October 25, 1923

President Ernest D. Burton,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Burton:

Referring further to our talk last evening on the matter of Haskell Oriental Museum:

I cannot find that there were provisions as to the use of the funds stipulated in the gift, but from the Decennial Publications, First Series, Volume I, on pages 544 and 545, you will find Dr. Harper's speech which ended up with --

"On behalf of the Trustees of the University I accept from Mr. Goodspeed, whom she has chosen to represent her on this occasion, the gift of Haskell Oriental Museum and I promise on behalf of the University that the building shall be sacredly set apart for the purpose indicated."

This seems to be something for us to think about!

Yours cordially,

[Signature]
My Dear Dr. Harper:

I enclose suggestions—

requested in your script to the Commission of the Haskell Oriental Museum.

The first, in the language of universal scholarship—tells the story of religion. As it says, it comes from the East, all the great religions have. It also describes the Oriental character of the statues in the Haskell Oriental Museum.

The second—in the Congregational Church, which will be largely studied in the building, tells the truth about Christ what is really the essence of Christian science. Congregational Religion.

The third—in the Congregational—

The greatest of races—a Congregational Minister.
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seen clearly linked with studies in
the Museum - tells a universal
truth - in regard to all divine
revelations.
All the answers are about
light. The East is the reality
light. Christ is light. Divine
love, give light.
This is all the
light I can throw on the
question.

John Henry Newman

Ours is a Christian University - and
it is appropriate to place on this founda-
tion-stone - the Three Languages used
in the inscription on the Cross of Him
who is our Foundation Stone.
The circumstances connected with the giving of this money were most interesting. An effort was being made, at the time, to secure the sum of one million dollars before July 1, 1894, in order that the gifts pledged conditionally by Martin A. Ryerson and John D. Rockefeller might be secured. While progress has been made, the result was very uncertain. The summer season was coming on, and many whom we might have counted on had left the city. There still remained nearly $200,000 to complete the sum required. I remember distinctly a warm day about the first of June which the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and myself had spent in the city from early morning until late in the afternoon without meeting success of any kind. No person upon whom we called was found at home. As we were returning home it was suggested that perhaps our friend, Mr. Caroline E. Haskell, who had before expressed great interest in the work, might be willing to assist in the work we were trying to accomplish. It was found that she had been considering very seriously the question of erecting a building upon the grounds of the University in memory of her husband, and in a few minutes she expressed her willingness to furnish the money for the erection of such a building. It was this gift that made certain the securing of the million dollars. The building, therefore, important as it is in itself, means more than at first sight would appear. In securing this building The University at the same time secured $900,000, which, so far as one can see, would have been lost to The University but for Mrs. Haskell’s timely help.

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City.
My dear President Burton:

Word incidentally came to my ear the other day that Haskell Oriental Museum is to be "scrapped," nominally "moved" to the East side of the Quadrangle.

Perhaps I should keep silent on the matter, but my interest in the University, and especially in the Divinity School and the Biblical department, impels me to send you this word.

I am wondering whether such a plan has been carefully thought out in all its many phases, by the promoters, for it is not, by any means, a one-sided question.

1. The so-called lands of the Bible have been yielding much, and will yield vastly more material in the near future, that will greatly enlarge our knowledge of the life of the ancient Hebrews in general, and the Hebrew people in particular. Such material to be of most value to Bible students should be easily accessible, and not housed in another building more than a block away, even on the same campus (witness the geological and geographical blocs). Such archaeological objects kept in another, and a block-distant building, could be more elaborately displayed for the benefit of a public museum, but would have an impaired value to Bible students who would...
be doing their work on another section of the campus.

2. I am wondering whether the promoters of the plan have fully weighed the proportion of "scrapping" a building given and named after the donor for a specific purpose, in fact one of the best-built structures on the campus; (b) whether the "scrapping" of so prominent and personal a building—not yet thirty years old—would not have a deleterious effect on other would-be donors of buildings for the campus in the future; (c) whether such a plan carried would not put into the hands of those persons who already cherish suspicions that gifts to institutions are not always administered according to terms of the bequest, after the passing of the giver; (d) whether Haskell would not be amply sufficient to house all the best Deuteric archaeological objects that we can secure for many years to come, and its private offices enough to accommodate the required staff and research rooms for advanced workers.

3. If the University wishes to erect a large general museum, that is quite another question, and Haskell should not be sacrificed to that idea. The geological and geography departments have their own museums, and I see no reason why the Divinity School and the Biblical departments should not do the same.
Of course, to you and me personally, it may make little difference, as we are nearing our retiring periods, but for the Divinity School and Bible students it is a vital matter that we cannot or should not overlook.

Failing that the very best things may be done, and begging pardon for this word "failing,"

Very faithfully yours,

Ira M. Price
May 27th, 1901.

MRS. EDWARD C. MITCHELL,
LELAND UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

MY DEAR MRS. MITCHELL:

I DESIRE, ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY, TO EXPRESS OUR VERY GREAT APPRECIATION OF YOUR KINDNESS TO US AND THE INTEREST YOU HAVE TAKEN IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, IN PRESENTING YOUR HUSBAND'S COLLECTION OF ANTIQUITIES AND CURIOSES.

THE TERMS WHICH YOU SUGGEST WILL BE COMPLIED WITH.

THE COLLECTION WILL BE PLACED IN A FIRE-PROOF BUILDING, (HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM) AND WILL BE DESIGNATED "THE EDWARD C. MITCHELL COLLECTION."

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS IN REFERENCE TO PACKING, BUT FEEL QUITE SURE THAT YOU WILL FIND SOME ONE IN NEW ORLEANS WHO CAN DO THIS WORK BETTER THAN WE CAN. IF YOU WILL SEND THE COLLECTION TO "WILLIAM R. HARPER,
HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM,
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS."

IT WILL REACH ME SAFELY.

AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUS-
My dear Mr. McCallum,

I received the news of the untimely passing of Mr. McCallum with great shock and sadness. I want to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family, and to everyone who knew Mr. McCallum.

In my capacity as the University of California, Berkeley, I would like to extend my sympathy and condolences to the family and to the University of California, Berkeley, in this time of great bereavement.

I appreciate your support in handling the collection of materials and records of the late Mr. McCallum. I would like to have a copy of the collection.

We are not able to make suggestions to reference to Mr. McCallum, but feel that some form of special tribute could be developed. If you have any ideas, please let me know. It is my understanding that the collection is to "William R. McCallum, University of California, Berkeley." It will need to be cataloged.

At the next meeting of the Board of Trustees,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
tees your letter will be placed before the Board and official acknowledgement will be sent to you.

Would it be asking too much of you to have a catalogue made of the items, with whatever data you have, in order that there may be no risk of mixing the articles involved?

Please allow me again to express my appreciation of the kindness you have shown to the University and to myself. With pleasant recollections of my visit, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
I fear your letter will be pleasing perhaps the more so to you. Any alteration you may make will be most acceptable to me. I hope you will be kind enough to send me a copy of the new edition, whatever may be your plan. Have you prepared it? I suppose the change may be no lack of material, but I should be glad to have the opportunity of using it as a work of reference. Please allow me to express my obligations to you for your kindness, you have shown to the University and to myself. With the most respectful regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

R.F. Harper
Chicago, October 11, 1916

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Director of the Haskell Oriental Museum informs me that the Art Institute has presented to the University and delivered to Haskell Museum a clay tablet cuneiform letter which belongs to the famous Tell el Amarna collection. Please accept, on behalf of the University, cordial thanks for this very interesting addition to the resources of the Oriental Museum.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. C. L. Hutchinson
President of the Art Institute, Chicago
October 11, 1976

My dear Mr. Hurnfison,

The President of the University

Oriented Museum facilities, I am that the Arts Institute

Please extend to the University of Chicago.

Museum a copy of the invitation letter which I appended to

the request to the University. I repeat again, please notify the

Oriented Museum of the invitation letter.

Very truly yours,

H.P.L. Hurnfison

Mr. O. J. Hurnfison

President of the Arts Institute, Chicago
Chicago, October 11, 1916

Dear Mr. Breasted:

    I have your note of the 10th inst. and will write an official letter to the Art Institute accordingly.

    Very truly yours.

H. P. J. - L.

Mr. J. H. Breasted
The University of Chicago
Official, October 11, 1936

Dear Mr. President:

I have your note of the 10th inst. and will write an official letter to the Vice President regarding...

Very truly yours,

E.P.L. - L.

H. B. D. President
The University of Chicago
President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University.

Dear President Judson:

May I hand you this memorandum of the fact that the Art Institute has presented to the University and delivered to Haskell Museum a clay tablet cuneiform letter which belongs to the famous Tell el Amarna collection? I am making informal acknowledgment to Mr. Hutchinson, but I understand that formal acknowledgment will go to the Art Institute from your office.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

James H. Breasted
DEAR SIR/MADAM,

I am writing to inform you of the following:

[Text continues, but is not legible due to the nature of the image.]
October 9th, 1902.

My dear Mr. Goodspeed:-

I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter of October 6th and the information which it contains. The material has been placed in the hands of the press.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

Mr. Edgar Goodspeed
October 6th, 1908

Mr. Dear Mr. Coepehag:

I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter of October 6th and the information which it contains.

The portrait was found placed in the frame at the pleasure.

Yours very truly,

F. H. H. H. H. H.
Chicago Oct. 6, 1902

My dear President Harper,

Allow me to acknowledge your letter concerning the Museum headquarters in the Egyptological Seminar. I was evidently under a misapprehension as to my relation to the room. There will I think be no difficulty in the new arrangement so far as I am concerned.

Mr. Place's case of Palestinian objects has arrived, and I have deposited them provisionally in the North Museum, as suggested by Dr. Breasted. I enclose a statement for the press about them in case you are disposed to give it to the newspapers. It seems to me advisable to give the matter that recognition.

Oct. 8, 1902

Francis W. Shepard

Secretary to the President

Edgar Goodspeed

Acting Director
The Haskell Oriental Museum has just received through the kindness of Alfred N. Place, a novel collection of Palestinian agricultural implements and implements. While in the Holy Land with Prof. Thaler Mathews, travel class in the winter of 1902, Mr. Place collected these objects and shipped them to the Museum. They arrived last week and have just been unpacked and put in place in the North Museum. The principal object is a single plough, with a heavy wooden bar-joists, and the single single handle usual in Palestinian ploughs. Two long ox goads accompany this curious and clumsy contrivance. Wooden pitch forks, winnowing forks, and clubs, and
As for your other letter, the Postmaster replied:

"I am sorry to inform you that the mail has been unusually slow this season due to increased traffic. We are doing our best to expedite the delivery."

Sincerely,
Postmaster
a modern Synagogue oil lamp are among Mr. Place's finds, but most interesting to attach is a stone hand mill for grinding grain. A flat stone circular in shape is made to revolve upon another. The grain being poured in at the top stone, and drifting out in a coarse flour at the edges of the stones. Like the plough, the mill is in good working order. Just such mills were in use in the Holy Land in Jesus' day and for centuries before, and they are still seen everywhere among the people there, two women often grinding together at the same mill.

Mr. Place was well known at the University and throughout Western athletic circles, playing left centre field on the University nine, half back on the eleven, and winning a "C" for his proficiency in various field events.
Dear [Name],

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your kind gesture of offering me the opportunity to continue my education at your esteemed institution. Your generosity and support have made a significant impact on my career and life.

I have been working on my [thesis/project/assignment] and I am making steady progress. Your guidance has been invaluable, and I am looking forward to completing my work soon. Thank you for being such a wonderful mentor.

Please find attached a copy of the current status of my project. I hope this information meets your requirements.

I am also excited to mention that I have been exploring new research avenues and I believe they hold great potential. I would love to discuss these ideas with you in our next meeting.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation for all the time and effort you have invested in me. Your support and encouragement have been instrumental in my success.

Thank you again for your unwavering support. I look forward to our next meeting.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Dear President Harper:—

The Secretary of the Egypt Exploration Fund advises me of the donation to the Haskell Museum of above 60 antiquities from the recent excavations of Professor Petrie at Abydos, and of Drs. Grenfell and Hunt in the Fayum. As the work of Professor Petrie at Abydos has proved of much importance in clearing up the earliest period of Egyptian History, these objects, some of which come from the First Dynasty, are of the highest interest. The collection includes plaques, palettes, vases, and jars of pottery, slate and alabaster, stelae and statuettes of granite, besides papyri, ushebtis, household utensils, and rings and amulets of ivory and gold.

With your permission I will at once make acknowledgement to the Secretary, of the goodness of the Committee of the Fund, in thus generously considering the interests of this Museum.

Truly yours,

[Signature]

Ass't Director.

Press Statement Appended.
October 31, 1923.

My dear Mr. Dickerson:

Will you please find for me if possible the precise terms of the gift of Mrs. Haskell for the erection of the Oriental Museum?

Very truly yours,

E. O. Burton

Mr. J. S. Dickerson,
Office of the Secretary.
OCTOBER 9, 1955

My dear Mr. Dickinson:

Will you please find for me

If possible, the location of the

site of Mr. Russell's house for the dedication

of the library museum.

Very truly yours,

[signature]

Office of the Governor.
President Ernest D. Burton,
University of Chicago.
Dear Mr. President:

On the accompanying sheet I am giving you all the pertinent actions of the Board of Trustees concerning Haskell Oriental Museum. Besides those which I have recorded, there are certain other actions with reference to various details which I presume you do not care for. If anything further is needed, I shall be glad to look through the musty correspondence filed away. No doubt that in the President's correspondence files for 1894 there is a rich mine, nuggets from which perhaps you could dig up if you could get at the files. Needless to say if there is anything else that I can do or any other place that I can search, I shall be only too glad to follow your suggestions.

Nothing of any consequence appears in the record of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Secretary.
From the Minutes of the Board of Trustees

May 15, 1894:

The following letters were read from Mrs. Caroline E. Haskell:

Chicago, May 5, 1894.

President William R. Harper, D.D.,

My dear Sir:

I have been informed that Professor G.S. Goodspeed, and others, associated with the University of Chicago, have expressed the earnest hope that the friends of the University, recognizing the great interest aroused by the Parliament of Religions, would endow a Lectureship on the Relations of Christianity to the Other Faiths of the World. I take pleasure in now offering to the Trustees of the University of Chicago the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, to establish and perpetuate a Lectureship of Comparative Religion, by which at least six lectures shall be delivered annually, before the students, teachers and friends of the University, under such conditions and specifications as shall be determined by Professor G.S. Goodspeed and yourself.

I am in hearty agreement with the conviction that the immense interest awakened by the wonderful Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in September, 1893, makes it eminently desirable that the students in the University, and the people generally, shall be given wise instruction on the most important of all subjects; and I learn with satisfaction of your strong desire that this lectureship should be held first by Rev. John Henry Barrows, D.D., whose energy, tolerance and catholicity of spirit and prolonged laborious devotion gave the Parliament of Religions, in so large a measure, its remarkable success.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Caroline E. Haskell.

Pres. Wm. R. Harper,

My dear Sir:

I transmit herewith the note and stock to which I referred in my conversation with you last evening, with the understanding that the income from these properties up to January 1, 1895, shall be returned to me.

With much regard, I remain

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Caroline E. Haskell.

Chicago, May 4, 1894.
May 17, 1939

The following letter was sent from Mr. Galloway

Mr. Kaiser

Galloway, May 7, 1939

Resident Writer, Metron, D.C.

My dear sir:

As you are probably aware, my position at the University of Chicago has been terminated by the new administration which has been installed. I have been informed that it is not the policy of the University to continue my services. I feel that I have rendered valuable service to the University and that I have a right to expect some compensation for the work that I have done.

I am willing to arrange with you a settlement of my claims, provided that you are willing to make a reasonable offer. I believe that I have a claim for approximately $5,000.00 for services rendered during the past year.

If you are willing to make a reasonable offer, I believe that we can come to an agreement. If you are not willing to make a reasonable offer, I believe that I have a right to present my case to the University and to demand a settlement.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) (Name of Individual)

Mr. Kaiser

My dear sir:

I have received your letter of May 17, 1939. I must say that I am somewhat surprised to hear that you are willing to make a reasonable offer. I believe that I have a right to expect some compensation for the work that I have done.

I am willing to arrange with you a settlement of my claims, provided that you are willing to make a reasonable offer. I believe that I have a claim for approximately $5,000.00 for services rendered during the past year.

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I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) (Name of Individual)
It being understood that the value of the securities was $20,310 and that Mrs. Haskell desired to make her donation $20,000 even. It was voted that there should be returned to her Jan. 1, 1895, $310 and also the income from the fund up to that date, and President Harper was instructed to inform Mrs. Haskell that the trustees gratefully accept the contribution on these terms.

July 16, 1894:

That a special committee of five, consisting of the President of the University, Mr. Ryerson, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Shorey and Mr. Rust be appointed to report on plans and location of the Haskell Museum.

November 13, 1894:

Mr. Hutchinson reported that he and Dr. Harper had made the following arrangement with Mrs. C.E. Haskell for the payment of her subscription of $100,000 for the building of the Haskell Museum. They had received from her the following securities:

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(Six months income as called for to be paid to Mrs. Haskell on above stock and bonds $734.00) Also note of Mrs. Haskell for balance dated Oct. 31, 1894, three years, secured by trust deed on premises 236 and 238 Monroe St., interest 4 per cent from May 1, 1895, payable semi-annually, provided the premises on Monroe St. are then rented.

The action was approved.

It was stated that since the arrangement was made the C.B.& Q. and C.R.I. & P. stock had been sold at an advance of $1,840, less the commission $56.87.

April 9, 1895:

For the committee on the Haskell Oriental Museum the Comptroller reported that the location had been fixed about 200 feet east of Middle Hall, submitted the final plans of the building, recommended that the construction be fireproof and submitted a synopsis of the bids and estimates for the work aggregating $93,500. The report was received and ordered placed on file. The plans were approved as also the recommendation as to fireproof construction. The committee was continued with full power to act and authorized to let the contracts and erect the building on a fireproof basis, the limit of expense to be
$92,000, including the grading about the building and walks leading to the entrance and the Board adjourned.

Sept. 10, 1895:

E.B. Felsenthal and W.R. Harper with the Comptroller cooperating, were appointed a Committee to report on the furnishing of the Haskell Oriental Museum with an estimate of the cost and to submit at the same time a statement of the balance that will remain in the Haskell Fund after the building is finished and furnished.

Nov, 12, 1895:

For the committee on electric plant for ventilation of Cobb, Kent and Ryerson, Mr. Rust reported progress. In the absence of Mr. Ryerson, Mr. McLeish was added to the committee. The committee was directed to take into consideration the needs of the Haskell Museum and was authorized to act in relation to electric lighting as well as ventilation.

January 2, 1896:

University of Chicago

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your action instructing us to report an estimate of the cost of furnishing the Haskell Oriental Museum as also a statement of balance that will remain in the Haskell Fund after the building is finished and furnished, we beg to submit the following:

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Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) E.B. Felsenthal,
Henry A. Rust,
Committee.

President Harper brought before the Board the need of collections for the Museum, assuring the Trustees that Mrs. Haskell wished the balance of the fund expended in securing them.

The report was received. The committee was continued and authorized to expend for furniture and collections not to exceed $8,000.


Dear Mr. Director:

The committee has been informed that the grant report is due at the present time. The committee has reviewed the report and has found the following:

1. The grant report is incomplete.
2. The budget is not balanced.
3. The project objectives are not met.

The committee recommends that:

1. The grant report be revised and submitted within 30 days.
2. The budget be balanced and submitted within 15 days.
3. The project objectives be met and submitted within 10 days.

The committee looks forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues in further detail.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Assistant Director

The report was received. The committee will continue any additional work necessary to complete the report.
June 26, 1896:

The President reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Haskell on June 22 in which she expresses her entire willingness to have the funds of the Haskell and Barrows Lecturships invested in a building at Morgan Park, with the understanding that such building would yield an income for the support of the lectures.
November 6, 1923.

My dear Mr. Dickerson:

I thank you for yours of November 1st with its extracts from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees with reference to the Haskell Lectures and Haskell building. What I want to know, however, is the precise terms on which the money for the Haskell Museum was given. Do you suppose you could find that for me?

Very truly yours,

Mr. J. S. Dickerson,
Office of the Secretary.
November 6, 1933

My dear Mr. Richardson:

I thank you for your note of November

and the enclosure from the Minister of

the Board of Trade with reference to the

Haekeli enterprises and Haekeli financing.

I want to know, however, if the decision taken

on whether the money for the Haekeli concerns

was given. Do you suppose you could find that

for me?

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Mr. E. D. Doorman
Office of the Secretary

SB-02
January 10, 1924.

My dear Mathews:

I have your letter about Haskell and a Museum of Religion.

1) I think I need converting on the idea of a Museum of Religion. I never saw one that seemed to me worth looking at. What we can see seems to be very helpfully illustrative of religion. Probably I am wrong, but I guess I need convincing.

2) Nothing has been decided about removing Haskell. There are two reasons for it. The oriental Museum will eventually need a larger building. The Libraries are sure to need the space for a larger building at this point.

3) If the plan that includes this feature is adopted, the actual removal of Haskell will hardly come in my life or yours.

4) If we can get the Theological Building, either Haskell thus relieved, or Theology itself might I should think provide space for the beginnings of a Museum of Religion.

5) The replacement of Haskell by a building of three times its capacity, and the removal of the Oriental Museum to another building is the surest way to provide space for a Museum, of Religion. With Haskell where it is and the Oriental Museum in it, there will be only temporary and limited space for it.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Shailer Mathews,
Divinity School.
Dr. J. M. P. Smith,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Smith:

May I acknowledge, tardily in each case, 
receipt of your letters of January eighth, January 
thirteenth, and January twenty-fourth.

As concerns the first of these, I shall 
await receipt from you of the recommendation of the 
Department respecting Dr. Mann.

As concerns the possible transfer of the 
Oriental Institute and the Museum material now in 
Haskell to another site and building, I do not wonder 
that you have some doubts and questions. There are 
manifest advantages in the retention of this work 
and material in immediate connection with the 
Theological Building. The reasons which led Dr. 
Breasted and myself to incline to the plan which he 
mentioned to you were twofold.

In the first place and from my point of 
view, the only way that I see to escape the entire 
abandonment of the plan of the Libraries approved 
in 1902 and the adoption of some radically different 
scheme such as that of Mr. Wilkins’ is to provide 
considerable more space for books and readers within 
what we have been calling the Library Group, meaning 
by this phrase the buildings east, west and north of 
Harper as far as the proposed Theological Building. 
There are only three ways that I can discover to do 
this, and in the long run I suspect that it will be 
necessary to employ them all. These three ways are, 
first, to replace Haskell by a building of approximately three times its capacity; second, to build a 
built building of approximately the capacity of Haskell or greater east and west between the north ends of the 
Law Building and the building which would occupy the 
present site of Haskell; and third, to devote the
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Secretary's Office

ADAM, M. H.

General Secretary of Office

Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Smith:

I come to you in the capacity of the Secretary of your state of honest effort, to bring to your attention the serious financial and economic difficulties of the Department of State, of which you are a part. As a result of this, I am writing to you to ask for your assistance in the preservation of the Department and the maintenance of its operation.

In the first place, may I have the opportunity to express the view that the only way that I see to maintain the integrity of the Department is to maintain it. As a matter of fact, the Department has never been as strong as it is now. We have been able to maintain the structure of the Department and to maintain the financial stability of the Department. However, we have been able to do this only because of the intelligence and the financial resources of the Department.

I wish to bring to your attention the serious financial difficulties of the Department. The Department has been in a state of financial difficulty for some time. The Department has been unable to maintain its operations due to the lack of funds. The Department has been forced to reduce its staff and to reduce its operations.

I would like to emphasize the importance of the Department and the necessity of maintaining its operations. The Department is an important institution and it is essential that it be maintained. I urge you to do all that you can to assist the Department in maintaining its operations.

Sincerely yours,

ADAM, M. H.
Law Building to Library purposes pure and simple, erecting a building for the Law School somewhere else.

That it is possible to erect in the place of Haskell a building of so much greater capacity will be clear if you reflect that this building is for practical purposes only thirty feet wide, whereas a building of twice that width of the same length could easily stand at that same spot without appreciably encroaching upon the court of the Divinity Dormitories; and if you will also consider that by constructing a basement of the same depth as that in Harper and by carrying the building up to the height of the Law School you would gain almost if not quite fifty percent in capacity as measured in height. In short, what I propose is to match the Law School with a building of equal or slightly greater size and certainly with greater basement capacity.

If you have any doubt of the feasibility of a building east and west, constituting the fourth side of Harper Court, this would, I think, be dispelled by seeing the architect's sketches and prospective which I have had prepared to test the matter, and by his opinion that the scheme is wholly feasible architecturally.

Mr. Breasted was influenced merely by his feeling that Haskell is wholly inadequate to the development that he has in mind and is not perfectly suited to the purposes of a museum. He therefore welcomed the suggestion that a different and much larger building might be erected east of Walker and connected with it.

Perhaps Mr. Breasted intimated to you the hope that we might secure at once the money for the new Haskell east of Walker. That hope we cherished but have been obliged to abandon. This fact puts the whole matter in a somewhat different light, since the precise solution of the problem is left to be determined later and will no doubt be influenced by conditions which we cannot now wholly foresee.

It is possible, for example, that a
building somewhat of the dimensions which I indicated above might be built on the site of Haskell, the upper half of it being given over to museum purposes and the lower half to library stacks. But I am rather inclined to feel that in the long run it will be seen that the space now occupied by Haskell is so imperatively needed for library purposes and so urgently calls for a much larger building than now stands there and that Haskell itself is so inadequate to the purposes of the Oriental Museum that alike in the interest of the Libraries and the Museum, a different site will have to be found for the Museum. If this proves to be the case, I doubt if a better site can be found than the one which we have discussed, and perhaps it may be discovered that the Museum in that position may be made so attractive, for classroom instruction may be given to such an extent in the Museum Building that the disadvantages of this site as compared with that of Haskell in its present position connected by bridge with the Theological Building will be largely overcome.

I think you will see, Dr. Smith, that I am rather hardpressed by various interests and conflicting points of view. I feel that the adoption of the plan of the libraries suggested and set forth in the Report of the Library Commission as Plan 1 is by all legitimate means to be averted. I am trying not to be influenced by any personal prejudice in favor of the plan adopted by a Commission of which I was the Chairman, but I do not get away from the feeling that the abandonment of our ideals which were embodied in that plan and the substitution of a central library building in the center of the Quadrangles would be little short of a disaster. With this conviction, however, I am obliged to consider how the undoubted limitations of the plan adopted twenty years ago can be obviated, and I see no way to do this except the one which I have outlined above, involving the ultimate transfer of the Oriental Museum to a site a little further removed from the site of the Theological Building than Haskell now is. But I have felt also that we ought to face at this time the ultimate inadequacy of Haskell and to try to find a solution which would satisfy both the Library and the Museum requirements. The fact is that Haskell was a stupendous blunder to
beefing I had experienced the last of the 20th line 6391. It is clear that I have been working on the problem of determining the exact location of the reaction that occurred. I have been using a method that involves the analysis of the data obtained from the reaction. This method has been refined over time and has shown a significant improvement in accuracy. I have also been working on improving the reaction conditions to obtain more consistent results. It is my hope that this will lead to a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms involved in the reaction.

In the meantime, I have been working on the development of a new method for analyzing the data obtained from the reaction. This method involves the use of a new technique that I have developed. I believe that this method will provide a more accurate and reliable analysis of the data. I have also been working on improving the reaction conditions to obtain more consistent results. It is my hope that this will lead to a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms involved in the reaction.

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begin with and ought never to have been built. When over twenty years ago I worked for months over this problem, it was Haskell that was always in the way of any satisfactory solution. Not in anger or without appreciation of Mrs. Haskell's gift, one comes almost to feel "Carthago delenda est."

May I perhaps sum up the whole matter in this way. It will probably be somewhat more difficult to induce the Divinity students to walk from the Theological Building (whose front door, you will remember, will be on a line with that of Rosenwald) four hundred and fifty feet east to the Oriental Museum on the proposed site than to persuade them to go to the third floor of the Theological Building and cross a bridge to the Museum, but this difficulty can be probably to some extent overcome by holding certain lectures in the Museum Building. In any case (this is my main point) such a difficulty is almost infinitesimal compared with the total abandonment of our established plan of library development and the substitution of a central library building in the midst of the quadrangle, which change I fear cannot be avoided without the devotion of the Haskell site to a library building.

To come at length to your letter of January twenty-fourth. The Chairman of the New Testament Department recently upbraided me for doing so much writing, referring chiefly to public addresses, and exhorted me hereafter to save my strength for more important tasks. I dislike extremely not to comply with your request for an address in the Divinity School course. In fact, I cannot today quite bring myself to do so unless as well may be the case you need an immediate answer. In that case, I shall have to say "No," with the result of course that is obedience to the Chairman's advice to me I leave the task to him. If however you can give me a little time, it may be that the matter will take such shape in my mind that I can outline the address and dictate it without severe encroachment on other duties. Please feel free to consider this letter as a reluctant declination, but at your convenience please let me know your decision.

Yours cordially,
January 13, 1924

President E. D. Burton
Faculty Exchange

My dear President Burton:

Dr. Breasted some time before his departure informed me that it was on the administration slate to transfer the Haskell Museum from its present site to the vacant ground at the north end of the row of women’s dormitories. He was enthusiastic about this proposition, as I was also at first thought. Not until after he had left did a very serious difficulty occur to me, which I take the liberty of laying before you.

Our University museums are, of course, intended primarily as educational organizations and not show places. The purpose of them primarily is to reinforce the instruction obtained in the classrooms and libraries. From that point of view, the museum should be in the closest possible proximity to the building in which the students interested in that subject do their work. Now if Haskell Museum is more than a block away from the new Divinity Building, it will interfere very seriously with the educational efficiency of the museum. It is hard enough to get our Divinity students into the museum as much as they ought to go there, even under present circumstances, when their classes are being carried on in the same building. If the museum is detached from the new building, its educational contribution to the work of the Divinity School will be almost nil. The two groups of students that make the most use of the museum at present are (1) Professor Breasted’s class in Ancient History, and (2) the Old Testament and Semitic students in the Divinity School. The New Testament student likewise has some interest, though a minor one, in the contents of the museum. It is of course apparent that it will be still harder to get the great mass of Divinity students into the museum when it is a block or so away from the building in which they do all their work.

If the building plans of the administration could be worked out so as to maintain a close physical connection between the new Divinity Building and the Museum, it would be an advantage that we cannot afford to lose. Perhaps you have canvassed this aspect of the situation already, and have met the difficulties involved in some way. In this case, will you pardon my intrusion?

Yours sincerely,

JMF F

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