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Mr. Ernest W. Burgess,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

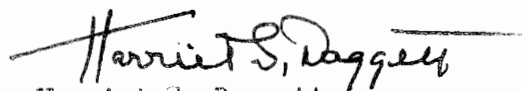
Dear Mr. Burgess:

Many thanks for your letter of March 27th which came while I was ill. I am, indeed, happy to note that you have conveyed the resolutions to Washington. I earnestly trust that something will come of the movement.

I am sorry that I was ill and unable to send a message to the Mid-West Regional Conference meeting on April 1st. I would have been very happy to have done so, as you know. I had a very severe attack of flu which kept me in bed for over a week.

Again, thanking you, and with every good wish, I am

Most cordially yours,


Harriet S. Daggett

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April 6, 1939

Professor Ernest Meyer
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Ernest:

I appreciate your good services as chairman of the Committee on the Study of the Family for our recent conference. Will you not send me a written statement of your report so that it may be printed in the next issue of the official magazine?

Do you not think that your committee should be continued? If so, I would appreciate your development of a plan of its work during the next twelve months before the next meeting of the Mid-West Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Dargess

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April 6, 1939

Professor Paul Sayre
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

Your letter just received, and I am writing at once to ask you if you will not send me all the letterheads and envelopes that you have, since we can use them in our membership campaign for which I am planning to send out several thousand letters. This will be a great saving of money because we can enclose business reply, addressed envelopes so that replies will come here. This plan will permit exhausting the stationery before the new president is elected.

I had hoped to discuss with you the question of who should be our choice for your successor. It has occurred to me that Dr. Adolf Meyer of Johns Hopkins, whom you met in New York and who is very much interested in the family, is one who should be very seriously considered. What would be your reaction to his selection?

With reference to life and sustaining members. I assume, in accordance with my experience with other organizations, the present member who becomes a sustaining member will pay \$8.00, and a present member who becomes a life member will pay \$98.00. Is that in keeping with your understanding, or should they pay the additional \$10.00 and \$100.00, respectively?

Did the persons in the two lists which you returned to me receive the January issue of LIVING?

You must have a good many suggestions for the future work of the organization and I would be happy if you would communicate them to me.

Many persons have spoken to me with appreciation of your fine service in making the recent conference a success.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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April 13, 1939

Mrs. Harriet S. Daggett
Louisiana State University
University, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Daggett:

I am very sorry to hear that you have been ill and hope that by this time you are fully recovered.

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We had an excellent meeting of the Mid-West Regional Conference. Dr. Sidney Goldstein of New York City informed us that the White House Conference on the Child, scheduled for next fall, will include a section on the family. This was the first result of the action taken by the Southern Regional Conference. I will be glad to keep you in touch with further developments.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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April 13. 1939

Dr. Louise Stanley
Bureau of Home Economics
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stanley:

Under separate cover I am returning the charts which you very kindly loaned for the meeting of the Mid-West Conference on Family Relations. We had them on exhibit and a good deal of interest was shown in examining them. I was sorry that you were not able to be in attendance at the Conference, as it went off very well.

I am planning to be in Washington Monday and Tuesday of next week and hope to be able to have a talk with you at that time.

With appreciation of your cooperation and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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May 4, 1939

Dr. Adolf Meyer
Psychiatric Clinic
Johns Hopkins University
Medical School
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Meyer:

The Chicago members of the National Conference on Family Relations invite you to be their guest at a luncheon meeting, Tuesday, May 9, at 12:00 o'clock. They are very much interested in meeting you and hearing your plans for the program of the December meeting in Philadelphia.

The meeting will be held down-town and will close promptly at 2:00 P.M. so there will be half an hour before the meeting at 2:30 in which, I note by the program, you participate. We hope very much that this will be feasible, and I am enclosing a self-addressed, air-mail, special delivery stamped envelope for your reply.

You will be interested to know that your election as President of the National Conference on Family Relations has been formally ratified by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. All of the members have expressed themselves as highly appreciative of your consent to take the leadership in the work of the organization.

Looking forward to seeing you next week, and with best wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

May 4, 1939

Professor Ernest Mowrer
2505 Prairie Avenue
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Ernest:

Thank you for sending me your excellent statement on the Committee on Family Relations given at the Mid-West National Conference on Family Relations. With the fine beginning you have made, I am asking that you go ahead planning the work of the Committee for the next annual Conference.

I am glad to welcome you and Mrs. Mowrer to membership and I am enclosing your membership cards.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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May 10, 1939

Mr. E. W. Burgess
1126 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Mr. Sutherland has asked me to be chairman, making arrangements for two sessions for the meetings of the American Sociological next December. These two sessions are on the family.

In reply to a letter which I wrote him concerning these meetings, Mr. Lawrence K. Frank has suggested that it might be possible to arrange a joint meeting with the National Conference on Family Relations. This strikes me as a rather good idea and while I am not in any position to commit the American Sociological, I should be very glad to have your reaction to this idea.

It seems to me that we have now reached a point where our efforts should be directed to focusing attention upon the necessity of synthesizing the great variety of studies of the family and to bring together representatives from the many fields now working on this problem.

I should be most grateful if you would write me your ideas on this subject.

Sincerely

Chase Going Woodhouse
Director

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LEAH T. CADBURY
633 WALNUT LANE
HAVERFORD PA.

May 16, 1939

Professor Ernest W. Burgess
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Burgess:

In one of your talks before the New York State Conference on Marriage and the Family you mentioned a Swedish sociologist who has made another study of the functions of the home.

I have not been able to identify him. Will you be good enough to give me his name, and also the name of any publication in English in which I may find a report of his work?

I am led into a special interest in family organization through my work in establishing new birth control centers. Your two talks at the Conference have definitely helped me in understanding the problem of family relationships, which seems to me essential if one is to interpret planned parenthood adequately. Thankyou very much!

Yours sincerely

Leah T. Cadbury

LEAH T. CADBURY
633 WALNUT LANE
HAVERFORD PA.

May 16, 1939

Professor Ernest W. Burgess
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Burgess:

Mr. Frederick Osborn told me that the next annual meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations would be held in Philadelphia in September, under your direction.

If you are planning to employ some local person to help with the arrangements and all the preliminary work, I should like to apply for the position.

For two years, through my experience in birth control activities, I have become familiar with agencies and individuals interested in the different aspects of the family. I have also had a good deal of administrative experience. The combination would be useful, I believe, in the details of arranging the Conference.

Should you be interested, and want further information, I shall be glad to have complete records sent you from Columbia University. Or, you may want to make some preliminary inquiry about me from the Illinois Birth Control League, for which I did some work in the fall. I am giving the addresses of the two officers with whom I worked at the foot of this letter.

Sincerely yours



Mrs. Stanley G. Harris, President of Illinois Birth Control League
1096 North Fisher Lane
Winnetka, Illinois

Mrs. Harry Guthmann, Extension Chairman
718 Noyes Street
Evanston, Illinois

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May 17, 1939

Dr. Ernest W. Burgess, Secretary
National Conference on Family Relations
1126 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Burgess:

The enclosed envelope containing a notice of the meeting with Dr. Adolph Meyer came to me on May 12th, which was, of course, too late for the meeting.

Will you please check with your records to see if my address, 5700 Blackstone Avenue, is correct on your mailing list? Perhaps this was just a typographical error.

I understand the meeting was very interesting.

Cordially yours,


Mrs. S. T. Lawton

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May 20, 1939

Mrs. S. T. Lawton
Chicago Association for Child Study
and Parent Education
220 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Lawton:

I very much regret that a typographical error in mailing delayed the notice of the meeting of Dr. Adolf Meyer. Your name is entered correctly on the mailing list.

The meeting was called on short notice, as we only knew at a late moment that the meeting could be arranged.

We are all very happy that Dr. Meyer is willing to take the leadership of the National Conference on Family Relations.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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May 22, 1939

Miss Leah T. Cadbury
633 Walnut Lane
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Cadbury:

Your two letters have been received. I am glad to know that you are interested in the field of family relationships, particularly in the division of it which deals with planned parenthood.

The Swedish sociologist whose name I mentioned is Dr. Svend Riiser. He is now in New York and you may address him at 500 Riverside Drive, New York City. I do not know whether he has made any statement of his study in English.

I will be glad to file your application for consideration if we should need to employ a local person in connection with the next annual National Conference on Family Relations which will take place in Philadelphia the last week in December, 1939. Our plans are still in tentative form and I do not know what will be required later. The references which you give will be quite adequate.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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LEAH T. CADBURY
633 WALNUT LANE
HAVERFORD PA.

May 24, 1939

Dr. Ernest W. Burgess
Department of Sociology
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Burgess:

Thankyou very much for sending me Dr. Riemer's
address.

I am glad to learn, too, the date of the National
Conference on Family Relationships. I hope that I may
be kept informed about it whether or not I shall be
officially working for it.

Sincerely yours

Leah T. Cadbury

May 26, 1939

Dr. Lawrence K. Frank
Josiah Macy Foundation
565 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Frank:

According to my present plans I will be in New York Saturday morning, June 3. Will it be feasible for you to meet with the other members of the Committee on the program of the second annual meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations? When Dr. Meyer was in Chicago at the meetings of the American Psychiatric Association earlier this month, I had an opportunity to talk over with him the general plan of the program. If we can all have this meeting in New York, I think we can come to quite definite decisions about the program.

Would it be too much to ask you to suggest a suitable place to have the meeting? I think it might be well if we could meet at 10:00 or 10:30 in the morning so that we would have full time to make arrangements. However, if this is not feasible, we may have to have a luncheon meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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FREDERICK OSBORN
60 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-5860

May 26, 1939

Ernest W. Burgess, Esq.,
National Conference on Family Relations,
Law Building,
Iowa City, Ia.

Dear Mr. Burgess:

At last I have had a chance to talk with Arthur Packard of the Davison Fund. I told him of the progress you have made with the National Conference on Family Relations, and showed him a copy of the tentative proposals for the set-up of the organization and their expenditures during the coming year.

Mr. Packard has been particularly interested in the development of the Birth Control movement and in the research activities of the Committee on Maternal Health and has handled the Rockefeller relations with these groups. He is interested in the idea of regional conferences in which birth control and eugenic work would take its normal place in the consideration of family problems.

The idea of^a national organization is new to him and he would like to give it further thought. He expressed a desire to meet you and go over the whole situation with you to get a clearer picture of what is in your mind. I told him that I would write you to this effect. If you are coming to New York any time this summer you could get in touch with him directly or through my office. His address is Arthur W. Packard, The Davison Fund, 50 West 50th Street, New York. You will find him very helpful in advice and in his broad consideration of this whole subject. He really wants to see you but I doubt whether he will move rapidly in the direction of financial help.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frederick Osborn

May 27, 1939

Dr. Adolf Meyer
Psychiatric Clinic
Johns Hopkins Medical School
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Meyer:

When you were in Chicago you stated that you might be free to meet in New York Saturday morning or noon, June 3, to meet with the other members of the committee on the program—Mr. Frank, Mr. Osborn, and Dr. Goldstein. Is this now feasible? If so, I will arrange such a meeting.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Meyer, I am

Sincerely yours

Ernest W. Burgess

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May 27, 1939

Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein
New York State Conference on
Marriage and the Family
40 West 68th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

According to my present plans I will be in New York Saturday morning, June 3. Will it be feasible for you to meet with the other members of the Committee on the Program of the Second Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations? When Dr. Moyer was in Chicago at the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association earlier this month, I had an opportunity to talk over with him the general plan of the program. If we can all have this meeting in New York, I think we can come to quite definite decisions about the program.

Hoping that this time will be convenient, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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May 29, 1939

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Mr. ~~Frank~~ Osborn
60 E. 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Osborn:

According to my present plans, I will be in New York Saturday morning, June 3. Will it be feasible for you to meet with the other members of the Committee on the Program of the second annual meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations? When Dr. Moyer was in Chicago at the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association earlier this month, I had an opportunity to talk over with him the general plan of the program. If we can all have this meeting in New York, I think we can come to quite definite decisions about the program.

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