April 16th, 1903.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

Miss Cobb says we have absolutely nothing in our files. A thorough search has been made since your letter was received. I shall be glad to confer with you about this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
April 6th, 1903

Mr. Geo. W. Greenfield:

We are glad to see we have a special letter to us from you. As in our lives we are now more than ever, we assure you that we are very pleased with the news we have received. I am glad to hear you are spending the summer in the country.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
President William R. Harper,

My dear President Harper:-

On my return, and resuming duty in the Museum, I found among unfinished business a letter of gift from the Egypt Exploration Fund notifying us of their annual donation of Egyptian antiquities. This letter is dated September 5th, 1902. It must have arrived in Chicago, therefore, about the middle of September when the Museum was closed. It was therefore sent to the President's office. This donation, of course, filled several boxes, and is of great value. I am unable to find the slightest trace of the material apart from the above-mentioned letter of gift accompanied by the list of the objects. The letter advising us of the shipment and containing the consular invoice, must have been sent from London early in September vacation while the Museum office was closed, and perhaps went to the President's office like the first-mentioned letter. We find no such letter of advice in our files. No one in the President's office recalls that any such letter was received by them. As the letter is of the greatest importance and may involve the loss of the materials, may I ask that an exhaustive search be made for such correspondence. The letter may have been sent by Petrie, Paterson, or possibly Cotton.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
The Phoenician of Epics

On the return, my remarks were in the form of:

"I have moved extensively throughout a great area of the
Western Explorations and am pleased to be able to report.
I have been to Greece, Egypt, and India, and I have
visited many of the most interesting points of these
areas."

"I am now moving to Spain, where I plan to
continue my explorations."

"I look forward to reporting on my findings.
"
Alma College, Yan. April 21, 1903

President William R. Harper:
    My Dear Dr. Harper,

Thank you very much for the information concerning my cousin's standing in the Medical Course. I am glad he is doing good work and I trust he may be able to continue his studies...
Thank you for the interest shown in this by you. I shall continue to use the amount sent last last year but should not add the cost of the tuition. I, however, hope that the new has the scholarship continued.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
GOETTINGEN, GERMANY, Sept. 12, 1902.

Dear President Harper,

I have intended writing you ever since we landed, but finally waited until after the Congress in order to be able to give you some impressions from it.

We had a delightful voyage, and on arriving at Hamburg, we came directly up to this charming old town of Goettingen, where one of my old fellow students is now Brugsch's successor as professor of Egyptology. I have had two evenings with Wellhausen and one with Smend, whom I knew before. You will be interested to know that Wellhausen on leaving the Old Testament, turned to the New, on which he has been working for years. He has especially devoted himself to the Semitic original, which either orally or in documentary form must lie behind the original Greek form of the Gospels. He has published nothing, and read no courses on the subject, but Smend assures me he has already attained notable results from the Syriac gospels. The Syriac version was lying open on his table as I called on him the first time; but Wellhausen is exceedingly modest and retiring, and I have not been able to get him to...
talk about his results. A small circle of the University professors meets every evening from seven to eight in an old restaurant garden to drink beer, smoke and talk shop or gossip. The first evening that I went there with him was on the return from a long walk with him through the fine old forests, which surround Göttingen.

He had become quite absorbed, and had forgotten totally that he had an appointment with his wife to go to the railway station and meet his sister-in-law. When we turned in from the walk and entered the restaurant, his appointment occurred to him, and with a wry face he told his colleagues of his predicament. Every few minutes during the social hour that followed, his colleagues bantered him on the curtain lecture which was sure to follow his return home. This he seemed to enjoy very much, and when S mend remaked in real earnest that he imagined Wellhausen would survive, the latter responded: "Ach, Sie kennen nicht meine Frau."

In some way, the name of Haupt came up. After they had all expressed a not too favorable opinion of him, Wellhausen, who had said nothing during the whole discussion, remarked quietly: "Er ist ein Narr," and the conversation passed to other things.

The Congress was praised on all sides as the most successful that has ever been held. Hamburg as a free and sovereign
republic, took great pride in the reception and entertainment of the Congress. From the superb reception in the Rathhaus, which I think,
contains the most magnificent hall in Europe for such a purpose,
the banquet at the end, the incessant kindness and attentiveness
of the committee but of the citizens at large, and the
unsurpassed organization, which made everything move like clockwork,
I excited the unqualified admiration of every one. If the Congress
ever comes to America, it will be no easy task to surpass the record
made by Hamburg.

Scientifically also, the Congress was a great success. The number and quality of the papers quite surpasses anything done by
former congresses. I was not able to attend the general semitic
section, as I had intended, as they were kind enough to elect me
vice-president of the Egyptological Section, and I had to be on hand
at every session, to serve when the president (Naville) was called
out. But I heard the most favorable reports of the work in the general Semitic Section.

You will remember that we wrote to Glaser, asking him to
contribute his inscriptions material to our translation series. I
had a long talk with him about it. He has been so shamefully mis-
used by the Austrian government and Academy, that he is morose and

...
bitter. He says no one shall have his material now. He has looked
up the recent paper on the subject of the career, which his ene-
my's have ruined for him. Hommel, with whom I talked about it, thinks
it an awful pity. He is a very intimate friend of Glaser's, but I
was unable to do anything about it.

I also had a talk with Barth. You will recollect that
years ago, you asked me to have a talk with him, regarding his com-
pany's coming to America. It will be early next year if he receives the receiv-
ing to Chicago. This time Barth immediately made indirect refer-
ence to that conversation, by asking: "Have you not yet secured an
Arabist for Chicago." I replied simply "No." But he made it
quite evident that he was open to talk the matter over again. I
thought I ought to tell you this, adding at the same time, that R.F.
and I talked over the Gillet matter. We arrived at the
conclusion that, as our Semitic department was manned through-
out by men, whom it had developed and supported, that we ought to go on
in the same way. Why not give J.M.P. Smith a long rope, even a
year or two in Europe, and let him devote himself to Arabic?
R.F. and I had a very pleasant visit together, and I quite regretted
that he was not able to stay through the last two days also.
We of course talked over the Ancient Records, and settled some further points. You will be interested to know, that Kent has been at work among the European Egyptologists to fill out the Egyptian end of his series. He succeeded in getting Maspero, but two of my friends to whom he applied, refused absolutely, as they knew that he was duplicating my work. If I had not signed the contract for the Egyptian History with Scribner's long ago before Kent started his series, I would tell Kent to look for someone else to write his history for him.

I hope the Commentary is coming on well, and not quite shutting out a wholesome amount of golf during the September vacation. Mrs. Breasted joins in kindest regards to yourself and all the family circle.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

ADDRESS:

DRESDNER BANK,

BERLIN.
He of course talked over the Ancestral Records and matters come
further points. You will be interested to know that Kent has
been at work among the numerous hypotologies to fill out the
hypotization of the series. He succeeded in getting Kismet,
put two of my friends to work in supplying Taylor's family
as they know that he was applying this work. If I had not waited
the contract for the hypotization of Taylor's work I might have
performed outside this series, I would tell Kent to look for home
for Kent accepted this series, I would tell Kent to look for some
one else to write his portion in this.

I hope the Government is coming on well and not drudge
applying out a proposition sound at all. Griffin the secondper
action. We request join in kindness together to yousear and
still the family circle.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

ADDRESS:

DRESDNER BANK

BERLIN.
President William R. Harper:-

My dear president Harper:

In response to your note on my letter of July 23 regarding the disposition of Museum Room, I would suggest the following:

First Floor, South End, Assyrian Museum.

First Floor, North End, Comparative Religion.

Entire second Floor, Egyptian Museum.

Third Floor, south end, Palestinian Museum.

The north and south basements may also after proper preparation be used for Museum installments, when vacated.

The Assyrian Reliefs are exceedingly unsightly on their present temporary stacks. The only way to get wall space for these reliefs is either to do as I have done in the South Museum, put them on the backs of cases or put the present cases in the North Museum back to back in the centre of the room, and use the wall space thus secured together with the lower half of the windows for the entire length of the room.

Even with this arrangement there will be plenty of light and the covering of the windows can be so arranged as not to be unsightly.

(Classes rooms excepted)

Finally, I think that Assyria ought to have one whole floor in the Museum; Egypt one whole floor, and the South half
of the Third Floor should then be for Palestine and Comparative Religion.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Director.
President W. R. Harper,

My dear President Harper:-

I am returning herewith the letter of Mr. W. H. Ward for the reading of which I am very much obliged as it is very inspiring.

I wish we might talk over such a plan for the whole East before I leave.

Yours truly,
President W. R. Harper,

May dear President Harper:

I am receiving the attached letter of Dr. W. R. Harper, for the endorsement of which I am very much obliged. I am very much obliged for this very important letter. I wish to express my deep appreciation of it. I am more than pleased.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
President William R. Harper,

My dear President Harper:-

Mr. Smith has this morning informed me that you will not be with us on July 8th at the Semitic Club meeting, for the discussion of the Maccabean Psalms by Caldwell and Hobson. You remember I sent you the copy for your approval before sending it to the Press, and it received your O.K. If we were to put the meeting on the 9th, as Mr. Smith suggests, we shall conflict with the concert, the 9th being Wednesday.

If you desire to change it to the 9th, please let me know without delay as it must go into the Calendar tomorrow.

Yours truly,
CHICAGO
5TH & TASTE.

My dear President Harper:

Mr. Gates has told me to write to you that he is unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Natural History Museum, which is to be held on the 1st of January, 1902. He asks me to tell you that he will meet you at the entrance of the building at the time of the meeting.

Mr. Gates also wishes me to give you his best wishes for the success of the new year.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Home, St. Paul.
My dear President Harper:-

I return herewith Mr. Berry's letter of the 18th inst. In accordance with the suggestion in the last paragraph of his letter, I am writing him something of the proposed work in Egypt.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Director.
June 35, 1925

CHICAGO

Mr. President:

I understand that you have a letter of the

Trust Fund. In accordance with the instructions in the Trust letter,

I am writing this memorandum of the matter that

work to that.

Yours truly,

Director.
My dear President Harper:—

I am sending you herewith the program for the Semitic Club during the summer as adopted at our last meeting. Only the dates and the order, I suppose, are tentative.

If you have any suggestions or alterations please insert them in this copy and return to me, and I will send you a revised copy.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

CHICAGO June 16, 1902.
CHICAGO, June 6, 1939.

My dear President Hopkins:

I am sending you separately the program for the Society Life program. The woman is scheduled as an appendix to our last meeting.

Only the dates may be changed; I suppose the program is final.

If you have any suggestions or alterations please let me know.

Yours truly,
My dear President Harper:—

I have looked at Mr. Joseph Clark's Congo collection. It does not fall within the scope of Haskell Museum, but is admirable material for Mr. Starr or the Field Museum. I have called their attention to it.

Your truly,

[Signature]

Director.
June 19, 1935

CHICAGO

Mr. President Harper,

I am looking at Mr. Joseph Glick's Congo collection. It does not fall within the scope of Natural History. I am unable to furnish material for the Fifth Kneass. I have written about a proposition to it.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
President William R. Harper,

My dear President Harper:-

If it is your desire that I should represent the University at the International Congress in Hamburg, it will be necessary that the proper documents formally certifying to the appointment should be forwarded to Dr. F. Sieveking, General Secretary of the Congress, Börsenbrücke 2, Hamburg.

yours truly,

[Signature]

Director.
Chicago

June 10, 1905

President William F. Harbert:

Mr. Dear President Harbert:

I hereby express the University of the Insurrectionary Congress in Kansas. It will be necessary for the properonomic omnitrition to the appointment naming to Mr. President, General Secretary of the Congress,Bearer, assurance & Remittance.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
May 22d, 1902.

My dear Mr. Breasted:—

I am wondering whether we could not postpone the exhibit still a little longer and have it on some other day than the opening day of the Summer Quarter. There is so much happening on that day the building will be so full of people that it will be a difficult task to take care of anything in the way of entertainment or anything else outside of the regular work. On this same day, as perhaps you do not know, Rush Medical College holds its Convocation exercises at the University in the afternoon. Could it not be put over until Friday of the same week? I think this is quite important.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
Mr. Harper:

I am wondering whether we could get postpone
the experiment until a little longer and have it on some other day than this.

opening day of the summer quarter. There is so much happening on front
gan the 'English' will be so full of people that it will be a difficult task
to take care of anything in the way of entertainment or anything else.

outside of the regular work. On this same day as planned you go out
American College for the examination of the University
in the afternoon. Carry it not but over mili of the same week.

I think this is quite important.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Harper
Chicago, Aug. 8, 1899.

F. W. Harper,

Chicago,

Dear Mr. Harper:

I am leaving the University of Chicago Aug. 12, 1899, and remain away till July 1, 1900. I understand that I shall return with the work I have drawn up.

Very truly yours,

James P. Breasted
President and dear Mr. Harper

My dear Sir,

Will you excuse me if I call to your mind the conversation James had with you just before he left regarding the P.D. or Padua testimonial. You hoped to be able to help him obtain free tuition.

He has attended the University nearly two years and would like to continue his studies or obtain a situation to teach any and you can extend, will be greatly appreciated. Please do not let know I wrote you; he could be displeased.

Very truly yours,

515-62 at this time Breasted
Vienna, Sept 25, 1879

Dr. W. R. Harper,
Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

As you see, I am already on the way southward to the Congress and expect to leave Vienna tonight. Dr. Dethendorf, head of the Egyptian Museum, has been very kind and placed the entire Vienna collection at my disposal and I have photographed the entire historical series.

Your letter of Sept. 4 was a great surprise to me. I am sorry it induced me to speak to you of Mr. Tipp's enterprise. He was very fixed in his intention, and I told the President to refer to your objections:

1. In three different interviews I tried to arouse your interest in the great possibilities of color photography but I did not succeed. I refer to its use in

Vienna (already finished)
Florence
Rome
Naples
Turin (immense collection)
Munich.

I shall finish Berlin this winter and do Paris and London (Leyden on the way) next May. I shall thus completely photograph all the great collections except Cairo, which I can get from Dr. Groch. Bey.

Kindly let me know at the earliest possible moment the action of the Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dr. W. R. Harper

Dobtner Park, Berlin.
Education.

2. The educational work proposed is of such a character that in the innocence of my heart I had supposed the University would take pleasure in its being done—not to say also in having one of the faculty at its head. I did not dream that this enterprise expects to and actually not the lecturer, but the printed lecture to be read by some one to his audience as the Jews appear on the curtain. An experience of four years in the use of illustrated lectures convinced me that this can be done with great success multiplying the lecturer indefinitely and increasing the accessible territory to include the whole English speaking world. How such an enterprise could possibly be confused with the University of Chicago, I cannot see; any more than an entangled should be confused because Vincent is on the faculty, or because my good friend Dr. Harper has acted as principal of the Chautauqua Schools.

3. The University has paid as limited a portion of my support during the last five years that I am sure the Board of Trustees will not be inclined to prosecute; just how I shall earn the rest. I am sure I shall be only too glad when they may see fit to make any such effort including income unnecessary.

4. It is not likely that the enterprise will go further than preparation and announcement for a year, and almost certainly for three years. During such preparatory time I shall not receive one cent of salary.

In view of these facts, I would ask you to kindly bring the matter before the Board, and ask their consent that an announcement be made wherever desirable, meantime in deference to your request, I write for Baps asking them to withhold an announcement until the Board shall have passed upon the matter.

I am very sorry that you can.
Fleischennstr. 13,

There will be sent to you personally from here this week, a box containing xii the dynasty hollowware. This is a gift from the Museum of Berlin to Haskell. The arrival should be acknowledged and the freight paid.

Hope you are having a pleasant winter. Take hand at work with all possible advantage here.

With kind regards,

Yours.

James H. Breasted
Deutschland

Postkarte – Weltpostverein
Carte postale – Union postale universelle

Dr. R. F. Harper
University of Chicago
Chicago

Vereinigte Staaten von Amerika
I am disappointed not to have heard from you, the action of the trustees regarding my conversation with Mr. Sippe's untiring desire. It is important—very important to me, that these formalities be settled immediately, and I must urge an early reply to my request contained in my preceding letter.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Braidt

Berlin, Nov. 26, 1894.

[Handwritten address and signature]
The box is addressed to him.

My work here is making gratifying progress. I find a large number of scribes here, acquired since my student days, here. From them, I have secured a number of certain readings out of difficult passages not before read.

The result has been that Erman has invited me (family also) to come and stay at his house, while we go through the scribes together, although he has been through the several times already. They are then to be published by the Royal Academy. This is strictly confidential.

- I am spending as much time as possible on the lexicon, the material already in alphabetical order is immense, and access to it is an incalculable advantage. This and the above all courageous mean much for my "Historical Texts."
to copy, edit and translate the inscriptions in the other European museums. They have fixed in view the museums of the south: Vienna, Turin, Bologna, Florence, Rome, Naples, Palermo, Marseille, Lyons, which would occupy a year. They are ready to give me all the European museums, a work of several years which, I suppose, is out of the question.

After doing so considerably an amount of work as the above year included, I should receive from the Persian copies of all its unimportant collection of texts. This I should agree to leave to the University of my birth, thus securing to it for all time, all the inscriptions of Egypt, a mass of material not possessed by any institution outside the Royal Academies of Germany.


March 27, 1900.

Dear President Harper:

I intended to explain to you the recent unimportant developments of which you have now heard. First regarding Cairo.

Caring to a very interesting "Bruges Lié," which I will probably never see the light, and by a series of unprincipled and dishonest means, the French have suddenly, without a moment's warning, succeeded in bringing the entire Cairo out upstairs to a boudoir, by blocking the annual appropriation for it in the ministerial committee, thus overpeaching the international commission as indefinitely. The enterprise, although international was essentially German, and
This was of course the sole reason for such extraordinary action on the part of the French. It was so totally unexpected that at first caused more trouble and disappointment in the Berlin Museum than to me personally; for before it happened there came to me a still greater opportunity.

I think I told you last summer that the Emperor of Germany had awarded an enterprise for producing a great Egyptian Lexicon, which he entrusted to the Royal Academy of the Empire. No such exhaustive work has ever been undertaken for any Oriental language; until it is the largest enterprise of its kind ever undertaken in Oriental science. It involves among other things the careful editing and copying of almost the entire mass of inscriptions.
Apart from the question of my absence during the year requested. There is another difficulty. Academies abroad and in Europe are very carefully paid, as you know. The average salary of a professor in Germany is from $1,000 to $2,000. I cannot expect to receive more than a quarter of that. Indeed, I do not understand how the opportunity has been offered to a foreigner. At all events, any experience would be gladly accepted. I must count myself fortunate, therefore, that the Academy have offered me about $1,025, which they are to consider as simply paying my expenses. This would do, if I had no family and it would do, if I had no family and I so informed the Academy Commission. The question now is: will not the University be willing to grant me a portion of my salary (say $8,000?)
and this enables me to accept an invaluable opportunity and what I think, is an great an honor to the University, as it is to me. It will also be an honor to the University to have had so large a share in this great work.

Knowing that Mr. Ryerson was not in Chicago to share in the consideration of this matter, I took the liberty of writing him about it, which of course I would not have done if he had been in Chicago. I hope you will therefore excuse the liberty I took.

I sincerely believe that my proposed year in the Museum for the Lecons, will be of more value to the University than if I spent it in Chicago.

P.S. I have been asked to write an article for the Royal Academy here, in conjunction with Prof. Ehrman, on the two obscure periods of Egyptian history. I intended to add, that if the balance of my salary were used to hire a substitute in the summer, it would not be necessary to increase any expense at the department.
Dear Sir. Harper:

I have Secretary Goodspeed's notification of the action of the Board of Trustees and a mistake of vital importance to me has been made. My appointment by the Royal Academy is for a year from Oct. 1900, I have formally accepted the appointment and it has gone up to the Government. Dr. Goodspeed has notified me that the leave of absence is from July 1900, three months too early, cutting off three months of the year. As we made no mention of this conversation here, take it, it is a mistake.
The University of Chicago.

Our agreement made verbally here was as follows:

1. Leave of absence till a year from Oct. 1, 1900;
2. Two thirds my present salary during that year (Oct. 1, 1900 to Oct. 1, 1901);
3. Full salary till Oct. 1, 1900.

As my salary from now till Oct. comes solely from the University and I receive nothing from the Academies till Oct. 1, I cannot live on reduced salary from July 1 to Oct. 1 next.

Meantime I will not notify the Academies but will await the correction of the mistake as I suppose it to be.

Very truly yours,

James P. Brunet.

P.S. Your letter of May 11 from St. Petersburg accepts the above arrangement. J.P. B.
The University of Chicago.

I have received formal notice from the Commission of the Academies that I am to receive copies of all the inscriptions required by the Lexicon.

This will require new action by the trustees. The record was made with the utmost care after definite inquiry at the time as to the date.

Of course you know that Macleod's vacation lasted a long time without payment.

The action taken in March giving him two years leave without pay was also from July 1.
Dear President Harper:—

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 3rd in relation to the proposed inscriptions series. Unfortunately I have myself been away on a short holiday and this has delayed the matter, and still more unfortunately the two or three people who I must consult in regard to it are also away from the City at present. I will however lose no time in consulting these persons confidentially in regard to the matter and send you a reply as soon as I hear anything definite.

I am a little afraid that the book on the Latin Union is a little more biased than it should be from our standpoint, and I should hesitate, I think, in putting it on our list, unless The University would take the entire responsibility for its opinions. Our reader's report in regard to the book, now several years old, and which is before me finds fault with a number of the statements in the work, believing, so our reader points out, that a different conclusion might possibly be reached from some of the facts. Of course, if The University were prepared to guarantee the work and assume all responsibility for it that would alter matters considerably, but as at present advised, as mentioned above, I am somewhat doubtful as to the advisability from our standpoint of publishing the book.

I am,

Yours very truly,

President W. R. Harper
August 3rd, 1900.

Mr. George P. Brett, Esq.,

66 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Brett:

I enclose a general statement of the proposition for the translation of inscriptions, and I hope you will find it quite adequate. I have prepared this very hurriedly, and it is of course quite inadequate. Will you kindly give it your consideration?

A definite arrangement should be made very early, because the work, on certain portions of it, ought to be begun. It should be said, however, that a large part of the work has already been finished. The whole story of the external phenomena remains.

I have discovered that no change has been made in the contract for the mathematical series as growing out of the embarrassment of the Appletons.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
INSCRIPTIONS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, IN ENGLISH.

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William R. Harper, Editor-in-Chief.
Robert F. Harper, Editor of Babylonian and Assyrian Series.
James H. Breasted, Editor of Egyptian Series.

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Volume two, " " " 19-26.
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My dear Professor Breasted:

I have been working on the matter of the publication of the Assyrian and Babylonian records. The Macmillans will take hold with us; exact details are being arranged. I will write you again very soon. Meanwhile, if you can send me anything in the way of reviews or material for "Hebraica" I shall be greatly obliged. I find that it is going to be somewhat difficult to get together material for "Hebraica", since the proper preparation has not been made during the spring.

Everything is going along splendidly during the summer quarter.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

Prof. J. H. Breasted,

Berlin, Germany.
August 21st, 1900.

My dear Professor Breasted:

I am sending you here-with a catalogue of Arabic books, which, I think, was prepared by you a year or two ago. I am proposing that you take this and see what you can do in the way of getting prices in Berlin. I think we ought to purchase a list of this kind and put our Arabic library in better shape, and that we should do it right away. Will you give this matter your attention?

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
To your President, Secretary:
I am enclosing you here:

With a subscription of twelve months, I think we
meet at the head of the price, and I forward
you the matter of the two points I have sent you, to
find out the best way to the point. I think we must
not of course, have the point to this kind of a thing.

I shall be glad to hear from you, and I am anxious to
know what you will take in this form. I am yours,

Very truly yours,

M. H. H.
October 2nd, 1900.

Professor James H. Breasted,

Care of Dresdner Bank, Berlin, Germany.

My dear Professor Breasted:

Your letter of September eighteenth has just been received. I am glad to know that you are getting a little rest in the Alps on your way to Italy. I can imagine that you are tired.

I am much obliged to you for your plan to secure bids on the Arabic books.

It now looks as if Scribner's, and not the MacMillans, would join us on the oriental series. I have had a long talk with Charles Scribner, and he distinctly denies that he has undertaken the matter with Kent and Saunders. In fact, he tells me that he does not wish to do this, but prefers to handle our series.

Saunders, who has just been elected President of Iowa College, will be with me day after tomorrow.

I note what you say in reference to Griffith; but as matters now stand, we do not need to be
October 8th, 1900

Professor James H. Prentice
Geneva, Switzerland

My dear Professor Prentice:

Your letter of September 25th reached me and I am glad to hear from you. I am glad to know that you are getting a little rest in the Alps on your way to Italy. I can imagine that you are finding the work you are doing so much agreeable to you for your plans to become a judge on the French Court.

As you are in Germany, may not the Mehlthanne wounded join us on the American service? I have had a long talk with Captain Garfield and he is enthusiastic about the matter with Kent and Sumner. I know we cannot handle the Wilson Home, but I hope to go there and protest to handle it.

I note what you say in reference to Mr. Mather.

Adie
afraid of Scribner's.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
Sept. 18, 1900

The list of Arabic books has been forwarded to me here where I am getting a little rest in the Alps on my way to Italy, as I found myself pretty ill and used up after the summer's work. It is my first vacation in years.

According to the catalogues, the Arabic list would cost about $195.00. From this figure the discount must be deducted, and also probably at least $100.00 for books now out of print, which
could not be found for a year or two. I will review all on the whole however and send to you as soon as received.

I am very glad to learn that Macmillan will join us in the Oriental series. Kent is going right ahead with his series and remained behind him. If our announcements and definite arrangements can be made immediately, we can beat them on the market.

Please let me know at the earliest possible moment what business prosecution am I authorized to make to W. L. Griffith to do the legal documents for us? Kent has received a baptismal pledge from him to take part in this series, while I have also secured a promise to take the legal documents. He is the best Egyptologist in England, but I have now done all I can without authorization from you, and I fear we shall lose him if we do not move quickly.
I leave here for Bologna Sept. 30, but my permanent address as at before, Care Drexner Bank, Berlin.

Very truly yours,

James H. Breasted.

P.S. Many thanks for the readjustment of my leave of absence, which is very satisfactory.
The University of Chicago
HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM.

January 3, 1901.

My dear President Harper:

May I remind you that the proposed appropriation for the sorely needed cases in Haskell is still pending. As it will take several months to secure the cases after the contract is let, it will be impossible to hold our exhibition during the present Winter, if the matter is not soon arranged. The accumulated accessions of four years are in the basement.

Yours sincerely,

James H. Breasted
Director.
Mr. James H. Breasted,
Dresdner Bank,
Berlin, Germany.

My dear Mr. Breasted:

I have before me your letters of December eighteenth and January thirteenth. You will be glad to know that the arrangement is at last settled in regard to MacMillan's and our series. In my next letter, which will follow in a few days, I will send you an exact statement of the last form which we have considered. After all, it seems best not to unite Kent and Sanders, although at one time this seemed the wise thing to do.

I note what you say concerning Mr. Griffith. I take it that the statement that I have just made will upset that arrangement, but why cannot Griffith do the work for us? The Kent and Sanders publication is to be a thoroughly popular matter; We want the text itself and the transliteration. Will you not push this through?

Allow me to congratulate you upon the success which has attended you and the fact that you are making better progress than you had supposed. I am glad to know that you are so far ahead of schedule time.
I have your note also of January thirteenth in reference to yourself and the salary. There must have been a misunderstanding on your part of our conversation in Berlin. It was impossible that I should have said the salary would be $2,500 on your return. The fact is I have just succeeded in getting it up to $2,000, and you know it is necessary to take one step at a time. What I suggested was that we should try to arrange work in order that you could have six months for investigation. This perhaps would imply a salary of that kind for nine months. In other words, I am going to make an effort to secure you $2,000, or the larger part of it, for a period of time which at least every other year shall not exceed six months. But the details of this arrangement are not yet in shape. I think you must agree that the University has dealt with you quite generously in these last years. It has been at considerable cost and with considerable difficulty that the arrangement has been made by which you should be absent for so long a time, but we do not regret this in any way. My own desire is that you should have the best possible opportunity for progress, and to gain this you must spend part of your time in Europe. I shall hope to write you more fully at an early date.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
I have your note stating your status and the facts. There must have
reference to your health and the general. I have seen a statement
about your recovery on your part of our conversation.

It is important that I should have some
idea of your present condition. The fact is
that the letters would be $500 on your return. The rest is
I have just succeeded in getting it up to $5,000 and
you know it is necessary to take one step at a time.

What I suggested was that we should try to arrange work
in order that you could have six months for the positive
work. This perhaps would imply a salary of that kind
for nine months. In other words, I am going to make an
effort to secure you $5,000 on the former part of it,
for a period of time which at least every other year
might not exceed six months. But the matter of the
arrangement was not yet in hand. I think you must have
seen the University next week, with you during the conference
in these last weeks. It has been at considerable cost
and with considerable interest that the arrangements
have been made with you. I hope we can expect you to agree
at least that you should have the best possible option
of your time in advance and to begin this you must spend
part of your time in Washington. I gladly hope to write you
more fully in my ensuing letter.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Herbert
Finally, this is what they think offers in Berlin.

From "lustige "
Flätter," Berlin.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Breasted

Permanent address:
Dresdner Bank, Berlin

Just on the eve of leaving here for Bologna to begin the mission of the Academies on Oct. 1, I have received your request for literature on "the use of the vision etc. in Egyptian"

It is not uncommon, but the examples have never been collected. The most famous example is the dream vision of Thoth- 

III (who, while prince one day fell asleep in the shadow of the Sphinx, whereupon the god appeared to him in a vision and promised him the Kingdom). I can give you some of my translations of several examples when I re-
turn of not too late. If you incline, please give me your treatment of vision, there has just come to light a most extraordinary example of prophetic utterance in Theoriea in the Pataikos Papyrus of Tanu-Amon. The whole papyrus is translated by Erman in the XXXVIth (or XXXVIIth?) volume of the Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache. — Being away from books and libraries, I am unable to send you any statement of the literature.

I have just received a letter from my friend Griffith asking whether there would be any objection to his taking part in both Kent's series and ours, as he is strongly inclined to go into Kent's series. Please let me know at the earliest possible moment your desires on the matter.

Another important question. Petrie last year sent me five things from his private excavations (not Egypt Exp. Fund), expecting our usual contribution. We were unable to send it, and he naturally feels aggrieved. It is important that we should keep his friendship. Can you not appropriate $250 to give him, out of the balance of my salary for the coming year, when I am receiving only 1/3 of my salary?
Florence, Italy Oct. 12, 1920

Dear Mr. Harper,

Regarding the Arabic book, for which you asked me to get prices, I have now received the list of 86 titles from Mayer and Müller, Berlin, with individual prices affixed. It goes up to 222.48 Marks (about $35.00). This is omitting four titles from our list, three of which will cost about $50.00 together and the fourth (Caesar de Perceval’s Historia) about $50.00; but they have made no price on the four, having been unable to fix any. This is probably as cheaply as one can secure them anywhere, for their prices run
Dear [Name],

I had to be on leave last week, but I'm back now. I've been working hard and making good progress. The museum will make a magnificent collection of material.

Hoping the winter is opening prosperously,

Very sincerely yours,

James J. Breasted

P.S. Congratulations on the new museum building! I will keep the lists awaiting your instructions. As I have not...
How about the $250 as contribution to Pietr's personal work of which I wrote?

If we do not send him a contribution, we shall unquestionably lose our hold upon him entirely. Philadelphia sends him thousands. Can you not mail me a draft for him?

JRF

Paris, Dec. 18, 1900

Dear Fred Harper:

I have finished the Museums of Italy and Switzerland and all those of France except Paris where I began in the Louvre today. This marks the completion of a large and distinct block of work I wrote you in celebration of it! I hope to finish the Louvre in six months, which will leave me two months more for Leyden. Then completed I shall have done all Europe except England, Germany and Russia. The work has gone unexpectedly fast, and I am now 3½ months ahead of the schedule made for me in Berlin when I started, and they are...
very much pleased then. If
it goes on as I hope, it will be
the greatest year's work I have
ever done.

Your letter regarding Kent's
connection with Superintendence in
the transition series was a
great relief! In view of it
I was immediately able to arrange
with Griffith to do the drawing
for me and have photographs
for him every domestic element
in Italy. It is now necessary
to adjust the business less
on which the contribution of
Griffith is to be arranged.

Will you kindly write me as soon
as possible whether you have
reached any understanding
with Kelners regarding the
contract.

With R. T.'s unlimited access
to the British Museum, with
Griffith for the Domestics
and my exhaustive copies of
the European museums, we
can make this the greatest
series ever attempted, the
standard series for generations
to come.

We were very glad
to find Mrs. Harper here
when we arrived. We shall
coon have rooms in her lo-
cality and shall hope to see her
and the young people often.
You must be lonely without
your family.

Wishing you a very
merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Crewe
in time to complete Leyden and a good deal if not all of London, before leaving next autumn. In that case I shall have completed all Europe outside of Germany which will be done from Berlin except St. Petersburg.

We missed a pleasant New Year's Day dinner with Mrs. Rockerfeller's unexpected measles. Congratulations on Mr. Rockefeller's last gift! With best wishes for the New Year. Very sincerely yours,

James H. Breasted

Paris, Jan 3, 1907.

Knowing that the year's salary-budjet is usually being arranged at this time, it seemed to me proper to write to you and recall our conversation at last spring in Berlin. As my salary on my return will be included in the year's budjet now under consideration, I am therefore bringing up the matter so far as in advance.

The following is only in continuation of that conversation in Berlin. You were kind enough to assure me that my salary would be $2500 on my return. The question of rank we did not discuss, but I infer this salary implies also promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.
Regarding the latter point, I might add, that the German Academy have already given me both an appointment and a salary which Germany gives only to free professors. I shall always be deeply grateful for the encouragement and support by which you enabled me to accept this appointment when it was offered.

My sole and only ambition is to further the science I represent, as I am now doing, by serving the university to the best of my capacity. It is solely in order to be in a position to do this that I now ask for the rank of Associate Professor, with the salary of $2500, in accordance with our conversation in Berlin. When I return for work next Oct, I shall be 56 years of age, and it will be seven years since I was first appointed by the University of Chicago. It is with great relief that I realize that my return will mark the end of the seven years' service for Rachel. For in spite of rigid and severe economy, I shall return to America in debt, and the assurance that I am to be financially emancipated for scientific work on my return, has, since your visit in Berlin, kept me full of courage for work during the final months of the fifteen years spent to accomplish something for science on insufficient means.

The work here in Paris is going very rapidly. I am daring to hope that I shall finish Paris
February, 18, 1901.

Professor James H. Breasted,
Care Dresden Bank, Berlin, Germany.

My Dear Professor Breasted:

I have read with great interest your communication to the members of the Chicago Society of Egyptian Research. The letter is not only instructive but entertaining. May you live to write many such.

very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
December 16, 1907

Professor Jesse H. Princefield.

George Peabody Bank, Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Professor Princefield:

I have very great interest in your work.

I am ready to make the necessary investigation to the membranes of the Chicago Society of Experimental Research. The letter to not only necessary but extremely essential. I can not foresee what you have to write much more.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Hafer
April 27th, 1901.

My dear Professor Breasted:

I am greatly pleased to get your letter of the thirty-first of March. The arrangement with The Macmillan Company is just about finished and you have by this time received a copy of the details. It is finished. I sent you a copy.

In reference to the position: I think a misunderstanding has arisen upon this point. I was considering when I wrote you a plan by which I could arrange for men who wish to do so to have a larger salary than the proportionate salary, at the same time spending six months abroad. For example, an arrangement by which an instructor, by doing special extra work during six months residence, on a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, should have two thousand and eighty dollars ($2080.) and still be present only six months. This is the plan I have been working on and I have practically put it through.

I want you to know that I am going to push you forward just as fast as it can be done.
Mr. dear Professor Resseger:

I am extremely pleased to see your letter of the twentieth of March, and I am very glad to learn that the arrangement with the McAllison Company is to take effect immediately and you have your machine ready.

I sent you a copy of the article, 'If It's Timed' I expect you can see a reference to the point I think is important. I think it important to write you, as I have written you before, that I cannot understand your being so far away from the line of the law and the proper position for it. I am sure the 'same time' existing at another aspect of the problem.

In reference to the report on the 'example' in the matter of the work of the company, I have been working on a series of twenty-five hundred gallons, and have been working on eighty gallons. This is the 'example' in the matter as I have been working on it, and I have been working on it for some time. I want you to know that I am going to make you as well as I can be done.
I believe that you deserve it and I am anxious to see Oriental work take a high place. It seems necessary, however, for a little longer time to elapse than you had supposed, before this other matter can be adjusted.

I understand that as soon as you begin work, October first, you will draw at the rate of two thousand dollars ($2000) a year. From your letter, I gather that if you return October first you will owe the University three months. I think we can adjust this in such a manner as will be satisfactory to you, and I shall be glad to talk it over as soon as you return.

Hoping that everything is going on pleasantly with you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

W. R. Harper

N. B.: Please send at once questions for Schmidt's examination in Egyptian.
I am afraid that you have received this in an emergency and I can only reply now. I see that you have taken a hasty decision. It seems unnecessary however, for a little longer time to supervise them. You have already prepared the other matters so that they can be undertaken.

I understand that as soon as you return work October 2nd you will have the rank of a Professor from your two thousand college (£800 per annum) a year. I am rather surprised that I am not to return October 1st. The letter I am writing that I am not to return at that time. I think you will owe the University three months. I think we can get a little in such a manner as will be better. In fact, to you and I will be glad to talk to you as soon as you return.

Hope that everything is going on please.

W.R. Huber

P.S.: Please send at once directions for purchase examination in hypothesis.
Paris, March 31, 1901

Dear Mr. Harper,

Many thanks for your two letters: one a very kind appreciation of my letter to our Egyptian Society, the other telling of the arrangement with Macmillan to publish the oriental series. I hope to hear the details soon.

Regarding the amount of my salary next year, let one say that you did it so fine, mention $2000.00 at
first, in our conversation at Berlin. When I urged the heavy expense of getting over here to work, however, I understood that you agreed to $2500 as I appreciate the consideration which the University has shown me during the last two years, and I am content to leave the matter in your hands. Perhaps we could adjust it by cancelling the three months which I shall be owing the University on my return to October first. I shall finish Paris, as I had hoped this week, and shall go from here to Leyden. I expect to reach London before June first. In the published report of the Royal Academies, the University of Chicago is warmly thanked for its contribution of my services to the lexicon enterprise.

The Chicago colony here, except Mr. James, your loyal, whom we see occasionally,
and ourselves have left for Italy, where I hear they are having beautiful weather and a good time.

Hope soon to hear further regarding the Macmillan matter. I am with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

James H. Breasted

Permanent Address:
"Dresdner Bank"
Berlin.