rooms at hotel until Chamber Suites come. I know you are good to crowd things. Let me know the circumstances and do the best you can.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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P.S. I see that the chair for the office of the Lady Principal did not come. You will remember that I suggested that you send it instead of the chair you so kindly offered to send for my study.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 23, 1891.

Messrs. Miller and Saulsbury.

Sanford, Fla.

Dear Sirs.

We find that there are 256 window weights that are too light. They do not hold the sash up. A part of the weights are seven lbs. weight. They hold up the windows. The 256 weights which do not hold up the

windows are only six pound weights.

Then there should be spring in all the windows--lower sash--on the lower floor. The fastening on top of the lower sash can be opened by inserting a thin blade--as a mere knife--between the upper and lower sash and turning the fastening. There should be a spring in the lower sash of each window on the lower floor. I believe there are 64 windows on that floor. You will know. When your attention was called to the fact there were no stops for the doors, you said at once that you would put them in though they were not specified in the contract, as the building could not be finished in a workman like manner without them. Is not the same true with regard to the 256 six pound weights and the fastenings in the sash of the lower windows on the lower floors, whatever is...

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decision as to this point, will you not send up some men and the weights and window springs needed and have them put in at once? The furniture is here and we wish to occupy the building at once--a part of the rooms. I feel a great deal of justifiable pride in the building and think you may well do so. Let us have these defects remedied.

When shall you begin on work for heating. We must begin to occupy a part of the rooms this week.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. One thing more. The catch in the hinge of the window blinds--the lower hinge--does not hold back the window blinds. They are slamming. Those in the 3rd story are becoming unhinged. What can be done? Can your man attend to this manner in connection with the others?

E.P.H. (Postscript is in pencil copy.)

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Winter Park

F. D. Stevenson, Esq.
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir.

We are placing the furniture in the new building. Some of the young ladies will begin to sleep there at once. The building is to be warmed by a hot water plant. The contract requires the plant to be ready for use the 1st of Jan. All the rooms on the 1st and 2nd floors are taken. But those on the 3rd floor are as good as any. I should prefer them. The stairs are easy, and there are three stairways from the 1st to the second and from the second to the 3rd floors. The heating plant is outside the building. Some of the rooms on the 3rd floor are already taken. Shall we reserve a room for your daughter? Our Boarding Department will be running during vacation-Dec. 23-Jan. 5th--so your daughter could be at the College during the vacation, if she should desire to do so. May I have an early answer?

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. A room on the first floor has been given up and one on 3rd floor taken instead. The vacant room is next to the music room. Your daughter can have that if she prefers it. Please answer as early as you can.
E.P.H. [postscript in pencil]

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 23, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 19th inst. received. The goods are received. There are two chairs and two common rockers wanted to make up the 52 sets. One chair and one rocker were broken. So one rocker and one chair are missing. This has come about because some parts of the sets were

originally understood to be for 50 rooms instead of 52. My more recent orders will probably make all the sets complete. As you are to be sure this week, we can make all these things right.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 27, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith Furniture Co.
Dear Sirs.

I send you enclosed paper to the amount of thirty one hundred and twenty seven dollars and fifty five cents in full payment of your enclosed bill. You will see by statement of account that the freight amounted to \$250.95 over the amount guaranteed. Please receipt the bill and return the same.

With thanks for all courtesies.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.
President of Rollins College.

P.S. I wish to add special thanks for the courtesy of your gift of an elegant chair for the Lady Principal. In pencil.

Yours etc.
E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 28, 1891.

Dear Brother Maile.

Your favor of the 25th inst. has reached me. Some of your questions will require some investigation on my part. I will send you a package of photos of buildings. You will find a front view of the Ladies Hall. You see only two wings. Another wing runs out to the west. It is an admirable building. The plan is the best I ever saw. The furniture is now in. I have not been able to get a photograph of the interior of on of the rooms yet. As soon as I do, I will send it to you. It is a good idea, which you suggest of raising money for the furnishing of rooms. We have received 51 sets of the furniture and put them in place. The cost per room is about \$64. I will let you know more definitely. There is one item of hauling freight which has not been reported to me. We have ninety days time on furniture ... from Nov. 10th. That will give you time to work it all in perhaps. I have subscription for one room and shall probably get more. Thanks for your cordial sympathy & ... help. A blessing on the College Society!

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 30, 1891.

D. A. Beckwith, Esq.
Jacksonville, Fla.

According to your request in fa. of 25th inst., I send you expense bill received from the ... Company for the last car of furniture for us on which we charge you \$332.00 freight. I send you also a freight bill of 10/27, which you may[?] wish to make your file complete.

With kind regards,
Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 1, 1891.

Mrs. M. Topley
Caledonia, Miss.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 25th ult. received. Will you be kind enough to send me a testimonial from your sons pastor or former teacher with regard to his character and ability? I am very much inclined to help your son all I can in getting a good musical education. With his willingness to work, I sincerely hope that we can give him the best opportunities which our instruction affords. I make you this offer. We will give your son his board and room and tuition in music and other branches which are not extra which he wishes to pursue and in which we have classes on the following term: That he help in waiting the table at the College Dining Hall each meal of each day in the week; that he clean and fill the lamps for all the buildings; that he assist the janitor in the care of buildings, in sweeping, dusting, and keeping in order Knowles Hall and sweeping, dusting and keeping in order the gymnasium. This work will probably

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not give him more exercise than he would need if he should be excused from Calisthenics and Gymnastic drill. The sweeping and dusting would mostly come on Saturdays when there are no recitations in class work.

I presume that I need not tell you there are no pipe organs in this part of the country, nearer at least than Jacksonville. But there is a reed organ here in the Congregational Church which could be secured for his lessons and practice.

I hope that your son will come and that he will be here at the opening of the Winter Term, which begins Jan. 5th, 1891.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Dec. 1, 1891.

Wilton A. Miller, Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 23rd ult. received. ... glad of promise of exchange of weights without extra charge. The springs we must have on the lower floor. The weights should be changed as soon as possible as some of the ladies are occupying the building without fire and the windows drop so that rooms are very cold. We cannot afford the Tin[?] buckles on the blinds. It would be far better to put on the old fashioned hooks with staples. For how much would you put on the hooks and staples?

In haste,

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Some mistake

Dec. 3rd [189]1

_____ I am not a share holder
_____ in the
Industrial Missionary _____ Asso. of Alabama and am not
acquainted with
_____ the Association.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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D. A. Beckwith, Esq.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir.

The following articles are broken or missing in Furniture. (Broken)

1. Two lower panels of Bed Heads.
2. One left hand door of Commode. Can you not send the panels and door to us so that they can be put in and make a perfect job?
3. 4 Bureau Handles
4. 1 Washstand knob
5. 1 dozen desk keys
6. 1/2 dozen bureau keys
7. 5 mugs and 1 brush holder (missing)

Can you not collect breakage and loss from R. R. Will you supply the things missing?

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 4, 1891.

F. B. Shepard, Esq.

Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Bro.

Since writing you in answer to your letter of Dec. 1st I find that although the Restaurant across the way from the Alden House is run by the good Methodists of whom I wrote, there are people at the tables who would make it very unpleasant for you and your family to take your meals there. I write to withdraw any recommendation of the place. A young man who takes his meals there informs me that some of those who are at the tables make the place very unpleasant.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

... it would be better for you to board in the house.

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Winter Park, Dec. 7, 1891.

T. D. Stephenson.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 30th ult. received. I have arranged that a room shall be reserved for you daughter on the 3rd floor. I have also presented your request that if one of the second story rooms should be vacated, it may be reserved for her.

Unless unavoidably prevented, I shall meet your daughter at the train. If she leaves Washington at 11 A.M. Wednesday, the 16th, she should reach Winter Park Thursday at 5:40 P.M. if the train arrives on time.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 7, 1891.

Mrs. M. Topley

Caledonia, Miss.

Dear Madam.

From a note I have kept I fear that my answer to your letter of the 25th ult. was misdirected and so has not reached you, so I send you the following copy of that letter.

Your favor of the 24th ult. received. Will you be kind enough to send me a testimonial from your son's pastor or former teacher with regard

to his character and ability? I am very much inclined to help your son all I can in getting a good musical education. With his willingness to work I sincerely hope that we can give him the best opportunities which our Institution affords.

I make you this offer--We will give your son his board and room and tuition in music, and other branches which are not extra which he wishes to pursue and in which we have classes on the following terms: That he help in waiting on the table at the College Dining Hall each

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meal of each day in the week; that he clean and fill the lamps for all the buildings; that he assist the janitor in the care of the buildings, in sweeping, dusting and keeping in order Knowles Hall and sweeping, dusting and keeping in order the gymnasium. This work would not probably give him more exercise than he ought to have if he should be excused from the gymnastic and calisthenic drill. The sweeping and dusting would mostly come on Saturdays when there are no recitations in class works. I presume that I need not tell you that there are no pipe organs in this part of the country, nearer at least than Jacksonville. But there is a Reed Organ here in the Congregational Church which would be secured for his practice.

I hope that your son will come and that he will be here at the opening of the Winter term, which begins Jan. 5th, 1892.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

I repeat this offer and hope I shall hear from you as early as possible.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 8, 1891.

Mrs. A. J. Semblet
Tavares, Fla.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 5th inst. is at hand. I send you a catalogue. Much of the furniture is in the new building. There are rooms ... for young ladies and young gentlemen, which are not taken for next term. All the ladies are to be in the new building, and the two older cottages are to be occupied by young men.

I shall be glad to hear from you early.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 8, 1891.

Mrs. Sarah Snyder.
Carbocton, O.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of enquiry of 1st inst. is at hand. The Alden and Livingston houses are let. Nearly everything on this side of the track is taken. The building where Mrs. Williamson had a private school, near the Seminole Mr. Alden has made over for a dwelling house. I have been over it. There are three good sized chambers on 2nd floor and one small room. There are two unfinished attics. On first floor there is a large parlor and large dining room, two closets off dining room... The kitchen is ample...--separated by an outdoor passage ("roofed" I think). This seems to be the best there is for you. There are rooms I think untaken in Dr. Henkels block, upstairs. I presume also rooms over Mr. Ladds Drug Store. I think Mr. Alden spoke of \$350.00 rent for the house near the Seminole. However he told me to ask parties to write to Mr. Dale for terms. I hope

you will come.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Dec. 9, 1891.

Dr. S. W. Casson.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 28th ult. raised a question that needed some consideration, which has caused necessary delay. We want the daughter Mary of whom you write to come. I will make you the following terms. Pay the College the \$5.00 per month on her board which you are now paying for board; let her take care of the lamps in the Ladies Dormitory; let her sweep and dust the reception rooms; and the Halls on the three floors of that building; let her light and extinguish the lamps in the reception rooms and in the halls and run and errand as the lady principal shall wish, and we will consider her board and room rent paid. Then there would be the tuition in the Sub Preparatory Department amounting next term to \$9.00 and the Summer Term \$6.75, to pay. It is a pleasure to me to make you this offer, and I hope you will be able to accept it and that she will be here at the opening of next term.

Let me hear from you.

Fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 9, 1891.

Pond Desk Co.

273 Causeway St., Corner of Chederton St.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs.

Rollins College has received an Oak Desk Table from your house--without any letter and the charges paid. I called upon you in the summer and think you were nearly out of desks. I suppose you have sent this as a free sample of your desks. We have bought all the desks we expect to buy at present. I should be glad to hear from you with reference to the desk and what we shall do with it.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 10, 1891.

Oliver J. Sawyer

Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 5th inst. received. Please find within \$1. in full payment for the Undergraduate to July 1892.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 10, 1891.

J. S. Frane, Esq.

Seffner, Fla.

My dear Sir.

Your favor received. I think we can make an arrangement that will be satisfactory to you. We will not charge anything for tuition in the literary studies or in music beyond the first half of the term. We will

charge for board and room up to the time she left. She was here one week and two days on the second half of the term. I am glad to say that your daughter required less care in sickness than most require. I trust she will be able to return at the beginning of next term.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Dec. 10, 1891.

Mrs. C. A. Abbott.
Dear Madam.

It affords me pleasure to send you the enclosed paper from Prof. Austin. If you desire a similar paper from Mrs. Curtis for the higher grades of the Sub Preparatory Department, I will ask Miss Curtis for it.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 10, 1891.

E. E. Blake, Esq.
Boston, Mass.
My dear Sir.

Apples received and delivered this morning. Please find enclosed money order for \$5.85 according to Bill. I am much obliged for your kindness. I sent the bond for the Coan round to them as coming from you.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Expenses of E. P. Hooker for College Service
June 25, 1891 to Dec. 8th, 1891.

Postage	\$ 9.18
Copying Ink	.95
Expenses to Jacksonville and return for purchase of furniture	6.61

Telegrams	3.25
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Fares and board on short trips	2.49
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Fare from Boston to Winter Park	<u>33.09</u>
	\$55.57

Received of Dr. Ferber for College ..	<u>25.00</u>
	\$30.57

Due E. P. Hooker on expense account Dec. 10, 1891.	\$30.57
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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 14, 1891.

E. H. Pearce, Esq.
Danville, Ky.

Your favor of the 12th inst. received. I send you a catalogue of the College. You will see, last page, that our Winter Term begins Jan. 5th, 1892 and ends March 25th. Our College Freshmen Class, Classical

Course, has Virgil, Homer and Algebra. We have no Scientific Freshmen Class. If these studies are not what they want, they can elect studies in which we have classes, ex. Winter Term, Third Year Academic. I presume we shall have all those studies. We have such a wide range that probably, they could find all the work they will need. They might find in our Preparatory courses, Classical or Scientific, such studies as they need. Medieval History, Winter Term. Third year Scientific would be excellent, if they have not had it. Looking over our courses, you can locate them pretty well, though some changes might need to be made after reaching here.

There is more difficulty about boarding places. There are no such boarding places as you mention.

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The Rogers House is a small hotel. There are small stoves in rooms. Board, two in a room would probably range from \$11 to \$20 each.

There is a house across the lake from town, where they would accommodate a family, if these rooms are not already engaged, about as follows:

Parents	per week each	\$10.
Sons our daughters about	per week each	7.00
Your youngest about	per week each	5.00

This is if they are not full. The house is a very pleasant one, nice, large rooms, beautifully furnished, and beautifully located. I think all their rooms have fire places. I do not know whether they have rooms for you, but presume they have.

Now, may I suggest what seems to me best? Place two boys, 14 and 16 in one of the Boys Cottages--board and room \$4. each per week--rooms furnished and building warmed by furnace. If they will be here the fifth of Jan., I am sure we can do good work for them. Then the rest of the family would find a pleasant home across the lake, at J. P. Waddells, whose prices I have given above.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 14, 1891.

Bible House, Astor Place
New York City.
American Bible Society.

We bought a bill of Bibles of you for Rollins College (See bill Dec. 29th, 1890) Mission Reference, 12 mo. flexible covers, with Tables, Family Record, and maps. They are billed at \$1.15 each. We have just erected a new Ladies Hall. We have furnished 52 of the rooms and wish a Bible for each room. Will you send them same rate as before? Rollins College has been founded by the benevolent and is built and largely run by contributions still.

I have also at hand a Mission Reference 8 mo. 1890, without Tables and maps. At what rate per Bible would you furnish these.

I send you copy of our Catalogue and of a circular. You will see our rates are low and for a new country.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

I give as reference Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D. Home Miss. Rooms, Bible House, New York City, and Dr. Clapp, also. I called on you a few months ago. You advised me to see Bible Agent in Orlando. I have seen him and he says he has no right to make discount. So I write back to you as you requested. E.P.H.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 15, 1891.

Mrs. M. W. F. Topley.
Dear Madam.

Your letter received.

If you will turn to my letter of the 1st first, a copy of which I sent you on the 7th inst. you will see that in which I asked you in the beginning: "Will you be kind enough to send me a testimonial from your son's pastor or former teacher with regard to his character and ability." All I said afterwards was of course dependent upon the assurance I should receive with regard to his character and ability. Will you be kind enough to secure at once such testimonials as I can show to our Committee and send word to your son to wait where he is until he can hear from me. Also send me word where I can write him.

Upon a moments reflection you will see that this course is necessary on my part. I thank you for your grateful letter. I expect it will all be satisfactory.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 15, 1891.

Hon. E. K. Foster
Sanford, Fla.

Will you be kind enough to send me the post office address of Hon. Edwards Pierrepont to whom you gave me a letter of introduction with endorsement of Rollins College?

I hope to write him today and do not remember his P. O. address.

Very truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 17, 1891.

Mrs. L. M. Thayer.
Ocala, Fla.
Dear Madam.

Your letter received. We can give your daughters connecting rooms. We have no double beds in the new building. (I hope they will come. added in letter [pencil])

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 17, 1891.

W. C. Dodge, Esq.
Mount Dora, Fla.
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 15th inst. received. In reply, I would say, that Miss Peck would be an excellent pianist but the Assembly comes this year during our Term and she could not possibly attend. I think Mrs. Walter Cassidy of this place, a young married Lady, would do the work well and perhaps she could be secured on the terms you suggest. I have not named the matter to her and shall not do so.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 17, 1891.

S. L. Biglow, Esq.
Tampa, Fla.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst. received. I send you a catalogue with items of cost and time of payment marked on pages 38 and 39. You will find the various courses on pages 12-21, with remarks, etc., and statements upon Departments of instruction on pages 22-28. The calendar year will be found on the last page. If you wish further information, please write me again.

Permit me to say that the home life of the school is the best I have ever known. The influences are kindly, Christian, cheerful and thoroughly wholesome every way.

I hope you will send your boy to us.

Truly yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 17, 1891.

Bolten Hall, Sec.
Room 98, 100 Broadway, N.Y.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 7th inst. with Platform received. Of the Platform permit me to say:

No. I. I like, provided the real(?) owner of the wealth represented can be reached and be made to pay tax.

No. II. Anderson(?) will show what I mean. Mortgages are given to the real owner of the wealth. So far as the mortgages represent the value of the property. Justice, in my opinion, requires that the holder of the mortgage should pay and tax upon the value he really has in the property. This would be Strict Justice. The nominal owner of the property pays interest to the Lender of the money.

Besides, I object to No. 2, that the Lender on the principle of No. 2, might so invest his property as to escape, in whole or considerable part, contributions under civil law to the general expenses of government and his share in expenses for the Public Good.

III. I do not object to No. III provided the nominal owner is the real owner, or as far as he is the real owner--the real value should be taxed and the real owner should, in Justice

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be taxed, be he Proprietor or Lender.

IV. Should receive the most careful and critical attention of our Judicial and Legislative Powers.

V. I do not grant that the taxing of personal property is folly, but I hold, as already seen, quite the contrary.

I assent earnestly to the conclusion. Discussion will do good and the best end will be reached ultimately. With my interpretation of the conclusion, I have no objection to it. We are an intelligent and fine people. Let the Reform Association and all other organizations for the public good, and the Press and all philanthropic and patriotic citizens, contribute what of thought they can to this important, interest, and out of all will come that which is best for the individual and so far the country.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 17, 1891.

Mrs. P. P. Ink
Dear Madam.

Your note of the 14th inst. has been received. In reply I would say, that we are relying upon home talent for the Bible Teaching. Though we use Normal Books in part, we are not giving Normal Instruction. It would be impossible to arrange our classes of Bible Study so that our Teachers could do all the work in that important time without many collisions with other classes.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 18, 1891.

C. H. Hutchins, Esq.
Worcester, Mass.
Dear Friend.

The Orlando Banks are passing through a very critical time. Orlando itself has been laying out large sums of money on local improvements. The Bank in which we have a note for \$1000. has paper out for several thousand--\$20,000 at least--I should say--more than the amount of their deposits. So we cannot get our note renewed. All summer both the Banks in Orlando have been embarrassed. We already have two notes in the Sanford Bank, for which we hope renewal.

Could you secure a loan for us in some Worcester Bank--a loan for \$1000 or \$1500. to help us over the hard place? I send you a blank note signed by the Treasurer and myself. If you can do us the kindness you may fill out the blanks as to amount and time and place it for us. We are hampered in this time in building with old indebtedness. But I am working hard to raise money and I think the

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past year has been quite a Providential wonder in the progress of the College in building, and in increase of students and in the greatly improved moral and Christian atmosphere. Our family of boarders no number 72. There is a promise of increase for next term. Our roll of pupils for this term has been 136.

Please remember me cordially to Mrs. Hutchins and Mr. Knowles and all the family and friends.

Cordially and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 18, 1891.

Mrs. (Rev.) S. D. Paine
St. Augustine, Fla.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 16th inst. has been handed to me today. In reply permit me to say. Our table board cost us last year a little more than we received, but we concluded not to change the price this year. The tuition is far less then the price of teaching. We are receiving the gifts of the benevolent to support a first class institution at these low rates. We

are not making any reduction to the children of Clergymen as a class. If you will turn to page 38 of our catalogue you will see a statement of rates per term and per year. I do not know in what department your daughter would be. If in the Prep. or Ac. Depts. expenses would be--Board \$36, furnished room with light \$12, tuition \$12, total \$60. If she were to take music that and use of piano would be extra according to statements on page \$38. Washing extra, at cost. I hope your daughter will come.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 21, 1891.

Wilton A. Miller, Esq.
Dear Sir.

There is great uneasiness about weights for windows and fastenings for same. Houses have been entered in town and in this region and the ladies are very much disturbed. Can't you send out weights and man to put them in and to put on fastenings for windows tomorrow? What about Heating Plant? You are a man who can push. Won't you push these matters? There is a great deal at stake at Rollins College. Applications are coming in. Where shall we put the young people? What shall we do with those we have? Please set your strong will to the work and we shall have it done.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 22, 1891.

Dr. William M. Taylor
New York City.

Dear Sir.

The Executive Committee of Rollins College have requested me to invite you to visit the Institution, and it gives me pleasure to extend to you their invitation. You know that New York City is a part of our field for raising money. We consider it the most important part of our field. We desire that some one of leading influence in the City should know thoroughly the work we are doing. If the College is found worthy of support, we should be glad to have it placed upon a foundation where it can do for the far South what the Christian Colleges of the North have been doing for the North. We have heard that a Southern trip might be welcome to you in the present state of your health. We have an excellent hotel, the Seminole, which will be open about the 1st of January. We shall be happy to entertain you there as the guest

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of the College. Our Winter Term begins January 5th. The annual meeting of the Corporation will be on the third Wednesday of Feb., the 17th. If you should be here at that time, you would have an opportunity to meet the members of the Corporation and be in our Sessions or judge of our work from that point of view. The Congregational Association of Fla. holds its

annual meeting at Orange City beginning Feb. 9th, 1892. We should be glad of your assistance there, if you can be present.

I send you a Catalogue of the College, and a rather rusty document, which will show you our intent in founding the College.

With sincere respect,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 21, 1891.

Executive Committee Meeting

Dr. Hooker's Study.

Call to order by the President at 7:15 P.M.

Present--The President, Rev. S. F. Gale, F. W. Lyman.

Prayer by Rev. S. F. Gale.

Voted that the Rollins grove be well fertilized. Kind and amount of fertilizer to be determined by Mr. Lyman.

Voted that Mr. Welch be requested and empowered to take such action regarding the care and fertilizing of the Palatka grove as in his judgement is wise.

Voted that the matrons be authorized, at their discretion, to entertain at ~~their discretion~~, for a single meal, relatives of the Teachers or pupils without charge, but are not allowed to extend the courtesy beyond this.

Voted: that Mr. Lyman be empowered to negotiate with Mr. Diffinderfer regarding the lot claimed by him in the addition to the Campus, and to close a deal with him on the best terms possible.

Voted: That the President be requested to invite Dr. Wm. M.

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Taylor of N. Y. to come to Winter Park, for an inspection of the College, with the hope that he may become interested and be induced to work for its financial relief.

A true copy,

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 23, 1891.

M. Stockton, Esq.

Tampa, Fla.

Dear Sir.

Your son left the College some little time ago. He said that you had sent for him and he was going North. His Uncle sent money from the North and his Mother signed the check.

I write especially to say, that your son borrowed an overcoat from our Janitor and promised to send it back from Jacksonville. The coat has not been returned. I am sure you will wish to know about it all. Of course, you will wish to make up the loss to the Janitor, or secure the return of the coat.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 23, 1891.

Dear Dr. Clarke.

I send by same mail with this an invitation to Dr. Taylor to visit Rollins College. The Executive Committee sent the invitation very heartily. I do not know when he would prefer to come. The Seminole will open about Jan. 1st and we shall entertain him there. Our Winter Term begins Jan. 5th. Our Corporation meeting will be Feb. 17th, 1892. The annual meeting of Congregational Asso. begins Feb. 9th at Orange City. I judge he needs to come, soon as a consideration of need[?] and health. If you and Dr. Clapp come along, perhaps you would prefer to wait until Feb. and see State Association. We have not succeeded in securing a loan with time to meet our \$10,000. indebtedness, so we are greatly perplexed: Especially, as Orlando is straitened now and Banks cannot loan much. The Bank that has favored us most has \$20,000. more paper out than the amount of their deposits. You see we need relief decidedly. Would you and Dr. Clapp join me in urging Dr. Taylor to come? If Dr. Clapp or you can come too, so much the better.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 24, 1891.

R. W. Rea, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Have you moved your family to Orange County as you expected to do when you wrote me in Sept? If so, have you located your son in any school? I will send this with request to forward. I will also send a Catalogue.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 24, 1891.

Mrs. S. E. Miller.

A card from you in Sept. last expressed the hope that you should send your daughter to Rollins College next term. The term begins Jan. 5th. Shall I reserve a room for her? I hope she will come.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Dec. 24, 1891.

Rev. S. W. Carson

Maitland, Fla.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 18th inst. was duly received. I did not have any conversation with your daughter before the close of the term. I suppose

she has gone home. I did not think of anything additional that I could say to her.

Sometimes, if we can see one step ahead, it is pretty well. "Sufficient unto the day" is a good motto for the good as the evil thereof. Most of the world have to make the journey of life step by step or day by day. Perhaps God likes to have it so, that we may walk by faith and not by sight. However, I have no thought of urging you to venture what you think. You ought not.

I am sure Sophsonia will give a good report of the life an work here.

There seems to me to be a rich blessing in it. I thank you for your prayers. May God bless you.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Dec. 24, 1891.

W. A. Miller, Esq.

Sanford, Fla.

My dear Sir.

Our vacation has begun. Next term opens Jan. 5th. Now is the best possible time to do the work. Everythink should be completed while the young people are away and the building must be occupied at the opening of next term.

I thank you for the promise to crowd things. Is it not best to crowd by beginning early? There's a car load of material here.

Yours etc.
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 24, 1891.

Dear Brother Crawford.

Your letter of the 21st inst. was duly received. I answered it. I regret that you have not received it. I examined the papers you left with me--going over them very carefully twice. All receipts for the last year I enclosed to you. There were no receipts for precisely the sums indicated in your letter. Bro. Gale was here Monday night and took home with him the letter file with all the papers. I will send him your last letter, but he cannot help you, for I sent you all there was that could possibly bear upon the case in my judgement. I do not seem to have made a copy of my letter to you. This I regret.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 24, 1891.

Dear Bro. Gale.

I enclose a letter from Bro. Crawford just received. He has not received my letter in answer to one of a few weeks since asking for

receipts from Ass. Letter file. The receipts for the exact sums I did not find--but receipts for just about the amount for last year, I did find and enclosed them in my letter. I send you his last as I assured him I would. I have also suggested to Crawford to enquire at the General Delivery in Chicago--my letter will come round through Dead Letter office probably to me. In that case he can get his receipts. Term closed--all well. Wish you and all yours "A Merry Christmas"--

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

P.S. Copy of postscript in pencil. I have searched for Crawfords letter high and low and cannot find it. But I have written the substance in this. E.P.H.

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Dec. 26, 1891.

Dear Brother Gale.

Merry Christmas to you and yours! Could you make use of a considerable number of catalogues of R. C. in your correspondence, with some hope of usefulness? Or could you send me a list of addresses of more or less promise? We have hundreds of catalogues that will be useless after this year. Our edition was too large.

Christmas went off well. I attended Episcopal service. Good time at home. Teachers largely away and only few pupils here. Would you like some circulars like enclosed to slip into certain letters?

Must get ready now for Christmas Sunday.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 26, 1891.

Mrs. M. A. F. Topley.

Dear Madam.

I have received a letter tonight from Principal Alonzo B. Corliss of Columbus, Miss. It is satisfactory. Let your son come on as soon as you please. We shall be glad of his attendance, if he reaches here before the beginning of the term. You will see by the catalogue that school work begins Jan. 5th. I will send you another catalogue. Perhaps you can send it to some one who will be glad to know about Rollins College.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 26, 1891.

Principal Alonzo B. Corliss.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for your letter of 24th inst. just received. I have written at once that young Topley may come. I send you a catalogue of Rollins College. I shall be glad to receive a copy of yours.

Yours truly,

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 28, 1891.

C. H. Hutchins, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 24th inst. came this morning and was very gratefully welcome, I assure you. The checks for \$1500 came safely and will relieve us very much. I find the burdens of the College in its stage of growth and necessary expansion so heavy, that I sometimes regret that I did not resign the College Presidency instead of the pastorate. Had it not been for you good Friends of Worcester, I do not see how we should have come through this difficult year of enlargement. We have very much yet to ... but I hope we shall come safely through.

Of course the payment of the subscription was better than the negotiation of a loan would have been. Blank note was enclosed in your letter.

Please accept thanks and the best wishes of the season for you all.

Cordially and gratefully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 28, 1891.

The Review of Reviews.

Please find enclosed \$2.00, our subscription for the coming year for "The Busy Man's Magazine" "Review of Reviews."

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Dec. 29, 1891.

Dear Mr. Barrows.

I write to ask that you will not present my name again for active membership in the Y.P.S.C.E. I think that honorary membership is an appropriate courtesy to the pastor of the church. But I expect to be excused soon from the pastoral service. I think the Society should be for young people. So far as the active membership should be concerned. This may not command itself to all. The Society has certainly worked well. I should be very unwilling to suggest any change when all is going so well. Still you will permit me to act upon my own convictions with regard to my own membership, I am sure. I know I shall always be counted among the Friends of the Society.

Cordially and fraternally yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Dec. 29, 1891.

Dear Bro. Gale.

I have handed the blank to Clark to be filled out. I have written a rough draft on Stat of Religion, to send at once, thinking it might help you in preparation of general account or narration. Will you pardon me for sending the rough thing, with erasures and all. I haven't time and strength to make copy. If my happy thought of College has given too rosy a tint, please tone and Shade the colors.

May I urge that you take more time and be less cruel to yourself. These night rides without sleeper are fearful in their effects. You know I speak the words of "truth and soberness." I have written Crawford to enquire at general delivery in Chicago. What he wanted was not here but I sent receipts that would just about cover the expenses of which he wrote, but not in practice form and specification. Cathcart has left the state--probably permanently. By all means have Sec. Kincaid come to Winter Park, If I am

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for us. There is a muddle about time of meeting. I will call a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Cong. Ass. on 2nd Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 3 P.M. at Congregational Church in Orange City. And I hereby give you notice of the same.

Now, goodbye--Kind regards to all.

Cordially yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Dec. 30, 1891.

Rev. W. D. Brown.

Dear Brother.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Congregational Association of Fla. at Orange City, in Congregational Church, Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 1892, at 3 P.M.

By call of the President of the Board.

Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 30, 1891.

Mrs. Daniel Buck

Waldo, Fla.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 26th inst. received. The Treasurer will make out the itemized bill in accordance with your request and the receipted bill will be sent to your husband. I have mentioned your request about rooms to Miss Lamson. I presume she had written you. Miss Abbott and Miss Lamson will know the condition of your daughter's health. It will be a part of Miss Lamson's duties to care for the sick. I hope your daughter will be better here and that she will be able to go on with her work through the term and the year. I consider the Spring months the best time to come here through the influence of the climate.

Faithfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 30, 1891.

Mrs. Hurd.
Dear Madam.

I have a verbal request to send a copy of Rules to you at Tavares. I am not sure that my letter will reach you, but hope it will. If not, I trust the young man will call on me and get another copy of Special Rules for the Cottages, which is on the

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 30, 1891.

Hon. Edward Pierrepont
New York City.
Dear Sir.

In addition to the documents I sent you a few days since with reference to Rollins College, I forward you today a copy of the "Constitution and By-Laws= also the "General Rules of the College" and the "Special Rules of the Cottages."

I used to know Judge Pierrepont of Morgan[?], Vt. I was pastor at Middlebury, Vt. two years while Judge Pierrepont was on the Bench, and Middlebury was the County Seat. It was usually my duty to open the court with prayer. In that way I came to know, and to value Judge Pierrepont very highly.

Very respectfully yours,
Edward P. Hooker.

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Winter Park, Fla., Jan. 1, 1892.

Mrs. E. J. Hamery.
Suffolk, Va.
Dear Madam.

Your favor of the 28th ult. received. We have a very successful Teacher of Music, and her sister as Assistant Teacher. The latter teaches German also. There is some talk of sometime in Germany for further study on the part of the sister who is at the head of the Dept. I think that is not yet decided. We cannot tell yet what we shall wish to do. You might secure and send testimonials. We could not decide in her favor at all without those. We shall no doubt be obliged to have two Teachers of Music who shall give their whole time to the work. We have a good Teacher of Art. You might send the picture with the testimonials.

I am glad to hear from you and hope you are well and pleasantly situated.

Yours truly,
Edward P. Hooker.