July Twelfth,
1923

My dear President Burton:

I enclose for your file a copy of the varnish test recently conducted at the University, for the Educational Buyers' Association. This test developed the interesting fact that a floor varnish costing $1.70 per gallon withstood the wear as well as one costing $6.00 per gallon.

This is the first of a series of tests that we plan to conduct as rapidly as the time at our disposal will permit.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

President Burton,
Faculty Exchange.
July 19, 1923.

My dear Mr. Dinsmore.

Let me acknowledge your note of July 12th with the enclosed varnish test. The test strikes me as very interesting and valuable.

Very truly yours,

Mr. John C. Dinsmore,
The University of Chicago.

EDB:CB
Mr. John C. Dinsmore,
Purchasing Agent,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Dinsmore:

I hope I am not too late in submitting a sample mop for your test series which you mention in your letter of July 18th. We are sending a sample today by parcel post. This mop is one which we purchased from the Board of Industrial Aid for the Blind at a cost of $10.00 per dozen for the 30-oz. size and $7.20 per dozen for the 24-oz. size. The Indiana institutions are expected to purchase their mops from this board or from one of the state prisons.

We appreciate very much the service which you are rendering as a part of the program at the Educational Buyers' Association and shall make every effort to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Neff
Administrator

REN-C
November 9, 1926

Mr. John J. DiPietro
Director
Office of the President
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

We are enclosing a sample for your perusal and for your information in your letter of July 29.

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We appreciate your promptness in

Your very sincerely,

[Signature]
August 23rd, 1923.

Mr. John C. Dinsmore,
Purchasing Agent,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dinsmore:

I was very much interested in your report of the tests of various brands of varnish which you recently made in the cafeteria at your institution. Tests of this nature have a double value, they not alone enlighten purchasers as to the efficiency of the materials they buy but also serve to remind the manufacturers that it is up to them to market nothing but goods of a first class character if they expect to remain in the selling field.

With the report of this varnish test before me it is a sure thing that this institution will buy only one of those brands which showed proper value. So it could be with many articles which we all buy if we but had the facilities and finances with which to conduct these tests.

Another thing in which I have been greatly interested has been the "Pool buying" about which we have talked at various times. After seeing the benefit this institution has derived from your "alcohol pool" there certainly could not be any question in any person's mind but that there are many commodities on which this same beneficial scheme could be worked out.

I do wish that some day soon we could get the buyers for the mid-west educational institutions together and formulate definite plans for further pool buying and tests as I know it would result in saving many dollars for these institutions.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,
Mr. J. C. Dinsmore,
Purchasing Agent,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dinsmore:

Your letter of August 21st has been received.

I have carefully gone over report of the Varnish test recently conducted and find it to be very interesting and valuable.

I note that the varnish which we are using here, namely the J.B.Cornish "Arkiteck" Spar, shows up very well. We are well satisfied with this varnish, especially so since it is an "all purpose" varnish. We use it for floors, finish, and outside work.

I am convinced that much valuable information which will result in considerable saving to the institutions can be gained from tests such as this. We expect to do something along this line just as soon as we are settled in our new Service Building and the laboratory is available. I personally feel that each institution should take up an article of general use, conduct a test and disseminate results among the members of our group. I also feel that cooperative buying should be enlarged upon. The alcohol deals show what can be done by pooling orders. The combining of purchases of Coors porcelain, Whatman's filter paper and Pyrex ware has resulted in considerable saving. As you probably know, the University of Illinois, including the Chicago branch, and the University of Wisconsin, together purchased a car of Pyrex ware this spring and were able to effect a substantial saving.

I will always be interested in hearing from you regarding similar tests and if I can be of any assistance do not hesitate in calling upon me.

Yours very truly,

P. R. Ritger
Purchasing Agent.

FXR/c
August 24, 1923.

Mr. John C. Dinsmore,
Purchasing Agent University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Dinsmore:

I have received your communication of August 21 which was directed to Mr. Camp, but I presume it was for me. Will you kindly have your mailing list changed so that the mail will be sent direct to me instead of going to Mr. Camp who is no longer connected with the University?

I would like to comment somewhat upon the work that you have been doing, not only for the benefit of your University but to the benefit of all purchasing agents. Your test on varnish was a very interesting one and a very fair one. This particularly helped me out in solving just this problem, for I was up against it and put off purchasing varnish until I heard what the outcome was of your test. Some of the men in the East with whom I conversed on the subject of this test agreed with me that it was as good a test as they would want to have made on their particular product.

The recent order of Pyrex that I pooled together with you has been received and, as far as I can learn at the present time, was received in good condition. It was a particular saving to me in purchasing Pyrex this way and, had I known more about it sooner, I would have made the order to read something like 100 cases instead of 43 cases. This pooling I believe can work to the advantage of all those who are particular users in certain products if the strictest cooperation is used throughout.

I hope that in the near future you may have occasion to come to New York and at that time I shall be pleased to have you call upon me at my office. There are many interesting topics concerning the National Association of Buyers that could be discussed and would be of interest to both of us.

Very truly yours,

Theo. M. Johnson
Supervisor of Purchases.
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF GRADUATES

ANGELA D. KRENGERS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Aug 28, 1929

Dear Mr. Director,

I have received your communication of August 28, 1929, and I am glad to report that I have been granted permission to return to the United States. My work has been completed in France, and I am now in the process of obtaining my degree. I will be available for further research upon my return.

I am looking forward to working with you and your faculty. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in the continuation of this research.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Authority and Date]
Mr. John C. Dinsmore,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dinsmore:

Your letter of August 21st was received during my absence and for this reason my reply to you may be a little late. The purchase of Alcohol and other supplies by pools will effect a very great saving to co-operative institutions. The Alcohol pools probably cut the price of this commodity in half. In fact it is possible that the savings to some institutions were much greater than this. I recall the case of one institution which paid over Three Dollars ($3.00) per gallon for Alcohol at a time when institutions in the pool were paying about twenty-five cents ($0.25) per gallon. This, of course, is an extreme case.

The testing of supplies is something which should be done in all cases where the quantity purchased would warrant it. Pool activities as carried on in the past have depended upon voluntary efforts. This, of course, is positively wrong. The men devoting their time to these activities should carry on this work as something more than a voluntary effort. It should form a part of their regular work.

Yours very truly,

R.S. Callaway
Purchasing Agent.
Your letter of October 20th was recently received and

I am sorry to have to inform you that we are unable to entertain

Your request. The current situation with regard to the supply of

stocks and other materials is such that it is not possible to act on

your request at present. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause,

but we are unable to proceed further at this time.

In view of the current situation, we must continue to

 prioritize the needs of our own community and their interests.

The current supply constraints do not allow us to assist

in any way with your request.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause,

but we must prioritize the needs of our own community.

The situation is currently very challenging,

and we must focus on meeting the needs of our own community.

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Mr. John C. Dinamore, Purchasing Agent,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Dinamore:

I have your letter of August twenty-first and am glad to state that The University of Rochester saved considerable money last year through your kindness in handling for us orders for alcohol used in our scientific laboratories. Previous to the time that we took advantage of your offer to pool our orders with others, we were paying $1.00 per gallon for alcohol whereas last year the average payment was thirty-three cents per gallon.

We greatly appreciate the assistance you have rendered to us and have a selfish interest in the development of your plans to the end that we may benefit by purchasing other supplies and equipment on a cooperative basis.

Again expressing my appreciation of the service you have rendered to us, I remain

Faithfully yours,

RNB; n
Dear Mr. Director,

I have your letter of August 26th dated.

I am glad to receive your communication of September 10th dated. Your estimated cost of $100 per month is in accordance with the rates set by my office. I am bringing you the enclosed checks for $100. I request you to accept same and forward the work accordingly.

I have considered the estimate and have determined to engage your services for the period of one year from the date of this letter.

I am enclosing a check for $100 to cover the first month's work.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Stamp]
My dear President Burton:

Enclosed is a brief statement of researches proposed in connection with the work in my office in cooperation with the School of Commerce and Administration, with a view to materially reducing our expenditures for institutional supplies.

We have, as you know, conducted a limited number of researches in an effort to standardize certain of the items purchased. We have also cooperated with a number of educational institutions through the "pooling" of purchases in order that the over-head charge for distribution might be materially reduced. In the last year, approximately fifty hours of departmental service in connection with these two lines of investigation have resulted in institutional savings of about $20,000. The enclosed statement calls attention to additional proposed researches, together with the necessary budget items. I also enclose some supporting evidence to indicate the value placed upon this experimental work by other educational institutions cooperating in the enterprise.

Is this, in your opinion, a matter in which some of our National Research Organizations would be interested, or have you a suggestion as to other sources of financial backing? I should be very glad to submit any further detailed information which you may suggest.

Yours very truly,

John C. Dinsmore.

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President Burton,
Faculty Exchange.
Mr. Secretary of Commerce:

I enclose for your information a proposal in connection with the proposed sale of the National Laboratory. I am of the opinion that the essential data may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

November 24, 1923
PROPOSED RESEARCHES IN INSTITUTIONAL SUPPLIES

The present demand for the conservation of institutional funds leads any department charged with the responsibility for the purchase of supplies to canvass every possible opportunity to reduce the unit costs without sacrificing service standards.

Ten years experience as Purchasing Agent for the University of Chicago has lead me to believe that there are two outstanding opportunities for economy:

1 - Through the setting of service standards for commodities purchased - standards based upon actual service tests rather than upon popular selling points.

2 - Through "pooling" institutional purchases to reduce the present excessive cost of distribution.

Since adequate service standards are not available, and since existing standards must be revised from time to time, it is obvious that no individual institution is at present in a position to finance the experimental work necessary to secure these possible economies.

Once equipped with adequate purchase standards, institutions are in a position to cooperate effectively in "pooling" purchase requirements in many important items. Since there is at present no provision for the administration of such cooperation in institutional purchases it becomes necessary to
The present proposal for the concentration of institutional funds lends new departmental interest with the responsibility for the purpose of supplies to convey every possible opportunity to reduce the unit costs without sacrificing service standards. Ten years experience as Purchasing Agent for the University of Chicago, as well as to believe that there are two outstanding opportunities for economy:

1. Through the selling of service standards for commodities purchased - analytical buying power.
2. Through "pooling" institutional purchases to reduce the present excessive cost of acquisition.

Since adequate service standards are not available, and since existing standards may be revised, it is necessary to reduce in a positive way the expenditure. The department to reduce the expenditure work necessary to secure these possible economies.

Once the situation with adequate procurement standards, institutions place it in a position to cooperate enthusiastically in "pooling."
provide upon an experimental basis the necessary over-head organization. The attached material indicates the scope, methods and results of a very modest beginning in this work. If this service is to be continuous and if it is to be extended adequate funds must be provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

John C Dinmore

* The amount suggested for the director's salary is nominal. This is based upon the assumption that his principal income would be from one of the cooperating institutions where the work would be carried on.
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John E. Wilson

The amount suggested for the director's salary is nominal. The increase above the present staff is considered necessary for the progress of the work. The amount for other expenses could be increased where the work would be more satisfying.
Experience shows that the unit price paid for the same materials by different institutions often varies several hundred per cent. Frequently the cheaper materials will deliver more service than those which are higher priced. In an effort to establish the relative service values of the different commodities offered, we have made the first of a series of tests.

A- An illustrative case: See report of Floor Varnish Test attached.

2. There seems to be little doubt that the high unit price frequently paid by institutions is largely due to the cost of distribution. We believe that researches in "pooling" orders will greatly lessen these costs.

A- An illustrative case: For the past two years the following institutions have "pooled" most of their requirements of scientific alcohol and have secured a material reduction in price. In some instances the cost has been reduced to one-sixth the price paid individually.

Cornell University  
Mayo Clinic  
New York University  
Purdue University  
Ohio State University  
University of Arizona  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Illinois  
University of Indiana

University of Iowa  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri  
University of Montana  
University of Nebraska  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of South Dakota  
University of Washington

The value attached to the proposed plan of purchasing is indicated by the correspondence attached.
September 17, 1923

My dear Mr. Dinsmore:

Your letter of August 29 and the large bunch of material accompanying it has lain on my table for some little time. It seems to me quite within the possibilities that one of our research foundations might be willing to underwrite the further extension of this experiment.

I raise at present only one question, and that pertains to your budget. I assume that you could yourself manage the bureau without additional salary if you could have at your disposal the fund indicated. Does it seem to you certain that this is the best way to administer it? That you propose the matter in this way gives me a certain advantage in laying it before any foundation, but I wonder whether you ought to undertake it purely on your own leisure time, and whether a foundation other than the University would be inclined to support it on that basis.

Perhaps you are right. But I should at least like to know whether you consider including in your budget the salary of a director, which I assume need not be a person of full time, but might undertake this service in addition to his work for the University and with the consent of his
Dear Mr. Dimmock:

I received your letter of January 11th. I forwarded it to our president, Mr. Johnson, and he replied as follows:

"I am very pleased to hear from you. Your suggestion is excellent. We will make arrangements to have the new building ready by the end of the month. Please let me know if you need any further information."

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Mr. John Johnson
chief employer. Shall we discuss this a little before I go further in this matter?

Very truly yours,

Mr. J. C. Dinsmore
Faculty Exchange

[Signature]

[Address]
Sept. 5, 1923

Mr. John C. Dinmore,
Purchasing Agent
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill

Dear Mr. Dinmore:

I must apologize for the long delay in answering your letter of the 21st of August re progress in "pooling orders" and testing service. During vacation time I find it difficult to get work done by other departments. I turned over your tests on varnishes to our Superintendent of Buildings for comment in detail but he has been in such a mass of work since his return that he has just given me a few verbal comments among which are these: that the test was fair to all contestants, and was carried out in a practical manner which he likes; however, he is sorry to say that no test was made of "Fuller's Varnishes" or Pratt and Lambert, both of which he thinks are of superior quality.

The pooling of alcohol orders has worked out to my entire satisfaction, both as to the service given and the price charged. In fact we were having a great amount of trouble with our alcohol orders. The method of handling it in the way you have has been the greatest help to us.

Sincerely hope that the work can be continued, and with as great success as it has been in the past.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Asst. Purchasing Agent
Dear Mr. Jones,

I am writing to express my concern about the recent developments in our university's administration. As a member of the faculty, I feel compelled to bring to your attention some serious issues that have arisen.

Firstly, there have been concerns about the selection process for new faculty members. The criteria for candidates being considered do not seem to be transparent or fair. It appears that personal connections and favoritism are playing a significant role in the decision-making process.

Secondly, there has been a notable decrease in the number of students enrolling in our programs. This is concerning because it affects not only the financial stability of the university but also the quality of education we can provide. I believe that this trend could be reversed with better marketing and outreach strategies.

Lastly, there is a growing sense of dissatisfaction among the staff regarding their working conditions and benefits. Many are feeling overworked and underpaid, which has led to a decline in morale and productivity.

I urge you to take these issues seriously and address them promptly. It is crucial to maintain the integrity and reputation of our university.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. John C. Dinsmore,  
c/c The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.  

Dear Mr. Dinsmore:—

Regarding the recent tests you made on several floor varnishes that were submitted to you several months ago. We wish to inform you that we consider this very instructive and entirely in accordance with the conditions and rules laid down before the tests were made. Work like this is to be encouraged whenever possible. If at any time you expect to test out other paints and varnishes you can be assured of our cooperation with you.

We have from time to time conducted tests of a similar nature to those which you have conducted and if there is anything you would like to know regarding the methods of our tests we would be very glad indeed to inform you.

Very sincerely yours,

S. C. JOHNSON & SON.

Per:—

HJJ/Hz
December 3, 1924

Memorandum to Mr. Dinsmore:

Mr. Arnett thought it wise that before the Committee on Expenditures acted upon the enclosed recommendation of Mr. Gurney, you as Purchasing Agent, should make inquiry as to the price of sheepskins and engrossing.

It is, I think, understood by all of us that Mr. Ricketts has been the agent for many years for the purchase of these skins, and for their further preparation. I understand that the costs quoted in this letter cover the expense of lithographing as well as the first cost of the sheepskins.

It is understood also, I think, that the engrossing of the diplomas is an operation which requires artistic skill and that Mr. Ricketts has been very obliging and efficient in meeting our requirements which frequently called for great haste just before Convocation. I think that we should be very reluctant to break the connection with Mr. Ricketts, and venture taking the risks of employing a man who was not familiar with our specific problem. However, we should like to be informed, and should be glad to have you make inquiry as soon as possible, because we now have only enough for the March Convocation, and it takes a considerable period to import skins, to lithograph them, and to have them properly shrink.

A second matter concerning which Mr. Arnett wished that you should make inquiry is this. We have been accustomed to have four officials sign each diploma (the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the President and Recorder of the University). In addition the Dean signs the diplomas of those students in his particular charge. The burden of writing so many signatures is, we have come to think, too great. President Burton proposes that we should have the names of the President and Secretary of the Board and the President of the University lithographed (in facsimile) upon the diplomas, leaving only the signature of the Recorder and of the Dean to be made individually with ink.

This raises the question as to how large a stock, we should have prepared at one time. You note that Mr. Gurney wishes us to order a two year supply. There is some question as to the risk involved in a two year supply on which we have these names lithographed. If some one of the three persons should die or resign the skins would be wasted. Could you find out what possibility and the relative expense of having the supply lithographed in two installments -- one year's supply at a time.

Mr. Gurney is the man who is informed as to all the details and he could give you the necessary data on which to secure estimates of expense.

J.H.T.     James H. Tufts
December 3, 1924

Dean Tufts,
The University of Chicago,
Faculty Exchange.

My dear Dean Tufts:

I am returning herewith Mr. Swift's letter of November 26 together with a statement concerning our need of a new stock of diploma skins.

I am perplexed to know how Mr. Swift got the idea that such skins would cost about $6 each. The estimate of cost which I have received from Mr. Ricketts under date of December 1 is given in my letter asking for a requisition. It will be seen that the estimate of $6 each is very greatly in excess of the facts.

I have made my estimate of the number needed on the basis of previous experience. Until recent years the Committee on Expenditures generally authorized the ordering of a supply to last five years. My present request does not go beyond three years.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Assistant Recorder
Dear Mr. Smith,

I am写ing to request the following materials:

1. A copy of the original contract.
2. Any correspondence related to the project.
3. A report on the progress to date.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Dean Tufts,
The University of Chicago,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Dean Tufts:

With reference to an order for a new stock of diploma skins let me say:

1. We have on hand only enough for December, 1924 and March, 1925.

2. We must get a new stock as soon as possible. Such an order cannot be filled within a few weeks like an order for printing. The blank skins are imported and the lithographing is done after they are received here. After the lithographing they need to season for several months at least, the longer the better, before they are dry enough to be handled safely. The presenting of this matter has been delayed by the absence of Mr. Ricketts from the city. I had to wait for his return in order to get an estimate of cost.

3. It is necessary in ordering for a given period to estimate a safe margin to meet all possible increase of candidates. We have to provide separate lithographing for the various degrees conferred and for men and women in each group (except that the form is the same for both in the Ph.D group).

4. I have estimated the number needed for two years with a safe margin at 3300, with an additional 1200 for a third year. The margin, in view of the number which will be left after March, 1925, will in all probability be sufficient for the third year also.
Dear Dean Tucker,

I am writing to request an interview for a position in your office. I have been a student at the University of Chicago for three years, majoring in Economics. I am particularly interested in the field of corporate finance and have completed several relevant courses during my time at the university. I am confident that my background and skills make me a strong candidate for the position.

Please let me know if you would be available for an interview at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
5. Mr. Ricketts will furnish 3300 selected English sheepskins, the same quality he has always furnished, at $1.10 each and an additional 1200 at $1.05 each.

6. On account of the increasing number of degrees conferred the burden of signing has become a very serious one for the officers who have to sign all diplomas, namely: the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the President and Recorder of the University. This generally comes at the busiest time of the quarter. It has been proposed, therefore, to have facsimile signatures of these four officials lithographed on the skins. This will leave every diploma, after the student's name has been engrossed on it, to be completed by the autograph signature of the appropriate dean and the impressing of the University seal.

Whether or not this plan is to be followed is for the officials concerned to decide, but if it is done the names must be lithographed when the body of the form is lithographed. Parchment shrinks and warps irregularly so that the signatures if added later could not be made to register properly.

7. Please ask the Committee on Expenditures to decide on the number to be ordered and I will send in a requisition for formal approval. It would be most convenient to have an order for three years, unless the risk is thought to be too great in case the signatures are lithographed in as suggested. But we need to know without delay the number decided on so that the blanks may be ordered at once. The details regarding signatures can be worked out a little later.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Assistant Recorder.
Dean James H. Tufts,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Dean Tufts:

I have the copy of your letter of November 21 to Mr. Swift. Naturally I am very much interested in it as the burden of signing as many as seven to nine hundred diplomas at one time is an irksome burden. I should be very glad to be relieved of it. It would seem to be all that is necessary if the several deans with whom the graduates come most in contact should sign, as Paul wrote, "With mine own hand".

When it comes to viewing the matter from the point of view of the recipient of the diploma, I am not quite sure whether there would be any objection or not. I presume in the eyes of most graduates the diploma is the essential thing and it does not make much difference who signs it, or how many people sign it.

There might be a question when for instance the President is absent, and it is known that he is absent, whether there would be any objection to giving a diploma apparently signed by him, when it was known that he was in Europe or elsewhere, and the same might apply to other persons whose names would be lithographed.

None of these slight objections seem to me conclusive and I think I should advocate the lithographic way of easing administrative burdens.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Secretary.
Dear James H. Tufts,

Secretary, Department of Instruction

I have the good of your letter.

Typically I am very

Important to me.

It is because of my interest in it as the pattern of writing

as well as make of mine hundred diplomas of
certificates. I am pleased to

one time to me learning from

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to be for all to receive at if the secret

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contact enough after as pass scarce "With mine

cordial sense.

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letter from the point of view of the text.

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assistance given and if I can not make much

differences and whether it comes to many people after

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representation of the present if need be to know

or points might be presented. There might be any

difference which might be important to be understood or

the same might supply to another

because where names might be important to

such things.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Secretary.
VARNISH TESTS

conducted by

THE EDUCATIONAL BUYERS' ASSOCIATION

at the

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
For the past several years we have noted with interest the amount of money which is being spent for materials selected on snap judgment. Individual purchasing agents buy certain brands or grades of commodities because these are the brands or grades they have been accustomed to purchase. Often they have only the basest notions as to the relative values of the various brands or materials and their possible substitutes.

Because of this, the Educational Buyers Association has begun a series of tests, the object of which is to establish under actual service conditions the relative value of certain products that we all use. It seems necessary for us to make these tests because there is apparently no source to which we may turn for reliable unbrand data. It is true that the most excellent laboratories can give us comparative tests of the physical and chemical properties of many products. They, however, are not in a position to report the products of different manufacturers because this Bureau is supported from public taxes, and could not bear the resulting criticisms.

It is true that the various manufacturers maintain laboratories but one could hardly expect them to always give unbiased reports setting forth the relative values of their products and the products provided by their competitors.

It is also true that there are in every reputable commercial laboratory that can give us valuable data concerning the relative value of standard brands of materials but that is apt to be expensive and may be biased or slanted.

**NOTE:** The two samples that did not deliver satisfactory service are Numbers Five and Seven.

The cheapest sample tested was Number Eight. The most expensive sample was Number Fifteen.
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It is also true that there are in every city reputable commercial laboratories that could give us valuable data concerning the relative value of standard brands of materials but that is apt to be expensive and may be biased on the whole the best and most satisfactory method of determining the relative value of the many standard brands of commodities seems to be an actual service test under actual wear conditions carefully controlled and with all trick and stunt tests carefully eliminated.
We, the邦光学会 dalla ounge, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the work of our
members in the past year. To this end, we have decided to hold a special meeting to recognize the
outstanding efforts of our members. We would like to congratulate J. Brown, who has
exceeded all expectations in his leadership role. His dedication and hard work have
inspired us all to strive for excellence.

J. Brown's contributions have been invaluable. He has demonstrated exceptional
leadership in our current projects, consistently exceeding our expectations. His ability
to manage complex tasks and coordinate efforts among our members has been
remarkable. We are grateful for his commitment to the betterment of our society.

Let us take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of J. Brown and all our
members. Their dedication to our mission is a testament to the strength of our
organization. We look forward to continuing our success in the future.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.
The first item selected for these tests was floor varnish. We selected this item for two reasons: 1- because there is an unusual amount of high pressure sales effort expended in marketing this product; 2- there is a wide variation in the prices of standard brands; 3- there has been an unusual amount of indirect pressure brought to bear upon many members of our group by the salesmen handling this commodity; 4- it seemed possible accurately to determine the wear resisting qualities of different samples of floor varnish in a relatively short time and at moderate cost.

The first step in making this test was to secure from each member of the Educational Buyers Association the name of the floor varnish they were using. To this list of brands was added other standard brands that seemed promising. We then sent out to each manufacturer the following letter:

"This letter is being sent to a few reputable varnish manufacturers who have solicited business from the University of Chicago. In order to determine the value of various standard brands of floor varnish we propose to conduct a "Wear Test" to determine their relative service under actual conditions. This test will be conducted by varnishing equal cross sections of a passageway where the wear is continuous and equally divided, and will be made as soon as the replies are all in. The conditions for the test are as follows:

1. All samples will be purchased in the open market.
2. Each varnish company may have a representative present at the test.
3. Each company will bear its share of the cost of making this test.
   (This should be under $10.00 each.)
4. The University will be permitted to publish the results.
5. The test will be considered as final unless there should exist reasonable doubt as to the fairness of the test in some one particular.

If you wish to have us include a sample of your varnish in this test, sign and return the original copy of this letter and retain the duplicate. Please indicate the trade name of varnish you wish us to test, where it may be purchased and name any special precautions you think we should take to insure a fair test."

(Signed)
John C. Dinsmore, Purchasing Agent, University of Chicago."

Almost without exception we received a prompt acceptance of the terms of the proposed test.
The place selected for these tests was the floor in front of the service counter of the cafeteria in the School of Education. This place was selected because the wear is excessive, continuous, and evenly distributed for about four hours on five days each week. There is no wear on this floor on the other two days which gave the varnish ample opportunity to dry. This floor offered the additional advantage of being of maple instead of oak which assured a more speedy termination of the tests.

Immediately after luncheon on Friday, April 6th, the floor was carefully scrubbed and allowed to dry over night. On Saturday morning the representatives of the various varnish houses were invited to view the application of the first test coat of varnish.

Each sample which had previously been purchased on the open market was numbered and the contents carefully emptied into a clean glass beaker bearing a corresponding number. To each sample was then assigned a new varnish brush taken from the same shipment. Each sample was then weighed with its brush both before and after it had been applied, in order to determine the exact amount by weight of varnish that had been used in the test. This weighing was reported before and after each of the four applications. (Note for each of the two coats each sample was repeated.)

After each of the eighteen samples had been carefully prepared, the varnish was applied by an experienced painter who had no means of knowing which varnish was which. Beginning just inside the doorway each sample was given five boards. The space on the corner was not counted because of the extra wear on that spot. Beginning just around the corner the eighteen samples were repeated, each sample being given about one foot of space. As the painter applied each sample he commented upon the flowing and working qualities as follows:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weight with Brush</th>
<th>After</th>
<th>First Test</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1- 1 lb. 6-1/2 oz.</td>
<td>1 - 5</td>
<td>Pulled a bit</td>
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<tr>
<td>2- 1 &quot; 6</td>
<td>1 - 4</td>
<td>Considerably freer than #1</td>
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<tr>
<td>3- 1 &quot; 0-1/2</td>
<td>0 - 14</td>
<td>About the same as #2</td>
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<tr>
<td>4- 1 &quot; 2</td>
<td>1 - 0</td>
<td>Not as free, but freer than #1</td>
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<tr>
<td>5- 1 &quot; 2</td>
<td>1 - 0</td>
<td>Heavy, pulls a little</td>
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<td>6- 1 &quot; 5</td>
<td>1 - 3-3/4</td>
<td>Pulls</td>
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<tr>
<td>7- 1 &quot; 6-1/2</td>
<td>1 - 5</td>
<td>Very free</td>
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<td>8- 1 &quot;</td>
<td>0 - 14-1/2</td>
<td>Tough - Pulls</td>
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<td>9- 1 &quot; 8</td>
<td>1 - 6</td>
<td>Works well</td>
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<td>10- 1 &quot; 9-1/2</td>
<td>1 - 8</td>
<td>Good body, but decidedly tough</td>
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<td>11- 1 &quot; 10-1/2</td>
<td>1 - 9</td>
<td>Fair, but does not spread far</td>
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<td>12- 1 &quot; 1</td>
<td>0 - 15</td>
<td>Fine working, best so far of all</td>
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<tr>
<td>13- 1 &quot; 6</td>
<td>1 - 4-1/2</td>
<td>Works fair</td>
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<td>14- 1 &quot; 1</td>
<td>0 - 15</td>
<td>Tough and heavy</td>
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<td>15- 1 &quot; 1</td>
<td>0 - 15</td>
<td>Works well</td>
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<tr>
<td>16- 1 &quot; 1</td>
<td>0 - 15-3/4</td>
<td>Good body, works freely</td>
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<td>17- - 15</td>
<td>0 - 13-1/2</td>
<td>Works well</td>
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<td>18- 1 8-1/4</td>
<td>1 - 7</td>
<td>Heavy body, pulls</td>
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<td>No.</td>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>First Test, Repeat Sample</td>
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<td>1-1/2 oz.</td>
<td>Heavy body, tough</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Little freer</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Still freer, works better</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Works Fair</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Not quite as heavy as #4</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>1-1/2</td>
<td>Works fine</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Works fair, but lots of bubbles</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>1-1/2</td>
<td>Heavy</td>
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<td>Pulls rather hard</td>
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<td>Rather tough</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Good body but tough</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Rather tough</td>
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One week later a second coat was applied under similar conditions. On this occasion also several representatives of the varnish firms were present. In applying the second coat the comments made by the painter were about the same as in applying the first coat. There were, of course, certain variations which might be due either to fatigue or to the personal variation which is always to be expected.
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**Second Test**

- Tough
- Not as tough as #1
- Heavy
- Works well
- Slightly freer than #4
- Tough
- Free working
- Rather tough
- Works rather well
- Works tough
- Works well
- Works well
- Works fine
- Rather tough
- Works well
- Works well
- All right
- Works well

**Second Test, Repeat Sample**

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**Note:** The table above lists components that were removed or installed in the before and after conditions. The report column indicates the status post-installation or removal.
In each case the varnish which was applied was at room temperature and precaution was taken to assure a fair test. As each test proceeded each salesman was given an opportunity to suggest any additional precautions which should be taken in order to assure a fair test.

After the second coat had been down five weeks the sales representatives were invited to inspect the floor and select the best sample. Of the eighteen samples applied two only were obviously poor. The others were so nearly alike in wear resisting qualities that it was very difficult to select one that was better than the rest. Each salesman was asked to write on the back of his card the number of the sample he believed best. They all agreed that with the exception of the two poor samples there was no marked difference. There was, however, a slight leaning toward sample No. 1 which was Berry Brothers' Liquid Granite A.

I believe that these tests show conclusively the various reputable varnish manufacturers are each marketing the best varnish they are able to make and that anyone of the lot of floor varnishes selected will deliver uniformly good service under actual wear conditions.

Please note that there was no attempt here to apply the boiling water test, the bending test, or any other stunt test. We were interested only in making sure that we secured accurate data concerning the wear resisting qualities of the samples submitted under actual wear conditions.

We realize that there are many additional refinements which might be added to the test but we also believe that this test is as fair as might be devised within the scope of modest costs and reasonable time. Each representative repeatedly asserted that he believed the test to be fair, reasonable and accurate, and that his firm was quite willing to abide by the results obtained.
Letter

I am very pleased to receive your communication regarding the recent developments at our company. We have been following your progress with great interest and are happy to see the positive results.

I hope this letter finds you well and that your company continues to thrive.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Date

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<td>American Varnish Co.</td>
<td>Floorene</td>
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<td>Pratt &amp; Lambert Co.</td>
<td>#61</td>
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<td>S. C. Johnson &amp; Co.</td>
<td>Johnson's Floor Varnish</td>
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<td>Devoe &amp; Reynolds Co.</td>
<td>Marble Floor Finish</td>
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<td>J. B. Cornish &amp; Co.</td>
<td>Arkoteck Spar</td>
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<td>Keystone Varnish Co.</td>
<td>Degrath</td>
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<td>Benjamin Moore &amp; Co.</td>
<td>4 T 5</td>
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<td>Standard Varnish Co.</td>
<td>Elastica</td>
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<td>Benjamin Moore &amp; Co.</td>
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<td>Chicago Varnish Co.</td>
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<td>Acme White Lead &amp; Color Wks.</td>
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<td>Glidden Co.</td>
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<td>Murphy Varnish Co. (Company did not agree to test conditions)</td>
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<td>Sherwin-Williams Co. (Company did not agree to test conditions)</td>
<td>Marnot</td>
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<td>Van Camp Varnish Co. (Sample not purchased on the open market.)</td>
<td>Best Quality Floor Varnish</td>
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Mr. Thomas B. Freas,

The University of Chicago.

My dear Mr. Freas:

I have to-day informed Mr. Newman Miller, Director of the University Press, of your appointment to the position of Superintendent of the Laboratory Supply Department of the University Press. It is understood that you are to devote all of your time to this work, observing the office hours followed by the University Press. The business, as you know, is conducted as a Department of the Press, and Mr. Miller will instruct you in the details of the work.

Yours very sincerely,
January 10th, 1909.

Mr. Traeger, E.R.

The University of Chicago.

Mr. Dean, Mr. President:

I have for your information the following letter:

Director of the University Press of your appointment to the position of Superintendent on the Press and Supply Department of the University Press. If I understand your letter, you are to receive a fill of your position to the Press, Professor of the Press, and Mr. Miller will instruct you in the duties of the work.

Yours very sincerely,

[Name]
Thank you very much for sending me the correspondence found in your files recording some of the difficulties of the Purchasing Office and Laboratory Supply Department in the early days of the University. I am very glad to have this material. It is encouraging to know that some of our day to day problems are not new and also to be reminded that departmental relationships in some areas have been materially improved.

WBH:F
Thank you very much for extending me the cooperation

which you will have been aware of in my letters of the

Productive Office and the recent letter on the subject of the

Grant of the Assistanthip. I am now free to make this request

which you can now see to be consistent with governmental policy.

Please in some manner have your material ready.

Yours,
[Signature]
When I went through a large body of material for Miss Carter, who I think was weeding out some of President Harper's old files, I made this comment about the body of material that I found relating to the old Laboratory Supply Department of the Press.
Mr. Hackett

To

Mr. Penn

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Laboratory Supply Department of the Press, was apparently the fore-runner of the Publishing Department.

Mr. Harrell would like to see this material, I am sure.

Donald F. Bean

Dec. 23, 1936
January 13, 1904.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper, President,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:—

I beg to submit answers to the various complaints which the Physiology Department have made against this office. The spirit behind these is manifest from beginning to end, and I leave the conclusions to be drawn to you.

Complaint on Centrifuge Material

In regard to the requisition for centrifuge material of which the triplicate Dr. Stewart has attached, I wish to say that when this requisition was passed by the Committee on Expenditures in June, the triplicate was duly mailed to this department. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Rieske called, as Dr. Stewart says, and asked for the money in cash to spend on this requisition. I informed him that it was not customary to pass out money except on vouchers. I told him that if he would give me the name and address of the concerns from whom he desired this material I would be glad to send an order at once. He objected to this by saying that these concerns would not know the University of Chicago and would pay no attention to our order. He insisted that these firms had never heard of the University. I said that I thought that there could be no difficulty on having our order recognized as we were continually ordering from new firms. I then told him
that if there were small things for the centrifuge that had to be picked up at various places he could buy them on petty cash, and that I would honor his vouchers when they were presented. I expected him to do one of the two things suggested—either present names of concerns on which to order, or to present petty cash vouchers. I heard nothing more of the matter until in October he came over again, and again demanded the money. He wanted to throw the responsibility for the delay on me. I then consented to give him the cash on his personal receipt, with a promise from him that he would return vouchers for the amount expended as soon as possible. Accordingly I gave him $10.00 on October 27, and $5.00 on November 16. I have not yet been able to get these vouchers in order that I may straighten up the account with the auditor, and I beg to submit two letters which have passed between this office and the department in regard to the transaction (See Exhibit A), and I wish you to note the character of the language used. I cannot understand the reasons these people have for not wanting orders sent and the bills paid by the auditor in the regular way. Nor can I understand their dislike for vouchers on petty cash expenditures. It seems to me that when we are spending money in an official capacity we should be ready and willing to accept a customary business procedure and have all transactions in the open as much as possible.

Complaint on Brass Rodding

In regard to the complaint on brass rodging, I wish to submit the requisition and list which was my only
document content
instruction in regard to this order (See Exhibit B). I wish
to ask whether you would consider that it is intelligently
explained that the department desires these certain sizes of
Bessemer rod, and, in addition, desires also the same sizes
of brass rodding. I consider the instruction very indefinite,
and think we were justified in overlooking the 93 cents worth
of brass rod in this long list. When the rod which was
desired had not been delivered, this fact should have been
reported to us at once. This shipment of goods was delivered
at the laboratory during the latter part of July—not
August as is said in complaint. During the latter part of
October Mr. Rieske came over to my office, and explained
that the requisition, which I send you, called for brass
rodding. I ordered this at once. My order (See Exhibit C)
was dated October 28, and my receipt shows that the Depart-
ment received the brass on November 4. You will note that
here the dates given on complaint must have been guessed.


Complaint on Fibrin

In regard to the complaint dated October 29,
concerning some fibrin, I wish to say that in reference
to Dr. Lyon's order Dr. Stewart is correct in saying
that the order was made on Saturday, and that the material
was wanted for laboratory work on Monday. This order was
placed in the Faculty Exchange mail by the department, and
it reached this office Monday at about 10 o'clock. Knowing
the attitude of the members of this department, and that they
were seeking to find some flaw with the system, I intended
to do everything possible to get the fibrin here at the specified
time, although I knew it was almost impossible at that late hour to do so, as it is often necessary to wait a long time at the stockyards where the material must be secured. However, just at that moment, Dr. Lyon called me to the telephone, and when I told him that his order had just been received, and how impossible it was to assure delivery in time for his class work, he did countermand the order, as Dr. Stewart himself says in one place. On Thursday the Physiology boy came over and asked about blood, and we told him that Dr. Lyon had cancelled the order which reached us Monday, and that we had received no other order which was unfilled.

It is a fact that we delivered on time every stockyard order which the department placed with us excepting this one. It seems to me that Dr. Stewart in his eloquent and caustic criticism has overlooked two very important facts, (1) that his department neglected to see that this order, which Dr. Lyon cancelled, reached us in a respectful time, and, (2) that if he had a second and separate order his department had neglected to see that it reached us at all. I would add further that during the interval between the telephone incident and the granting of the $50.00 monthly allowance, that there was quite a determined effort to test the "alleged efficiency of the system" by rushing in orders on Saturday for delivery on specified hours on Monday. These orders were for things from the stockyards, the grocery stores in the vicinity, or from our own storeroom, and the articles desired were to be laid down in the Physiology laboratory. These errands were always, previous to that time,
attended to by the Physiology boy, but as Dr. Lyon said that we,(the Press), collected our 5 per cent on such purchases, as well as any others, we accepted these errands as our duty and put forward every effort to see that we did not get caught, and I think we succeeded fairly well with every delivery of this nature, excepting those mentioned above, and the neglect on these was in the department itself.

Complaints listed on "Memorandum of a few instances in which articles other than those ordered have been supplied."

In regard to the first item on this complaint, I wish to submit the requisition (See Exhibit D) on which this copper air bath (called on requisition hot air sterilizer) was ordered by the department. Note that nothing is said about this bath being made by Bausch & Lomb as Dr. Stewart says on memorandum. The new style, perforated tube burner to be attached is the only thing on these requisitions, Nos. 20099, 20100 and 20101 (See Exhibits D & E) which was not supplied, although Dr. Stewart says these are still very incompletely filled. I would have been glad to get this for them if they had informed me on exactly what they wanted. Read requisition No. 20100 (See Exhibit E) where it calls for two large gas burners, and on requisition No. 20099 (See Exhibit E) where it calls for clamps of various kinds. Any person at all familiar with apparatus knows very well that these descriptions are too indefinite for correct filling. For a large gas burner, you might supply almost anything.
I apologize for not being able to assist you.

I am unable to read or interpret the text in the image.

I am unable to provide any further assistance.

Please provide more information or context.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask.

I am here to help in any way I can.

Thank you for using my services.

I look forward to assisting you further.

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Dr. Wm. R. Harper——6

a gas stove; a Fletcher burner, or a large Bunsen burner. As to clamps there is no end to the number of kinds of clamps. The only satisfactory way is to give catalogue numbers. I had very much trouble in getting information on these. Finally the department sent me a slip of paper which contained the catalogue numbers to which I referred to in my previous letter. The pink triplicate receipt, which Dr. Stewart enclosed, is an exact copy of my order, and those exact numbers. The only way now to decide whether they received the exact articles called for by those numbers, would be to have an expert examine the articles and decide. I am sure they did receive what they asked for by these numbers.

As to the pipettes on which Dr. Stewart complains, I wish you would note on the above mentioned requisition (See Exhibits D & E) that the date of my certification is October 13, the day on which Dr. Stewart says he sent the order. The committee's approval is dated Friday, October 16, and the requisition probably reached us Saturday October 17. My attached order (See Exhibit F) shows that I sent the order on Monday, October 19. E. H. Sargent & Co. delivered the goods as soon as possible, although the delivery might have been delayed somewhat on account the rush in the apparatus business at that season of the year. If the department had informed us of any class suffering for these pipettes, I should have had the boy make a special trip for this glassware. You will note that nothing is said on requisition about any rush, and I do not remember that
Dr. Wm. R. Harper—7

the department ever made any inquiry about the pipettes.

As to the lyeol and formalin in original containers, I could not say how soon these were delivered after the department requested them as the order was given verbally. I can only say that it is our custom to send the order at once for any material asked for verbally, and I do not know of any exception in this case.

In regard to the carbolic acid, this also was a verbal order, and I cannot tell about the date the request was given. However, we have had carbolic acid in stock in large quantities all the time. That which they ordered and received was from stock. Why did they not send over and get it at any time they needed it?

If the wholesale drug house, Morrison, Plummer & Co. did send us Johnston's Ethereal Antiseptic Soap in place of Johnson & Johnson's Ethereal Soap which we ordered (see copy of order—Exhibit C), and if Mr. Larsen did not notice the error on delivery, I think the department should have given us this information at once. They approved every bill under the Johnson & Johnson name, and this complaint is the first I have ever heard of the error.

These answers are replies to all the complaints which refer to this office. The remaining complaints refer to various other offices of the University, concerning the merits of which I know nothing, of course.

Yours very respectfully,

Thos. 03. Intr.
December 12th, 1903.

My dear Mr. Freas:

Your letter of November 27th was duly received. I have taken great interest in reading its contents and think that you have met the case exactly. I wish only to correct one point: I have never questioned at all the propriety of your conduct in refusing to pay the bill for the telephones. The department did not win every point in the affair over your office. As a matter of fact the department was distinctly informed that your office had done exactly what it was expected to do. I ought to say further that the points that I raised in my letter to you were not complaints entered against your department, but answers to questions which I myself asked. In other words, they did not lodge a formal complaint but made these statements in response to questions which I myself had asked. The case is therefore not quite so serious as you thought it. I wish to say that your answers are exceedingly satisfactory in every sense, that I do not need to make further investigation but affirm myself that the work has been conducted thoroughly satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,
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duplicate to someone as you explained it. I am to say that many companies

make further investigation concerning contracts and other work that took

consequence promptly and systematically.

Yours very truly,
November 19th, 1903.

My dear Mr. Fresen:—

I am told that in connection with the work in the physiological laboratory the things ordered do not always come together; that frequently the thing that comes is not the thing ordered, and that material is sent to the laboratory by someone who leaves it with irresponsible persons, and that there is sometimes what seems to be unnecessary delay. I am sure that the third difficulty can be remedied, and I beg you to have the messenger take the receipt for material in the physiological laboratory only from one of the higher officials or a regular assistant. Will you kindly give your particular attention to remedying, so far as you can, the other points? You understand, I think, the particular circumstances connected with this case, and will do all that you can as I am sure you have been doing to make things run smoothly.

Yours very truly,
I am told that in connection with the work in the Psychological Laboratory the figure above to not attempt to express my conception that the thing that comes at the first view of someone is what has happened and that we are to forget it with no reference to what else happened.

I am told that the thing difficult to be mastered by everyone and I have to remember this and pay attention to this. I am told that most important fact is the one of the case, and I hope you will not forget that you can as I am sure you have passed.
My dear Dr. Harper:—

I return the letter of Mr. Freas. This letter seems to me one of the most intelligent, admirable and conclusive letters I have ever read. The men who have made these statements should either substantiate them or make apologies to Mr. Freas.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Secretary.
CHICAGO, Dec. 8, 1905.

My dear Mr. Hanford:

I return this letter at my request.

Further notice of an item of the more interesting and apparent may be given by me when your next letter is received. I have sent some papers which will reach you about the same time. I trust, however, to take the matter up again at some future date.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Registrar.
President W. R. Harper,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

I have been intending for some time to write you regarding the purchasing department of the University Press, which has proved to be a most serious source of difficulty to the Observatory. It is possible, if our work were different in character and the Observatory were situated on the University campus where we could see the purchasing agent daily and secure early attention for orders transmitted through the Press, that the system might prove an effectual one. But there are many reasons why we should purchase our supplies direct from the dealers:

(1) Astronomical phenomena occur at certain times, and if not observed then the opportunity is wholly lost. In this way the science differs from others, and the need of having everything ready at specified times is very great. Such delays as we have experienced when ordering through the Press are therefore intolerable.

(2) The special nature of the supplies required makes it necessary for us in transmitting orders to enter into direct correspondence with the dealers. For example, we require specially prepared photographic plates, made from certain emulsions, and delivered at once, as some of
Dear Mr. Nutter,

I have been instructed to take some time to write you the following:

I have a few suggestions for the university's future. I believe we need to address some of the challenges to the university. It is important to keep certain aspects of the university strong, and the recommendations are as follows:

1. Enhanced student engagement can be facilitated through the use of technology. In this way, the students engage more actively in their studies.

2. The university should continue to focus on research and innovation. This will help to attract more students and enhance the academic reputation.

3. The university has a unique opportunity to take the lead in green energy, which is a crucial area for the future.

4. The time to act now for significant organic growth is now. We have not yet maximized our opportunities.

I hope these suggestions are helpful and that the university finds this useful in its future planning.
Dr. Harper,

the plates spoil in a short time. On account of the delays, it is not safe to send rush orders through the Press. In the case of iron and brass castings we must send the patterns with the order direct to the moulder. In the case of the enclosed bill technical instructions were required. The order was therefore sent direct to Brashear, and the Press did nothing but copy the bill twice. For this we are charged $18.25. The bill was sent us for approval on Oct. 31st, though it must have been paid long before. On Nov. 30th it comes to us again, with the charge of $18.25. I see no reason why this should be approved.

(3) We have always had in operation a complete and business-like system of transmitting orders, securing discounts, auditing bills, etc. You will doubtless remember many cases where the efficiency of this system has been tested, with results that showed no error on our part. At present, when we see no bills (except for goods ordered by us direct) until several months have elapsed, we have no way of checking them, or of securing corrections in discounts, etc. This has already resulted in loss to the University. For example, we have just received from the Press a bill for two chairs ordered in July, both of which probably have been paid for, though only one was delivered.

(4) If you desire it, I can furnish details regarding the serious delays we have experienced under the new regime. We have finally been compelled, in the case of supplies needed within a month, to order direct from the dealers.

I respectfully request that the Observatory, on account of its
distance from the University and the peculiar nature of its needs, be permitted to order all its supplies direct from the dealers, and not through the University Press. I also wish to enter a protest against the charge of five per cent. made on recent bills.

I do not wish to lay any blame on any person connected with the purchasing department, as I believe one of the principal difficulties to be the inadequate number of men employed for this purpose. I merely wish to indicate my acquiescence in the view which has been expressed by Mr. Simpson, namely, that this system of purchasing cannot be applied satisfactorily in the case of the Observatory.

Very truly yours,
In relation to your inquiry and the current situation, I am writing to express my concern over the imbalance of power and influence in the University System. I also wish to express a broader view about the role of the University Senate. As one of the principal authorities, I believe it is essential to introduce the concept of new perspective to the system. I view this as a way to introduce a new dimension to the view which has been prevalent over time. In this manner, we can promote a new approach to the organization and to address the needs of the present generation in the best possible manner.
November 27, 1903.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper, President,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:—

I wish to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to answer the charges made against this office by members of the Department of Physiology. I am sure many misrepresentations have been made to you. Whether these complaints are unjust I will leave to your judgment, after you have learned my side of the controversy.

In order that you may understand the animus behind this attack, I desire to go, in detail, into the history of the Physiological Laboratory trouble. This department presented a bill for payment on petty cash in October, which called for three telephones. It appears that the department had asked, through the proper channels (not this office), for these phones to connect different rooms, and being annoyed at the delay in getting the phones bought them with cash, and then presented the bill to me. I objected to paying the bill, after consultation with two members of the Committee on Expenditures, because the installment of equipment of that character does not properly belong to the Laboratory Supply Department, and because, as a rule, items of this amount in value could be bought to advantage through the regular channels.
The University of Chicago Press

May 5, 1930

I am happy to tell you that following up the announcement of the appointment of the new chairmen of the Department of Philosophy, I have been informed that you have been elected chairman of the department.

I write to suggest that you consider the possibilities of forming an academic society in connection with the department. This society might have as its objects the promotion of scientific research, the encouragement of philosophical inquiry, and the fostering of scholarly activity in the field of philosophy.

If you think that you might be interested in forming such a society, I would be glad to work with you to establish it. The department would provide the necessary support and resources.

Please let me know if you are interested in pursuing this idea further. I look forward to discussing it with you in more detail.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dr. Wm. R. Harper—2

In my letter of objection to this I referred to the buying of such things as solder on petty cash; we had this in the storeroom at considerably less per pound. I also made objection once to paying on petty cash for certain instruments while we had same in stock at less cost. You know the committee on Expenditures pass regularly a storeroom requisition for emergencies, and I have never refused to write out at once an order on these requisitions for emergency articles, on request of the proper departmental authority.

You know the result of that trouble when the appeal was made to you. Apparently, feeling that the department had won every point in the affair over this office, it seems that certain members of the department are ready to bring strange charges against us that may cause embarrassment.

Now I shall take up the answer of the charges brought against us in the order in which you have given them:

1. That things ordered do not come together.

I presume that the complainant means to say that when a requisition, listing a certain number of articles, is placed that these goods arrive at the laboratory in various shipments, and are not delivered in one lot. You know that the articles listed on one requisition may be had to advantage only by placing the order with several different firms, and perhaps one or more of these firms may be out of the city. Even one and the same firm may not fill its order at one shipment on account of having to make, or secure elsewhere certain articles. We hold it a rule to make deliveries to the department
as soon as possible after the arrival of the goods. This, I believe, you will readily admit is in the interest of the department, since these articles usually have no connection with each other, and since there may be great need for one or all of them.

2. That frequently the thing that comes is not the thing ordered.

This is a charge that I look upon as serious, and I shall be unwilling to allow the matter to drop until the members of the department, who make this assertion, submit specific cases. In looking over the account back to July, I am unable to find a single case where this is true. I do confess that by error in copying we delivered them ten of a particular kind of small clamp, where there requisition called for but five. Our attention being called to this small error, we cheerfully made correction, and entered the proper credits. I do recall on delivery of certain chemical apparatus some weeks ago, the report that the articles were not the ones desired. But the original list made by the department, now on file in this office, will show that the articles at first delivered were the exact articles called for by catalogue numbers. On questioning, before ordering, whether the department really wanted the exact articles specified, I was instructed that the lists gave the catalogue numbers which should be sufficient for my use, the department apparently feeling that it was an intrusion for me to ask even for information. I proceeded to get the exact articles ordered by the department. When the department found it received what it did not want, I offered to make exchanges. Concerning any other similar cases I have heard nothing.
I think that I must try to learn not to do anything or say anything as soon as possible to allow the matter to remain in suspense until the position is known, your All.

I have been thinking of the government and how the government may want things to be.

I was thinking of how things are going to work out and what I can do to help.

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3. That the material is sent to the laboratory by some one who leaves it with irresponsible persons.

I submit a list of all signatures back to July for deliveries of goods which we were expected to lay down in the Physiology Building for this department. This leaves out of consideration only those signatures obtained when the department's own messenger called directly at the storeroom for immediate wants. If these are the irresponsible persons to whom reference was made, I beg information as to my method of procedure. I would be glad to make deliveries only to persons who may be redesignated.

List of signatures above mentioned.

Dr. Lyon........................9 times
Dr. Neilson.........................27 "
Dr. Guthrie.........................7 "
Dr. Lingle..........................1 "
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Fairchild..........................1 " (Student Storeroom keeper)
F. Rieske.........................10 "
Churchill.........................1 " (Student storeroom keeper)

4. That there is sometimes what seems to be an unnecessary delay.

This is a broad statement and a very serious one, to my mind, as to the efficiency of this office. I shall be unwilling to drop this until the department makes the charge more specific. As a rule requisitions are certified by me and mailed to the committee on Expenditures on the same day on which they arrive at my office. Orders are usually placed on the day on which the requisitions are returned approved, unless there be some special reason for delay. My office records will show dates of requisitions and dates of orders. These can be consulted by any person whom you may select, and I can show that
my contentions are true.

I would ask you to make inquiries from other departments on their general experience on such points. I cannot rest easy under such unfounded criticisms, and I hope that you will investigate the matter as fully as possible.

Yours very respectfully,

Thos. B. Freas
I want you to make matters clear and explain:

I cannot do that. Please provide me with more information so I can assist you.

Your best interests will be served by getting a new position.

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more of these titles may be out of the city. When one and the

some time may not fill the other or one or two years on account

of being out to make or become an employee certain matters.

We hope it is right to make employees to the department as soon as

possible after the training at the college. Then I believe

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to find a single case where this is true. I do not find that

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on gelatin or certain process, partly because some weeks ago, the

report that the statistics were not the ones gathered. But the

attorney that made up the department, now on the side in this office

will show that the statistics at that gelatin were the exact

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I am sure you will be interested to hear that I have received several letters from the government concerning similar cases to the one you have been notified of. The matter is one that I shall refer to the Inspector of the Department for immediate action.

I am enclosing a list of all the names and addresses of the persons concerned, which we have been able to trace after the departure of the Governor for whom we were expecting to lay the ground for the prevention of like cases in the future.

If these are the persons to whom I refer, I will be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience, as to any further information you may have.

I hope my letter will serve as an incentive to you and a reminder of the necessity of the office you have been placed in.

I am, therefore, at your service.

Dr. W. M. Miller.
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Yours very respectfully,

Thomas B. Freas.
Dr. W. R. Harper—

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Yours very respectfully,

Thomas A. West.
June 4th, 1903.

May 28, 1903.

Mr. W. R. Harper, President,

The University of Chicago.

Mr. Thomas B. Freas,

Dear Dr. Harper:—

My dear Mr. Freas:—

In a short time we shall probably have requests from the different departments to send an appointment at an early date. I think we may arrange to give out microscopes and other apparatus to wood halls. I desire to know whether you will authorize us to follow the custom of previous years, viz.: that does not cost the University transportation, and provided that guarantee is given for its proper return, and provided also that the amount shall not be larger than in former years.

Yours very truly,

Your formal approval of such loans subsequently.

Yours very respectfully,

Thos. B. Freas

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Mr. Thomas E. Adams,

Mr. James McPhee:

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Yours very truly,

[Name]
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Dr. W. R. Harper, President,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

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Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Note: The number 39 is at the bottom of the page, but its context is unclear.]
Mr. W. E. Harkness,
Director of Governors of the University of Chicago,

Dear Mr. Harkness:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the gesture of offering me a position on the committee to review the recommendations of the committee on the expansion of the University of Chicago. I am honored to have been selected for such an important role.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
May 1, 1905.

President William R. Harper,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Referring to the letter which Mr. Miller wrote you, in regard to the delivery of mail from the Laboratory Supply Department, I would say that the mail now comes direct by messenger from the Press Building to this office and that there is no undue delay.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

Thos. P. Freas
President William H. Harper

The University of Chicago

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benefit of myself from the Department of
the press, I was only to point out the
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no misgivings.

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