To Mr. W.T. Harper
Maurice Bloomfield
George F. Moore

Committee Oriental Soc.

As a member of the U.S. Oriental Society I have only today in reply to your circular that I would suggest The University of Texas to collect all material possible of which there is much scattered all over the country as a branch of the great University Library to be at the service of scholars and students.

Yours truly,
C. F. Gunther
Oriental Society

Letters of Suggestion
Dr. Wm. R. Harper
Chairman, Committee, Am. Oriental Soc.

Dear Sir,

In reply to a note of the 1st inst. with reference to suggestions looking toward an increase in the efficiency of the Am. Or. Soc. etc., let me ask, would it not be well to effect a closer union in work and sympathy with the native scholars of India, who are becoming a force in their own land?

As to ways and means might not the Am. Or. Soc. detail
that it is perhaps easier

the S. W. shore of Lake Michigan

where it is feasible to have one

meeting each year.

In the past each year I have tried

to meet in the West each year. I know there

are difficulties in the way of this

and I do not think the society

can well finance the active con-

duction of these Western meet-

ings.

Your most faithfully,

Charles B. Wood

Bishop of Cairo
With small or smaller Nestor, one must attend. Our times are short. All Nestor, one can do a thing are. Interest in the society is to pay the annual dues. A small politic respect when the richness of a meeting comes, if a meeting were held at

Chicago now and then, I think to my best to attend. But a trip to the East, under the expense to cherish few up runs more than a long one can always give.

I know that some people think the hub of the universe is in the East; instead, it is in England. Some may think...
Dear Sir,

In reply to your circular letter of the 1st inst., inviting suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the American Ornithol. Soc., I beg to offer the following:

I suggest a catalogue (author and subject) of the library be prepared and distributed to the members.

I suggest the program for meetings be so arranged that members will know when papers are to be read.

Mrs. Harper, Wm. R. On Assyrian Syntax (30 minutes; Bloomfield).

Respectfully yours,

Cypres Aston

Dr. W. R. Harper

Chicago.

Smithsonian Institution
Washington, Feb. 8, 1937
Andover, Mass.
June 30, '95

Dear President C. R. Harper,

My dear sir;

I have read the enclosed letter and agree with it in the main. I doubt very much whether the end which Prof. Bloomfield has in view, would be attained by enlarging the publication committee.

Yours truly,

George F. Moore
Dec. 11/92

My dear President Harper,

With the scholarly activity of the A.O.S. I am for my part well satisfied. I do not feel that there is any need of stimulating production. Oriented studies in this country seem to me to be in a flourishing condition. Very good work is produced, and the society has succeeded in its discrete exclusion or suppression of second class matter very well indeed.

We need quicker methods of publication, somewhat enlarged opportunities for bringing out good work, and a less private, one might almost say secretive, method of distribution. The price of our publications is also somewhat deterrent, e.g. 75 cents for our last Proceedings.

The weakest point in the society’s operations are its meetings. The papers are read perfunctorily, there is little discussion, and little interest. Our papers is largely a mechanical...
function to be disposed of as promptly as possible.

This, I believe, is founded largely on the particular variety of human nature represented by our membership. You cannot compel interest where it is not awakened by the proper soil, or you cannot even decently complain if a paper fails to elicit interest.

It seems to me that the difficulty just mentioned may be obviated by dividing the meetings. Each day should commence with a set of papers, either of fairly general interest, or so exotic that no special audience can be divided off for it from the membership at large. After the general session the members might proper divide into Semitic and Aruan sections. The reading of the technical papers would elicit discussion in the more intimate circle, a discussion which the members are generally too shy and shamefaced to the united body.
The quickening of our methods of publication is a more delicate matter. There is a conservative tradition which has operated largely for the good. The society has obtained under it an eminent position; its publications are regarded among the first Oriental publications of the world. Still the difficulties alluded to above exist, and I think they might be obviated in some measure by an enlarged publication committee and distinct consciousness that the small amounts necessary for printing additional matter will not fail to be forthcoming when there is a pronounced need for it.

These are the points uppermost in my mind as present; others will suggest themselves doubtless to the remaining members of the committee, and will come to the front when we meet.

Yours very truly,

A. Blochfield
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.
Feb. 6, 1893.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note received a day or two since, I beg to say that I have heretofore been able to be present at...
"to few of the meetings I could do little to their value, that I do not venture to make any suggestions in regard to the future work of the society; though deeply sympathetic with its aims and ideals, I think it would be well to continue as it has done, to draw in earnest琵 rector.

Sincerely yours,

James N. Hopkins,

Maurice Bloombfield

George F. Moore
Dear Dr. Harper,

The circular about the Ann. Oriental Society was forwarded to me from New
Hamburg. Years ago at a
meeting in New Haven, when Mr.
Breddy was Pres., we had a
talk about this very thing. It
was before the subject of Compara-
tive Religions had received so much
attention. Saffran said if you
took up the idea of the Early
Books about God, and we got
Prof. Whiting to take the view of
the Vedas on the same subject if
I will do what I can with the
Early Chinese. He said, Prof.
Whiting said we must first get a
correct text of the Vedas, and
besides he said we must give our
Chosen. Each member brings a paper on some subject he chooses. With his papers Prof. Kekugi's death all occurred, soon after the scheme fell through. Since then technical linguistic study has increased, I become more aware of the period to which I refer. The last meeting I attended was at Princeton when I read a paper on the Cosmogonies of India & China. I felt then that general oriental study was getting swamped by almost exclusive attention to the technicalities of Sanskrit & P'ku. Dr. Kelin & myself began to think we were out of place. Finally, among scholars more largely represented. Thus they were almost entirely absent. Such a change may be unavoidable but of course my interest suffered. I must confess a decline. I give you this bit of reminiscence.

without attempting to make any suggestions for the future.

Yours truly,

P. R. Wright.

President William R. Harper, Esq., D.D.,

Respected and dear sir:

The circular, prepared by yourself
and Profs. Maurice Bloomfield and George F. Moore, asking
for suggestions in regard to plans for increasing the
efficiency of "The American Oriental Society," has
been forwarded to me here from Morristown N.J., my
former residence, but not my regular Post Office address
now—that being given in the stamp above.

As respects the increase of the efficiency of the
Am. Ori. Soc., I feel myself somewhat at a disadvantage in making any suggestions, inasmuch as it is
at least three years since it was my privilege to attend a meeting of the Society, I having been part
of this time traveling abroad and so unable to attend.

It has struck me, however, that a little more latitude might to advantage be given to the scope
of the Society, so as to admit of discussion of topics more closely in touch with the advancing movements
of the age—topics relating to methods of research as well as to collecting the facts, whether in Oriental or
Occidental literature; for in one sense all literature
is affiliated. Oriental literature admits of differentiation
which ramifies; and it seems to me that philology is
too important in its bearings to render one department
of it (i.e. Oriental) a satisfactory representative of it in its
broader sphere of embracing languages cognate through
not strictly Oriental in habitat. Perhaps my idea of enlargement of scope is among the plans contemplated in the increase of
subscription: if so you have my sanction in it. Yours with respect, Oliver Crane.
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY,
BOSTON UNIVERSITY,
72 MOUNT VERNON ST.

Brooklyn
July 13, 1873

Rev. W. D. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir: I have little time to answer your second of the 1st inst. I have attended a few of the meetings of the District Society. Perhaps it will amount to a suggestion if I state that I have always felt that the
law of the Society was to keep
the Society free of personal and its funds to
long continued. Upon arrival
there, it is justly my desire that
it shall not lose its
Northwestern Seminary, and
with companies be formed in the
name of

W.S. [Signature]
Astor Library,
New York City, 13 Feb. 1893.

Dear Prof. Harfenist,

The request of your Committee seeking suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the Ann. Oriental Soc. is received. Briefly permit me to propose the appointment of a Committee of one, for each department of Oriental Study. Whose duty it shall be to report at each meeting all information that may have been acquired during the interval between the meetings. Then Assyrian, Sanskrit, Hebrew, Greek, Coptic, etc. etc. News will not come before the Society at half yearly, or more probably not...
at all - but with some effort
at System - thoroughness. There
Committees should appreciate the
value of discoveries in Paleography,
and be qualified to give us instruc-
tion in Philology. Let us have
no superficial work. Light on
new texts is what we want
most - and in some cases our
corresponding members will be
able to render us the best service.

Sincerely Yours

Lyman Dr. Dickenson

Actor Library,

New York City.
COMMENDATORY NOTICES.

Miss Amelia B. Edwards, in The Academy of January 16th, 1886, says: "Mr. Dickerman is an earnest and devoted student of Egyptology, perhaps the only Trans-Atlantic man of letters seriously qualifying himself for a position among the Egyptologists of Europe."

The New York Tribune, of February 17th, 1891, says: "Mr. Dickerman is one of the best informed Egyptologists in the United States. His hearers were charmed with the variety and freshness of his matter and style, his candor and freedom from dogmatism."

The New York Evangelist, of February 26th, 1891, says: "His lectures are embellished with a large number of stereopticon views of rare beauty. He is a recognized authority in Egyptology, and so combines information with felicity of method and diction as permanently to impress himself and his subject on the minds of those whom he addresses."

The Chicago Advance, 19th November, 1890, says: "With his stereopticon views and graphic descriptions, he makes the Ancient Egyptians live over again before our eyes."

The Williams College Weekly, 3rd March, 1890, says: "His quiet way of interspersing humorous comments with more weighty matters, relieves his lectures of the slightest approach to tediousness, while his accurate knowledge increases the interest of the audience."

The Sandusky (Ohio) Register, 24th January, 1891, says: "He came here an entire stranger, but he went away with many admirers."

SEASON 1891-92.

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Their Art, History, Domestic Customs, Influences, Etc.

BY LYSANDER DICKERMAN, THE WELL KNOWN EGYPTOLOGIST.

For further particulars write to D. W. Robertson, 29 Park Row, New York City.
ANNOUNCEMENT.

My Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention particularly, to a course of illustrated lectures on the Ancient Egyptians by Lysander Dickerman, the well known Egyptologist. You must have noticed the signs of a wide spread and growing interest in the marvellous "wisdom of the Egyptians" New discoveries are every year deepening that interest. It is becoming more and more apparent that the first link in the chain of history is no less important than are the other links. Moreover each one of Dr. Dickerman's lectures is a chapter in the history of civilization; is a story of the successes and failures of the human race, with their causes and results, and is therefore intensely practical. No subject can be more practical.

Mr. Dickerman will give a single lecture or as many lectures as are desired.

D. W. Robertson.

No more elaborate or expensive illustrations are put on the screen by any one.

He has just given six courses of Chautauqua Lectures as follows:

Glen Echo, June 20-30th.
Lakeside, Ohio, July 21-25th.
Waseca, Minn., July 5-10th.
Rome City, Ind., July 28-31st.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 15-19.
Bay View, Mich., August 3-6th.

REFERENCES.

Rev. Augustus H. Gillet, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio.
John M. Hall, Flint, Mich.
Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, Melrose, Mass.
Rev. Dr. Jennings, Red Wing, Minn.
Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
And Many Others.

List of Subjects.


3. Egyptian Races: The Discovery of Forgotten Tribes. The Hycos and the Hittites.

4. The Pharaohs: How They Looked, Dressed, Lived and Acted, especially Queen Hatasu, and the Position of Woman in Ancient Egypt.

5. The Social and Domestic Customs, Marriage and Divorce, among the Common People, and the Condition of their Women.


10. The Hebrews in Egypt: Their Sojourn: The Route of their Exodus and the Ideas they Borrowed.


12. The Influence of Egypt on Modern Civilization.


14. The Decline and Fall of the Egyptian Empire.

15. The Fiyoun: The Labyrinth: Lake Moiris; English Occupation; and "Egypt for the Egyptians."

Dear Sir:--

At the last meeting of the American Oriental Society the undersigned were appointed a Committee "to receive suggestions and concert plans for increasing the efficiency of the Society", to report at the next annual meeting. The Committee will be happy to receive from you any suggestions or propositions to this end.

Communications should be addressed to William P. Harper
The University of Chicago, Chicago, not later than March 15th.

Yours Respectfully,

William P. Harper.

Maurice Bloomfield,

George F. Moore.

Committee.

I wrote to Prof. Moore long ago, last summer or early autumn, I don't quite remember when, and he doubtless has t can furnish my letter.

W.R.W.
Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the American Ophthalmological Society
the importance was emphasized of a committee "to receive suggestions
and concern plans for increasing the efficiency of the Society.
"The committee will be ready to report at the next annual meeting. "The committee will be prepared
for receipt from you any suggestions or recommendations to file and
communicate those who may be of interest to will." Heber
The University of Illinois, Chicago, for later consideration and

Yours Sincerely,

Willis R. Parker

revised recommendation

George T. Moore

Committee.
Dear Mr. Harper,

Here is a clipping to which I say "may be," which you may (they have already).

Did Moonfield send you my letter about increasing the efficiency of the Oriental Society and kindred subjects?

I would recommend the election of Mr. Gilman as an admirable officer to start up with.

If there is to be a Congress, I am strongly of opinion that the management of it should be committed to men of affairs, I would rather...
Since Spring of 1891 - issued:

Vol. XV. part 1.

- 2.

* 3 (soon ready).

Proceedings for May 1891 - April 1892.

I doubt very much whether pressing things to the rate of a (600-page) volume each year would be distinctly to the direction of improvement.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

C.R. Lanman.
Gilman Pease, Lou, Dwight (I), Ethel, and yourself. Keep all your professors out of the pie and all will be well and run as smoothly as can be.

As for the publications of the society - it is doing all that can properly be done, I think, company the number of active works with those in Germany + the actual amount produced in the two societies.

We pretend to issue a half-volume a year. Since the Spring meeting of 1891, this has been done. Thus...
Dear Professor,

Thank you for your kind efforts. Keep it up, please.

I'm also pleased to be able to offer assistance. I will do my best to contribute.

Can we arrange for a meeting soon?

Best regards,

[Signature]

P.S. My phone number is [Number] if you need any additional assistance.

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February 16, 1893.

Mr. Wm. R. Harper.  
Chicago, Ill.,  

Dear Sir,

The circular of inquiry of the Am. Oriental Society’s committee is just received.

Being only an interested reader of portions of the Society’s publications, rather than an active member in its work, I shall not think of offering suggestions.

With hearty good wishes for the success of your University,  

Very cordially,  

Henry A. Todd.
From Dr. Harper.

A quarterly publication of Proceedings & Transactions in one conservative series dropping the present duplex arrangement at the close of 50 years of existence.

Best Wishes

Carroll Williams
An E. R. crown.

I'm sure I'm in the wrong.

Outside the train of

continued...

The piston of a steam engine is not

perfectly linear. Introduce a small

miscalculation of.

Dr. L. D. R.

missed B. B.
Augusta, Ky., Feb. 17, 1893.

Profs. William R. Harper, )
Maurice Bloomfield, ) Com. Am. O. S.,
George F. Moore, )

DEAR SIRS:—

Referring to your favor of the 1st inst., I respectfully submit this suggestion: That on some day of each annual meeting there be a discussion of a question or topic announced several months or a year before, the discussion to be opened with one or more papers by gentlemen before appointed.

The above is now my permanent address, and a meeting as far west as Cincinnati might accommodate others as well as myself; probably it would help to make the Society more truly national.

Most truly yours,

F. P. Ramsay.
Dear Sir,

Referencing to your letter

at the last line I unexpectedly arrived in.

Please note: This is the fifth of a series of meetings to discuss a grant for the construction of a dormitory on top of several stories of a large building.

The proposal is now my concern as lists.

Each meeting is for the most significant purposes of accommodating others as well as the property itself.

It would help to make the proposal more worthwhile.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Ramsey
48 - East 9 1/2 Street, New York, N.Y.
Feb. 15th 1873.

William R. Harper, J.D., L.L.D.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

The circular of the Committee of the Oriental Society is received. I am not well enough acquainted with the details of the work of the society to make any有价值的 suggestions, but it seems to me that the following are evident necessities of the society:

1. A permanent building and home.
2. That it should be in the city of New York.
3. I think that the Orientalists, or students of Oriental literature are numerous enough to make a good library or one collegeto a necessity. I cannot find in this city any books in Persian, Turkish, or Arabic which I need to use, or any at all until mentioning. Xx own library is small but I think I have more books in these languages than can be found in any of the libraries of America.

Yours truly,
J. Russell.
Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Feb. 16th 1873.

President Harper,

My dear Sir:

Your favor of Feb. 14th relative to the plans for increasing the efficiency of the Oriental Society has been received.

I hope your Committee will take into serious consideration a plan for having some of the sessions of the society held in sections, so that Sanskritists may have an opportunity to carefully discuss papers on their subject, Sanskritists papers on their subject etc. etc.

This is I know not a new-
suggestion, but it is a feature which I should like to see put into actual practice.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Barton
9 FARRAR STREET,
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.
Feb. 10, 1893.

Dear Mr. Harper,

I had already answered your inquiry as to ways of increasing the efficiency of the American Oriental Society before your inquiry arrived. However, I am glad to repeat that I should like very much that you recommend to the Society the transaction of its "business" after the scientific part of the meeting is over. We need have so little "business" that this is quite feasible, and it will tend to minimize "business." We are emphatically not a "business body."

I recommend the adoption of a rule that all business be proposed before the meeting, to the Secretary, so that it can be laid before the Society in print. This is the regular procedure of our Harvard Faculty, for all matters involving debate and careful consideration, and works admirably. It is folly 1/2 to do the work and expense of time (or money) in attending meetings or then to have the time away one ill-
Dear [Name],

I have some good news to share with you. My application to Cambridge University was accepted, and I will be starting there next term. I am very excited about the opportunity to study under some of the best minds in the world. I am also looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends.

I know you have been concerned about my depression, and I want you to know that I am doing better. I have been working with a therapist, and I have been able to manage my symptoms better. I still have my good days and bad days, but I am learning to cope with it better.

I am also trying to make my housing situation more comfortable. I have found a new place that is more affordable, and I think it will be much better for me. I am also trying to find a part-time job to help with my expenses. I know it will be hard, but I am determined to make it work.

Thank you for your support. I appreciate it more than you know. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
I recommend that the President of the society be chosen for a term of four years. The rest may as well remain as they are, and be chosen each year.

As for the frequent criticisms of Dr. Cottrell on the society’s inefficiency in the matter of publication, I deny the facts. Since the spring of 1891 we shall have published a good volume of really scholarly work and of over 600 pages, each of the volume containing of really reliable and really useful information. We promise on an annual half-volume of 250 pages. We have done better than our promise; and considering that the membership of the German Oriental Society amounts to about 500 paying members, and to scores and scores of working members, and that they publish say 700 pages a year.
Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on the progress of the project we discussed in our last meeting.

As of last week, we have completed the initial phase of the research, which involved gathering data from various sources. The results are promising, and we have a strong foundation to build upon.

Next week, we plan to conduct a series of experiments to test the hypotheses we have formulated. I believe this will provide us with valuable insights into the problem we are trying to solve.

I would like to invite you to attend the meeting scheduled for next week to discuss the findings of our experiments. I believe it will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have and to ensure that we are on the right track.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I am available for a phone call or an email at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

[Signature]
material no better than our. — I for one think the contrast is ruinous to our disrepute. Moreover, if we are to mitigate the Royal Asiatic’s doings of the last lustrum, I want to resign. They are publishing in the neighborhood of a 1000 pages a year, and of what sort!

It seems to me that the objects of the Society are two: to give us a chance of getting really acquainted; and to give the proper instrumentality for publication. Not are we well served?

Faithfully yours

Charles R. Lanman.
My dear Sir,

Mr. Hutchins's translation from Künzler's Matthew, part of which is already in type for the March number, and the rest of which is ready for the April number of the REL. will make 16 1/2 pages or very close to that on one side with extra. He was to receive $1.50 a page. I know that he is greatly in need of money, and that it would be a favor to him if he could receive this sum at an early day. His address is Herbert P. Hutchins, 446 Alloughby Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Very respectfully,

Ernest D. Burton
#16 Highland Place,
Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 27/93.

Prest. William R. Harper,
Chicago University,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

I have duly received your kind communication from the committee of The American Oriental Society, asking for suggestions toward concerting plans for promoting the efficiency of the Society.

I beg leave to say that in one respect I think the usefulness of the Society might be increased, if, in some manner, its publications could have wider circulation in Europe. I have heard from a number of younger scholars in Germany that it is difficult for them regularly to procure our Proceedings; and this week comes a letter from a friend in Holland saying how difficult it is to obtain copies there unless one orders the whole set. Might not something be done toward extending its circulation much as in the case of the Z. D. M. G.? Could notices for example be sent to large numbers of Oriental scholars, explaining how the proceedings could be regularly obtained? I remember Prof. Geldner's several times saying to me that the usefulness of the Society would be much increased if its publications were more easily to be obtained.

In reference to the meetings themselves, if as at present, we
have the three day system, I am not quite sure but that it might be an advantage to have one day of the three a section day. I confess that sections tend to separate of course rather than unite, but it seems to me that if one day were devoted simply to the working sections, the papers presented might be given more in full and meet perhaps with more detailed and more lively discussion than is now possible. I should be very unwilling to have the section system pressed far while our number at the meetings is still so limited, but it seems that we could afford one day or perhaps part of a day for direct section work.

Yours respectfully,

A.V. Williams Jackson
W. R. H. - S.

I have the three carburetter, I am not quite sure what sort it will be

I am authorized to issue one of the three carburetters. I can

see that sections tend to separate of course later from engine.

But it seems to me that if one car was hooked tightly to the other

and sections, the engine precessing might be given more in lift and

not sections. The engine precessing might be given more in lift and

meet better with more careful and more thorough attention than in

now submitted. I reserve for your consideration to have the section

of a car for given section work.
Pres. Mr. R. Harper
Chicago.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the request for suggestions as to increasing efficiency of the Oriental Society, I can make only two (for what they may be worth) as to adding to its membership. Namely, by inviting more members from the following groups:

1) Learned Hebrews, of which there must be many in America
2) Scholarly Missionaries.

It would, I think, be well to reduce the annual fee to, say, three dollars. Very sincerely,

J. F. Harford
Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to inform you of the recent changes in our project plans. As you may recall, the initial proposal was approved for a 9-month timeframe, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we are now facing a delay.

The current status is as follows:

[Description of current status]

We are currently in [current phase of project], and the next phase is scheduled for [next phase start date].

The delay is expected to be [duration of delay], which will impact the overall timeline. We are taking steps to mitigate this delay, including [steps taken to mitigate delay].

I will keep you updated on any further developments. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,  
New Haven, Connecticut,  

March 4, 1893

Mr. President:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Branham, who is about to leave for New York. He states that the act and plan for the whole will be printed at his expense and will be sent to you.

From Andrews University, W. C.

The act is intended to be a part of the volume, and will be included in the price of $2.00.

Sincerely yours,

Addison Van Vleet

P.S.

As to the dinner, I am fully prepared to accept, but I am uncertain as to whether the funds will be raised and the money be

obtaining to print his papers. Or if [I am not altogether sure if] there are already valuable papers waiting for a publisher the order of these two measures might be

Affixed.
Oriental
490 St. Adarna Ave.
Toronto Mar, 1993

My dear Dr. Harper:

In reply to your note requesting suggestions as to the best means of promoting the usefulness of the Amer. Soc.,
I have not much to offer except what has probably been already before you. I think the price of membership is too high to allow the ordinary educated Bible or general student to become and remain a member. The return for the money is not sufficient.
even to the Secretaries. Perhaps it has already occurred to the Committee either to lower the general fee or to create two classes of members, at different rates. If the former were to be adopted, I would suggest $3 as the annual subscription. The increased revenue will probably pay the expenses of publications.

I would also mention today that the Assyriologists of other countries are waiting with some impatience for the publication of results from the excavations made at Niffer etc., by American expeditions. I do not know how much is being prepared. I merely take the liberty of mentioning the fact.
Austin, University of Texas, Feb. 22, 73

My dear Sir:

The only thing that occurs to me as possibly conducing to the efficiency of the A.A. is a division into Aryan and Semitic sections — and the formation of a branch for Comp. Phil. — which historically, if not logically, has kept pace with Sanskrit students hitherto.
I venture to ask that I am a candidate for a consulship to Bombay, Ceylon or Calcutta. If I should receive the appointment I shall be happy to further the interests of the Assoc, from that end of the line.

Perhaps you would be willing to join with Pres.

Dear Sir: In helping my application — through the intermediation of Dr. J. H. Curry, A.S. of the Peabody and Slater Funds, your Prof. Hale has also kindly consented to do what he can for my candidacy.

Very truly yours,

Edwin W. Fair

Wm R. Harper, Ph.D., D.D.

"University of Chicago"

Chicago, I.I.C.
Boston, Nov 10/93

I think that here philology is in need of a meeting such as we have had in Egypt and Palestine. We should make a special effort to elicit papers on Oriental research and exploration, e.g., in Egypt, Syria and Palestine. We should be an Orientalists' Congress in a minor way, but no less positively. It would increase the attendance wonderfully.

Wm Co. Winslow
Dear Sir,

I received only your circular dated Chicago Feb. 1. I have no one this year I could propose as a candidate to the Am. Or. Soc. But I'll take the liberty to ask you to let me know when our first meeting will be held and where. Hoping you are in good health & spirits, wishing you best success for your University. I remain,

Dear Sir,

yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Prof. William P. Harper
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 1st ult as to my views for increasing the efficiency of the American Oriental Society. I would suggest that the publications of the Society be made more popular, few people, outside of a coterie of specialists, care to study or read about Sanskrit, Assyrian in Hebrew, verbs and their tenses. The Society of Biblical Archaeology in London, has become known throughout the world and its publications bring a high price. We ought to publish a journal treating of Oriental subjects, in which many people can take an interest, to be conducted like many of the learned French periodicals, more up to the times, and tell people in synopsis what is the content of other journals on similar subjects to those we are interested in. Going into Egyptology and Eastern archaeology, so far since I have joined the Society its publications have not been of any use to me.

March 10, 1943.

Very Respectfully, Isaac Myers
Nicht so bekannt sein, wie sie es mir ist.

In vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Hoch, ad Erman.

In gut halten, wenn Sie diese zu Vorträgen beriefen; sie würden entbehrliche Verfeinerungen über die Resultate der Ägyptologie erwecken, die nach ihrer einem methodischen Betreiben dieser Disziplin Schwierigkeiten bereiten würden. Ich spreche aus eigener Erfahrung; ich habe wiederholt junge Leute gehabt, die vorher bei Stümchen, Maspero und Brugsch gehört hatten — sie waren an so leichte Arbeiten und an so reiche Erfolge gewöhnt, dass ihnen nachher schwierere Arbeit mit weniger Erfolg nicht behagen wollte.

Für das große Publikum wäre besonders Brugsch gefährlich, seine Phantasie ist sehr lebhaft.
Wenn Mr. Wilbour über diese Dinge anders urteilt, so darf für das nicht wundern. Er ist ein alter Herr, der aus Liebhaberei ägyptische Altertümer sammelt auf dem Nil fährt, Inschriften collationiert u. ä. Er hat eine gewisse Kenntnis der Ägyptischen, aber doch, wie es jod nicht anders sein kann, eine dilettantische. Es ist ein sehr ehrenwerter Mann, aber als Gelehrter wird er selbst nicht gelten wollen.


Verzeihen Sie den ungewünschten Rath, er ist gut gemeint und die Sachlage kann Ihnen ja
Unternehmen in Chicago erfüllt, dürfte Ihnen daher auch nicht mit den "beaux rettes" jener alten Richtung gedient sein, die Ihnen Mr. Wilbour vorschlägt. Keiner der von ihm genannten Herren ist als Philologe und Übersetzer ernst zu nehmen (ich bitte das nicht für Übertreibung zu halten); was sie für die Wissenschaft geleistet haben sind einerseits historische Untersuchungen u. a.andererseits Veröffentlichungen von Texten, die bedeutendsten unter diesen sind Brugsch und Maupert, der erstere kümmt mehr ägyptische Texte als jeder andere, der zweite hat sehr wichtiges für Religion und Geschichte geleistet. Und doch würde ich es für mehr

In den letzten 15 Jahren sind wir weniger auf den richtigen Weg gekommen und bemüht um die aegyptische Sprache soweit kennen zu lernen, dass wir in Zukunft einmal ohne rathe übersetzt.

zen können. Zur Zeit sind wir sowiet, dass wir einen sehr leichtsten Text ziemlich richtig verstehen und dass wir bei den anderen wenigstens erkennen, wo die Schwierigkeiten liegen. Aber der Weg ist noch sehr weit. Es ist nicht zu erwarten, dass die jüngeren Herrn, die an das alte Verfahren gewöhnt sind, denen auf ihre alten Türen noch eingraben, wir müssen zufrieden sein, wenn sie wie Ebers und Brugsch zugeben, dass es richtig ist. Aber wir nicht jener alten Generation angehört, von dem muss man heute erwarten, dass er mit dem alten Dilettanten, das freilich sehr bequem war, bricht.

Bei dem echt wissenschaftlichen Geiste, der Tho großartigen
Onewas, March 13, 1893.

Pres. Wm. R. Harper,
Dear Sir: My only ideas concerning the "increas-
ing the efficiency of the Socie-
ty (Amer. Orient) may be stated as follows:

1st. Hold the meetings when the college and university men can readily attend; say, just before Jan. 1st or just after July 4th.

2nd. Encourage the presence of the lady members and increase their number.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Magoun.
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the plan of the proceedings in the earlier history of our Society, whereby the notices of the papers read would be confined to very brief abstracts. These abstracts, giving merely an indication of the general contents of the paper, an enumeration of the heads with a reference to the results reached or the new propositions maintained should be sent in for publication four weeks before the meeting. For the purpose of being printed on "galley" slips and distributed among the members a week or of possible ten days before the time of the meeting. This procedure or a similar one is followed by the "Modern Languages Association" with the results of making the discussion on the papers more

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of February first I beg leave to submit the following suggestions:

1. The creation within the Society of two sections (a) an organ, (b) and Asiatic and (b) a Semitic.

2. At the Annual meeting of the Society, sessions to be provided for as follows:

(a) Opening session for the reading of reports and the transaction of business, such as elections.
or perhaps instead of an election the appointment of a nominating committee to report at the close of the meeting.

b) meeting of the sections separately for the reading and discussion of papers.

c) meeting of both sections for the reading of papers which are of a general character or of interest to both sections.

d) closing general meeting of both sections for announcement of elections and such other business as may have remained unfinished at the opening meeting.

3. The publication of the journal of the Society at regular intervals of three months or four months as may be deemed more advisable.

the general plan and arrangement of the journal to follow that of the Zeitschrift of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft or of the Journal of the Société Asiatique.

4. This plan, excluding from the journal, the publication of large issues, special provision to be made for the latter

either by subsuming works of an important character as the sister societies of Europe are constantly doing or

the publication of a special series corresponding to the "Abhandlungen" of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft or of the Royal Society of Göttingen.

5. In addition to the journal, the proceedings of the Annual Meeting to be published following
interesting and valuable.

6. An opportunity should be afforded
   the members of making slight
   corrections in the abstracts
   presented before the Proceedings
   (which should include a brief
   minute of the annual meeting)
   are sent to the Press.

7. Regarding size of Proceedings
   no limit should be indicated
   except that they should be kept
   within as small a compass as
   possible; regarding the journal,
   each number need not and
   perhaps should not exceed 100 pages.

8. To make arrangements with
   some firm as e.g. Messrs. Gin & Co.
   of Boston to act as publication
agents of the society and take charge of the business arrangements for all publications of the society.

9. The appointment of a committee to cooperate with the publication agents in securing the support of libraries and educational institutions of this country and Europe as subscribers to the publications.

There is no reason why an additional effort, at least three-fourths of the expense connected with the printing, should not be covered in this way.

10. The President of the Society to be elected annually and to serve for one term.

11. For each Annual Meeting, the President to prepare an address either on some topic of general interest or (b) a review of scientific investigations during the period past year within the general field of work of the society or of a section of it.

12. If possible, the appointment of some member to serve for at least five years who will annually prepare a report reviewing the contributions of the members of the American Oriental Society to the advancement of science—something after the manner of the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Société Asiatique.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

Morris Lester Jr.

February 22, 1893.
Baltimore, Md., March 6, 1898.

Committee of the American Oriental Society to receive suggestions, etc.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of Feb. ult., was duly received and in answer to your request to make suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the American Oriental Society I would suggest the following:

Let the whole Society be divided into groups of, say, ten, each and in rotation let these groups be charged with the duty of providing an arranged programme, each group for the meeting assigned to it; let each member of the group, whose turn it is to provide for the arranged proceedings, be expected to furnish a contribution himself or to procure the services of some other member of the Society as a substitute, reading a paper or delivering an address in his stead. This may secure the co-operation in the work of the Society of every member, each in turn.

In the programme of every meeting a place should be provided for voluntary papers or other voluntary contributions to the proceedings. The members of a group in charge who may be unable to attend the meeting may be expected to send a paper of his own to be read by the Secretary or send a personal substitute or a substitute paper by some other member of the Society.

These suggestions are made in the understanding of the phrase "efficiency of the Society" in the sense of efficiency to the members. If the phrase means to the Committee the efficiency of the Society to the world at large I can only suggest the printing of its proceedings and the distribution of copies to as many persons as the finances of the Society will allow.

Hoping the Committee may not think the above suggestions entirely useless, I am,

Respectfully,

Jacob Draps.