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Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
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~~To be placed with materials
Theological School file~~

April 23, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Burton:

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Yours cordially,

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Rev. James H. H. ...
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