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April 5, 1913.

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a certain number of purely modern works, such, for example, as the Ninth Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, which would not need to be taken into account in so far as the housing of the collection is concerned.

I had not intended to discuss with him the conditions of his proposed gift to the University, but at the close of our inspection of his library he opened up the subject and seemed desirous of discussing it. I agreed to communicate with you as soon as possible and that you would on the basis of my report of the conversation suggest to him conditions on which the University would accept the gift.

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I beg leave to submit, therefore, on a separate sheet memorandum of the conditions which I think would be acceptable to him and feasible for the University.

The space needed for the memorial room does not exceed that of one of the seminar rooms on the second floor of Harper, or a room of corresponding size on the first floor. Mr. Wing himself asked if there was not a room at the top of the building. My thought is that this room should become, besides being a memorial to Mr. Wing, a research room for students in the Department of History -- I say History because the most valuable part of this collection and the one which would constitute the nucleus of the whole collection is in the field of European History. The most suitable place, therefore, for this room would be on one of the top floors of the East tower. This might be its permanent location or when the Historical Group building is erected a room might be provided in that building. On the south side of the fifth floor of the East tower are three rooms; one of which was originally assigned to Mr. Shepardeon and Mr. Schevill, neither of whom, however, has occupied it; one to Mr. Dodd; and one to Mr. Thomas. These three rooms together would cover an L-shaped space, the long arm being along the south front. If by any possibility the whole

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April 8, 1913.

My dear Mr. President:

I submit herewith revised form of the memorandum in the Wing matter.

The new section suggested by you is Number 9.

To Section 6, Mr. Wing will doubtless wish to add a proviso respecting the annuity to be paid to his niece, and mention, I suppose, should be made of this in any communication to him on the subject.

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1. The University to provide a suitable, commodious and sightly room, either in the Harper Memorial Library or in some other of the buildings planned and to be built in connection with the said Harper Memorial Library and constituting with it the Library Group of the University; and to furnish such room suitably for the deposit therein, in suitable cases, of all the extra-illustrated books and the collection of prints in the private library of Mr. Wing, and also of the oil portraits of himself and of his parents.

2. The University to agree to maintain such a room, so located, in perpetuity, and to preserve the books, prints and pictures above named in such room in suitable condition in perpetuity; provided, however, that the University may during the lifetime of Mr. Wing with his consent, and after his death at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, sell or exchange any of the prints in the collection of prints not parts of or included in the books of the collection, the income of such sale or exchange to be added to the income from the legacy and expended for the acquisition of books or prints, which shall then become a portion of the John M. Wing Collection.

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or ~~prints not belonging to the John M. Wing Collection, or any~~ other objects which would interfere with its character as a memorial room.

4. During his lifetime, John M. Wing to have access to said room at his pleasure between the hours of 8 A. M. and 10 P. M., to be at liberty to set up in such room his bench and other apparatus for the process of extra-illustrating books, and to carry on in such room the work of illustrating books.

5. The books belonging to the library of the said John M. Wing, exclusive of the extra-illustrated books above mentioned, to be disposed of by the University as follows: (a) The books falling in the field of European History, and such other books as Mr. Wing may designate, shall be, during the lifetime of Mr. Wing and at his pleasure, placed on shelves in the Memorial Room above mentioned. (b) Other books shall be placed in that part of the Libraries of the University to which by their subject they most appropriately belong; provided, however, that modern books, published later than the year 1850, found to be duplicates of books already in the University Libraries, or otherwise unsuitable to the collection, may be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees disposed of as may seem to them best. (c) After the death of Mr. Wing, the books in this room, <sup>exclusive of the extra-illustrated books,</sup> may be added to the general store of books of the University on similar subjects, and their places on the shelves in this room be occupied by other books belonging to the John M. Wing Collection.

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7. To the end that the books purchased from the income of this legacy shall contribute most effectively to the efficiency of the Libraries and the promotion of scholarship, all books so purchased may be shelved along with other books of the University Libraries falling in the same class and dealing with the same subject as those purchased from the income of the legacy; provided, however, that every book included in the original gift or afterward purchased from the income of the legacy shall bear a suitable book plate on which it shall be clearly indicated that the book was obtained as a part of <sup>the gift,</sup> or by purchase from the income of the legacy, of John M. Wing.

8. To the end of still further unifying the entire collection of books belonging to the University and falling in the field of European History according to the system of classification employed in the University Libraries and constituting, therefore, a part of the same division of the Libraries to which the major portion of the books of the John M. Wing

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9. The above provisions contemplate the gift to the University of Chicago by Mr. John M. Wing of his private library and the bequest to the University of his estate for the permanent maintenance and development of such library by the purchase of additional books for the Libraries of the University of Chicago, and have for their intent the achievement of his purpose that by such gift and bequest there shall be created in the University of Chicago a perpetual memorial to him.

Also, over that portion of the Libraries of the University containing the books belonging in the department of European History, as above defined, shall be placed a suitable sign bearing the words, "The John M. Wing Collection in European History".

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