May 27th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Breasted:

The trustees have agreed to change your title from associate professor to that of professor, and to include in the title Oriental History. This was done without making any change in the financial situation. It was understood that an effort would be made to secure the necessary money to bring up your total income to $2500. It was not possible to bring that financial change about at the meeting, but I thought it wise to secure the change of title in order that you might use it on your title page. The other part of the transaction will be taken up and considered at the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
My dear Mr. President:

The Trustees have agreed to authorize your
life from expenditure to that of expenditure and to inform
in the title of Yeast Mixture. We may agree with our working plan
change in the financial situation. I am therefore full of
entirely want of means to secure the necessary money to print up your
total income to $850. It was not possible to print the financial
change point of the meeting and I propose to write to be sure the
change of title in order that you might have in your file book.
The chart at the bottom of the Trustees will be taken up and considered at
the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

W.R. Hickey
May 30th, 1905.

Professor James H. Breasted,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Professor Breasted:

This will introduce to you Dr. von Klein of this city, who is interested in some matters pertaining to Egyptology. I am sure that you will be glad to have a conference with him at some time. Any courtesy which you may extend to him I shall consider a favor.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
Mr. H. Hulse

The University of Chicago

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ceed to him I shall convey a letter.

Very truly yours,

W. Hulse
Dear President Harper:

Referring again to my enclosed letter of the 26th, I would say that Mr. Griffith expects to finish up his work for Kent at once, and therefore in fairness to him we should, if possible, give him a decision without undue delay.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. [Name],

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to convey my sincere appreciation for the assistance you have provided me. Your kind gesture of [action] has been extremely helpful in [context].

I wish to express my gratitude for your [specific action] which has greatly facilitated my [current activity]. Your [characteristic] attitude and [specific skill] have been invaluable.

I look forward to the opportunity of repaying the favor in the future. Please let me know if there is anything specific I can assist you with.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
June 20th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Breasted:

Your letter of June 19th has been received. I shall be glad to have a talk with you about the plans which you have in mind. I suggest, however, that before doing so you put them in writing and allow me to study them. I shall then be better able to discuss them.

Hoping to receive them soon, I remain

Yours very truly,
June 30th, 1905

My dear Mr. Brayett:

Your letter of June 16th has been received. I am glad to have a talk with you about the place where you have in mind. I suggest, however, that you get an idea of what you have in mind and then go on from there. I will come over to you to discuss it and show you the place.

I am very much looking forward to coming soon, I remain yours very truly.
President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago.

Dear President Harper:

In accordance with our instructions, Mr. Harper has cabled Mr. Persons, the engineer at Bismaya, to transfer immediately with all apparatus to Cairo. I have written Mr. Persons at Cairo, giving him preliminary instructions of a very general character which will furnish him with enough to do until my arrival. Our general plan of campaign should now be determined as early as possible. May I therefore ask for an appointment, at your convenience, to present plans which I have in mind, covering a series of years?

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

CHICAGO June 19, 1905.
CHICAGO, June 7th, 1938.

Prepares Miller & Webster.

The Chairman of the Board:

Dear President Manager:

I am with reference to the conversation of February 2nd, of which I have written you, to accompany and agree with your last letter of February 2nd, that the matter of the expansion of our capacity, which I mentioned in my last letter, is now ready.

I am, with the best of my ability, to your service,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
CHICAGO June 23, 1905.

June 26th, 1905.

My dear President Harper:

The work of cataloguing the museum, long delayed by the labor of installation, I have now been able to begin. It will be of interest to you to know that in your letter of June 23rd and the full statement of objects we have now reached 4,655. The numbering, as you will see, is probably two-thirds finished, so that the entire Egyptian collection will embrace nearly, if not quite, seven thousand objects.

I am obliged to you for the statement concerning the catalogue of the Egyptian collection. It will be well for you to prepare for the trustees a statement concerning the gift of the Davis collection. I will have it presented and properly acknowledged by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. In January 1899, the value of the collection footed up to $21,425. It would now, with the accessions which have since come in, exceed that total by a considerable sum.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

We have not yet been able to begin the numbering of the objects in other collections.

I hope soon to present to you a budget for the proposed disposal of available museum funds for the current year.

Very truly yours,

P. S. I have this morning received from Mr. Theodore M. Davis, of Newport, several valuable Egyptian vessels and amulets of magnificent blue enamel of the fifteenth century B. C., as a gift to the museum. They are royal furniture, and some of them bear the name of Thutmose IV.
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Dear Mr. [Name],

I am[...]

The work of collecting the specimens from various sources is of great importance. The[...]

The[...]

Yours sincerely,

[Name]
My dear President Harper:

In accordance with your suggestion of June 26, I am submitting a statement of the gift of Mr. Davis, as follows:

Mr. Theodore M. Davis, "The Reef," Newport, R.I. has presented to Haskell Museum three very fine amulets, symbols of life, six to seven inches high, and several other talismans and pieces of fine ware, all the pieces being of magnificent blue faience. They bear the name of Thutmose IV, Fifteenth Century B.C., and are royal amulets. They are worth several hundred dollars.

Very truly yours,
REPORT OF J.H. BREASTED AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON
THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM

Pres. W.R. Harper,

University of Chicago:

Dear Sir:

Mr. R.F. Harper and I were appointed a committee to draught a plan for the proposed reorganization of Haskell Oriental Museum. I find myself unable to concur in the plan proposed by Mr. Harper in two important particulars. I therefore submit the following report, presenting:

I. The two points of difference and the reasons therefor.

II. A plan for the proposed reorganization.

1. Mr. Harper's plan is based upon the principle that the museum should be organized upon a departmental basis, and be departmentalized.

2. My plan is as follows:

As the President very clearly stated at the last meeting of the Semitic Department, the Museum is not now and never has been so organized. It has been and now is conducted as an Oriental Museum, as its name indicates. The whole Orient is represented in its collections. The present director with almost no means has done all in his power to extend the Museum in all departments; witness the fine series of Hellenistic Papyrus documents, including a fragment of Homer and even a bit of New Testament MS; the superb silver-mounted Pali manuscript from Ceylon; the greatest existing collection of Oriental weights covering the whole East from Persia to the Aegean; the fine series of East Indian Paintings given by Mr. Ryerson; and especially the beautiful Hellenistic painted portrait, which could not be bought in the open market for $1000.00. To reorganize the Museum now on a principle immensely restricting its scope, at a time when there is the greatest interest in the remoter Orient, is a proposal which the President...
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include:
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has clearly dissented, and one in which I cannot conscientiously concur.

Furthermore two other departments have always had representation in the directory of the Museum: the New Testament and Comparative Religion. Even if the above indicated change of policy should be deemed wise, it is inconceivable that such change should be enacted on recommendation of the Semitic Department alone. The other two departments interested should be invited to a conference at which all the departments represented in the Directory are present, and given the opportunity at least to express an opinion on the proposed reversal of policy.

2. The proposed change involves my relinquishment of the directorship, the appointment of the President to that office, and my appointment as assistant director, with the duties of the director.

This involves the reduction of my museum rank to the position which I held in the Museum ten years ago, when I was an Assistant Instructor in the University. Such a change therefore involves serious professional injury and injustice to me personally. I do not care in the least for the slight prestige attaching to the office; if the President desires my resignation, I need hardly say that it would be instantly forthcoming. But, the office was urged upon me; I never sought it and did not ask for it, and I am now left no choice but to seek avoidance of the serious professional damage involved in the reduction to a museum rank from which I was, without my request, promoted years ago.

II. A Plan for the Proposed Reorganization.

I would propose the following changes:

1. That Mr. Price be appointed Assistant Director.
2. That Mr. R. F. Harper be appointed Curator of the Assyriological Section.
3. That Mr. E. J. Goodspeed be appointed as Curator of a new Papyrology Section.
4. That Mr. Jewett be appointed Curator of an Islamic Section.

5. That Mr. Foster be asked to serve as Acting Curator of the Comparative Religion Section.

I would further recommend that all other arrangements in the directory be left unchanged.

Finally, I would recommend that opportunity be given for the discussion of the reports of your committee by the members of the departments represented on the directory.

Very respectfully yours,

[Handwritten signature]
President W.R. Harper,

University of Chicago.

Dear President Harper:

With reference to my report as a member of the committee on the re-organization of Haskell Museum, I find I should now explain, that it was sent because of an agreement between Mr. Harper and myself at our last conference, to the effect that if he did not hear from me to the contrary in 24 hours, I would send in our divergent reports.

Further conference discloses the fact that Mr. Harper is willing to compromise the differences in our recommendations by offering the following:

Mr. Harper's New Plan.

1. There shall be no director of Haskell Oriental Museum.
2. The head of the Museum shall be a "secretary".
3. This "secretary" shall have all the duties now devolving upon the director.

To this plan the following objections suggest themselves:

1. It is out of harmony with the present plan of organization of the museums of the University.
2. It thus immediately raises a query in the minds of all, who cannot but note the change, a query to which there is no logical reply.
3. The question immediately becomes an impersonal one (quite apart from the tenure of the office by any particular person), viz.: Should Haskell Museum be deprived of its directorship and placed at a disadvantage as compared with the other museums in the University? Should the future importance of Haskell Museum be called in question by sacrificing an office still held by the other museums? Certainly the large future development of Haskell Museum, for which we all hope, would be unneces-
sarily handicapped, and especially solicitation for its support would be seriously hampered, if it have no directorship, when other museums in the University still maintain the office, of which Haskell Museum is not deemed worthy.

In view of these objections I could not vote for the above "New Plan", nor sign a report recommending it. Nevertheless, if this plan commends itself to the judgment of the President as advisable, and the members of the departments represented in the Museum also desire it, I would not further urge the objections adduced.

Hoping that a solution of the problem may be reached, which will best subserve the interests of the Museum, I am

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
(2)

applicable portions of the special collections for the support and the...icity.

Parsons, et al. [sic], have not yet been completed, and are now being prepared.

In view of these difficulties I cannot yet name the above-titled field for

the introduction at the University of Wisconsin, and the committee of the Department

expresses its appreciation of your efforts, and looks forward to the opportunity

with pleasure.

[Signature]

Henry E. B. Jones

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IN THE NAME OF CHICAGO

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

MUSEUM

HAASEL ORIENTAL MUSEUM
President William R. Harper,

Faculty Exchange.

Dear President Harper:

I am enclosing here with a portion of a copy of a letter just received from Mr. F. L. Griffith, regarding available men for Comparative Religion in England.

Mr. Griffith has sent me an estimate of the amount of Egyptian Demotic material which will make our Ancient Records a standard corpus on the subject. He estimates that two volumes of four to five hundred pages each would contain it all. I should be glad if we could send him a definite answer as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
CHICAGO, July 22, 1900,

President William H. Harvey,

Secretary:

Dear President Harvey:

I am enclosing here with a portion of a copy of a letter that received from Mr. J. H. Hiltz, regarding an article in the Harvard Education Record which I was asked to review. The letter is in English.

Mr. Hiltz has sent me an estimate of the amount of Professor Davenport's cereal which would have won a document a challenge. He estimates that the volume of 100 to live contains only one instance of your name in the pamphlet. I should feel it a pity if I could not send him a gentleman manner as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Miss Harper:

After delays which are only to be met in the Orient, we sailed from Abydos to the first cataract today. The decks are filled with numerous boxes containing supplies of all kinds and apparel, for a campaign of four months. Not over an hour after leaving Abydos we were swept from our course by...
the fierce current of this lower cataract and the hull was pitched, crunching and grinding upon the rocks in midstream, in a position which was not without danger. Against wind and current our men finally got us off after several hours of moeoeit effort, and we now hope to make rapid progress toward our goal of work. In less than a week we should be there and settled at work.

This has been a busy Christmas day for me, as we have come on board with something like a hundred boxes, bales, trunks, and all must be unpacked and

arranged.

Persone and the photograph men seem to be in good health again and this work should go rapidly as soon as we are on the ground.

Expect in a few days to have detailed report in shape to forward to you.

Earnestly hoping that this may find you in constantly improving health, and wishing you all good things for the New Year, Sincerely yours,
It will be difficult to avoid an overdraft of $500.

With regard to the Field Museum, I sent them only a question of the following form: "Provided Free Harper and the University Board of Trustees should approve, would you consider the possibility of contributing to our expedition?" Our need of funds was so great that this way out occurred to me, but I must very carefully avoid any semblance of an invitation on my own responsibility. It was only a question which I sent them.

I have both yours.

Cairo, Nov. 25, 05

Dear Free Harper:

You will perhaps have been wondering that you have not heard from me. The questions of our concession and the amount of available funds have been much uncertain since that I wanted to see my way more clearly before sending a report.

After securing our equipment in Berlin, I arrived in Cairo, Nov. 20. I have found Maspero, the director-general, exceedingly amiable and quite
read to give us what we wanted, then fully explained to him.

Person was left up by the Trustees in closing the Babylonian expedition, and this cost him about all the money he had. As he had had fever since, and been obliged to go to the hospital, his expenses have been such, that instead of handing me several hundred dollars on my arrival as it was expected, he would be able to do, I had to send him $250 before I arrived here. This threw my resources about $500 behind. The decision of the Board of Trustees had already cut down my available funds by $500. Hence I am now working with funds of $1,000 short.

Under these circumstances, all thought of upper Nubia at first planned was of necessity abandoned. I am planning a purely epigraphic campaign in lower Nubia, which I think will do me credit and save me from a failure. I shall make every effort to complete the work within the funds available, but under the circumstances...
letters (one enclosing Maspero’s) and I am very pleased to hear
what you say of your own progress and of the great gains at the University. I
cannot hope that you may continue to gain strength
I will write you soon
of the organization of the expedition and the plan of
work. I find Peterson a fine fellow and of good ability. I
wish he were more familiar
with the Country, but that
With best wishes for the coming year to you and Jones. I believe one.

Very sincerely yours,

Frances H. Breasted.

Cairo, Dec. 12th 1905

My dear President Harper, We have been very glad to have such good reports of your improvement.

He did not wish to arrive for the meeting but wrote for that reason. He arrived in Berlin, Mr. Breasted was obliged to consult a specialist. The physician advised Mr. Breasted, in his present somewhat condition, to go on the expedition to Mubia unless accompanied by a physician or other person. Any extra expense to the expedition, being out of the question this year, Mr. Breasted decided, in order not to sacrifice the expedition, to take me with him. This involved the trip...
of the English Government at Calcutta. A

Dear Sir,

I hope this note finds you well. I have just heard from Mr. B. from Calcutta, and I am glad to hear that all is well there. The news from home is satisfactory, and I am confident that things will improve.

We have been occupied with the preparations for the journey to BOMBAY and Calcutta. The arrangements have been made, and I am looking forward to a successful trip.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Dec. 11, 1905.

Mr. James E. Breasted,

Care - The American Consul,

Cairo, Egypt.

My dear Mr. Breasted:

Your cable of the 6th inst. was duly received. I have considered it in consultation with the President and with the President of the Board of Trustees. It is very strongly Mr. Ryerson's opinion that it is not advisable to proceed in the way which you suggest. In the first place the advertising in periodicals on the basis of four volumes complete, with index in the last volume has already been made and published. All are reluctant to accept the personal guarantee which you are kind enough to offer. Under these circumstances it has been thought best to go ahead on the present basis. I am glad to hear that the Expedition is prospering and wish you all success.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
Mr. James K. Halsey,

Cerino, The American Canard

Cerino, September

My dear Mr. Halsey:

Your letter of the 20th inst., that we only recently have received, I have proceeded to do so in consultation with the president and with the board of directors. The board has expressed the opinion that it is not advisable to proceed to the new work you have suggested. In the light of your earnest and patriotic spirit, with which I have always associated you, I regret to express the decision of the directors. I had no idea that you have been able to secure the directorate of the American Canard. Under these circumstances I am very sorry to hear that the project has been abandoned. I am afraid that your aims are not realistic. With sincere regrets, I am,

Very truly yours,

W.R. Halsey
From Cairo, Dec 6 '05, 8.37 A.M.

Harper,
University Chicago.

Will guarantee funds for index volume please publish four volumes records immediately expedition prospering permit secured.

Breasted.
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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, President.
Dec. 21, 1905.

Mr. James H. Breasted,

Care - American Consul,

Cairo, Egypt.

Dear Mr. Breasted:

Your favor of the 20th of November to President Harper is handed to me. I have gone over the matter very carefully with those concerned. The Board of Trustees has distinctly and explicitly refused to authorize an overdraft on the appropriation for this year. It will be necessary, therefore, in some way, to keep the expenses inside the limits of the appropriation as made. I regret that we cannot find the funds for you, but the obvious policy seems to me to be to do less this year than you hoped, so that you may begin on the first of July with a clear sheet.

May I say, with reference to the question to the Field Museum, that in my judgment it would have been better to have sent out the suggestion to us first, allowing the question to go to the Field Museum officers from the University directly if, in the judgment of our Board of Trustees, that seemed a wise way to take up the matter.
Mr. James M. Pressler,

Gentlemen: American Council,

Gentlemen,

Dear Mr. Pressler:

Yours of the 8th,

I have been given the matter very seriously with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Associate Directors and have studied the problem carefully.

I am happy to be able to tell you that I have been able to prepare a plan of organization that I believe will be satisfactory to everyone interested in the enterprise. I feel that I have been able to prepare a plan that will be acceptable to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Associate Directors.

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Organization Name]
I am very glad to hear of the encouraging features of which you write and hope that notwithstanding the shortage of funds you will be able to spend the time profitably. We shall be interested in your later report on the organization and the expedition and plan of work.

I may add that Dr. Harper at present is very comfortable and continues interested in all important features of the University work.

With sincere regards and best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
I am very glad to hear of the encouraging results of the work. I hope you will be able to undertake the same work with the same amount of interest and do so well. I am glad to hear of the progress of the work and the interest shown in it.

[Signature]

W.R. Herbert
December 26, 1905.

President William R. Harper,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

In reply to your letter of December 23rd I beg to return herewith Mr. Breasted's letter of December 4th. It is evident that letters explaining in detail the situation have crossed his communication. I gave him all the facts and sent proofs sometime ago as a basis for his work on the index. As you will recall, the plans agreed upon contemplated the publication of the first volume about January 15th. We are expecting to hold to this date and publish the other volumes at regular intervals during February, March and April. The last date will depend upon the receipt of Mr. Breasted's manuscript for the index.

The plates for the Russian book have not come in although we have information that they have been shipped. We ought to be able to get this work in hand early in January.

Sincerely yours,

Herman Miller
Director.
Dear President Harper,

I have been overjoyed to read in your third letter acknowledging my history that you were feeling much stronger and were thinking of getting out of doors.

You will be glad to know that I have my permit for beginning work on the temple of Wadi Halfa, and Abu Simbel, three
temple, in all just below
the second cataract of
the Nile.

Our equipment just
shipped in Europe has
just arrived in Alexandria,
and should reach the first
cataract in about eight
or at most ten days. We
shall therefore be leaving
for the Upper river in
a few days, and shall
have done four months
of work there before re-
turning.

From now on

I shall send you
frequent bulletins of
our progress.

I have not heard
as yet a single word
from the University Press
with regard to the ap-
pearance of the Ancient
Records. I trust that
all is in order, as I
put OK on all proofs
before leaving. The book
must have appeared
by this time.

Hoping that this may
find you much stronger.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]
letters, but I should like very much to have you send
me from time to time reports which will keep me posted
as to the progress of the work.

Hoping to hear from you very soon. I remain,

Yours very truly,

November 16th, 1905.

W. R. Harper

Dr. James H. Breasted,

C/o American Consul, Cairo, Egypt.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

We had a meeting of the
committee of the trustees last week and took up the
question of completing the Egyptian Records. It was
the opinion of the committee that we could not publish
the fifth volume. It was decided to put in the fourth
volume an index not to exceed fifty pages. It is
understood that the first volume will appear about
January first and the other volumes at intervals
following; the last as early as the material for the
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proofs from which the index can be made up.

I am sorry that we could not do the ideal thing
in this matter, but I hope that you will, as you always
have, appreciate the difficulties of the situation.
I know how busy you are and that you cannot write many
Mr. Harper

Mr. James N. Bresson
C/o American Can Co. Office, N.Y.

Thank you for your letter. I was delighted to hear from you and I hope to hear from you again soon. I have been working on a novel, which I hope to finish soon. I am also working on a manuscript of my latest essay. I hope to publish it soon. I am very excited about these projects and I am looking forward to hearing from you again.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
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Hoping to hear from you very soon, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

November 15th, 1903.

Dr. James H. Breasted,

C/o American Consul, Cairo, Egypt.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

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I am sorry that we could not do the ideal thing in this matter, but I hope that you will, as you always have, appreciate the difficulties of the situation. I know how busy you are and that you cannot write many
November 9th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Breasted:—

I received a few days ago a copy of your new volume on Egypt. I wish to congratulate you very strongly upon the content and general appearance of the book. I have read considerable portions of it with a devouring interest. It is an important piece of work and will, I am sure, be received with great favor.

Hoping that all goes well with you, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

N.B. I am happy to report that I am improving rapidly especially during the last ten days. I am actually planning to put on my clothes and go out of doors.
My dear Mr. President:

I received a few days ago a copy of your new volume on Reykjavik. I wish to commend it to you. I have read it carefully and found the contract and agreements between the parties very interesting. It is an important piece of work and I am sure it will be received with great interest. I hope that all goes well with you. I remain,

Your very truly,

W.R. Harper

If I am happy to report that I am improving as rapidly as possible, having the least fever, the least nausea, and the least constipation as rapidly as possible, I feel that my recovery is far from complete and that I am not yet out of danger.
October 30th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Wreasted:

I am sending you letter from Maspero. It is quite important. You are authorized to make such statements in behalf of the University on this subject as you think best. The question of time is important as you will see.

Hoping that all goes well with you, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
October 30th, 1906

My dear Mr. President,

I am sending you letter from Matherco. It is quite important. You are
entitled to make such statements in panel of the
University on this subject as you think best.

direction of time is important as you will see.

Hoping that all goes well with you, I remain

Yours very truly,

W.R. Hafer
October 20th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

We learn with some surprise through Mr. Dorsey this morning that you have invited the Field Columbian Museum to participate in the Egyptian expedition. We are wondering on what authority you have taken this step and we are surprised that you should take it without consulting us at the University. To do this would endanger altogether the funds that we are using for this purpose, and while there may be much to be said in favor, it is to be understood that this is distinctly and exclusively a University of Chicago expedition. I am quite sure that you will see the importance of this now that the matter has been called to your attention.

The very pleasant letter of Mrs. Breasted written as you were leaving New York was greatly appreciated. I hope that everything is going on satisfactorily.

I am myself making progress. You will be pleased to know that the University has opened with 20% increase all along the line. Things have never been more prosperous.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
My dear Mr. President:

We learn with some surprise

through Mr. Doren this morning that you have invited
the Very Columbia Mission to participate in the

Methodist exposition. We are wondering on what authority

you have taken this step and we are surprised that

you should take it without communicating with the University.

To go to this meeting together the funds that were

raised for this purpose and with these may be much

wasted. Your letter to Mr. King on this subject may be found

in the jacket and contains a University of Chicago

exposition. I am quite sure that you will see the

importance of this now that the matter has been called

to your attention.

The very pleasant letter of Mr. President written

as you were leaving New York was very gratifying.

I hope that everything is going on satisfactorily.

I am very pleased to receive your kind letter and I am

pleased to know that the University has opened with 300 students.

Until the next time. I think you have given me more trouble.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
October 9, 1905.

President William R. Harper,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Replying to your inquiry with reference to the status of the Ancient Records I would say that formulation of definite plans for publishing have been delayed owing to a controversy which we had with Mr. Breasted regarding the matter of the Index.

A short time ago Mr. Breasted requested us to consider the possibility of issuing an Index of about 200 as a fifth volume. pages. This seemed impracticable inasmuch as our original estimates were very close, and in spite of anything that we could do the material has overrun beyond the space which we had originally calculated upon. Mr. Breasted left for Europe with the matter undecided, and we are a little in doubt as to what we should do under the circumstances.

Mr. Capps joins me in the following recommendations:

1. That Mr. Breasted be informed that we cannot undertake the publication of a 200-page Index in separate form.

2. That a sufficient number of proof sheets be sent to Mr. Breasted with the request that he prepare an Index to the volume which shall not exceed 50 copies, same to be ready on or before March 1st.
The University of Chicago

Dear Mr. Harper,

Regarding the appointment of Professor Herman Weinberger to the Department of Physical Chemistry, I would like to extend my congratulations on his appointment. I am confident that his expertise and dedication will contribute significantly to the department's success.

I have been informed that Professor Weinberger will be joining the faculty in the fall. I look forward to working with him and his students.

Sincerely,

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