July 9, 1929

My dear Dr. Breasted:

I am glad to acknowledge your letter of June 29 in which you summarize the usual procedure for your men in circumstances similar to those of Mr. Sprengling in the present quarter. We shall file the letter for reference in case there is any question on similar scores in the future.

Thank you for your trouble.

Cordially yours,

DAVID H. STEVENS

Associate Dean
of the Faculties

Dr. James H. Breasted
Faculty Exchange
We regret to announce your
letter of June 29 in which you summaize the manner
previously for your use in circumstances similar to
those of Mr. Cross's in the present instance. We
apologize if the letter I refer to relates to case some
is any discussion of similar cases in the future.

Thank you for your patience.

Cordially yours,

David H. Stevens
Associate Dean
of the Faculty

Dr. James H. Prouty
Dean, Faculty Council
June 29
1929

Dear Mr. Stevens:

In the case of Dr. Sprengling's absence for the summer of 1929, there arose complications leading to a disposition of the case which I think might possibly result in an unfortunate precedent unless our understanding of the matter is cleared up before any other such cases arise.

It is of course obvious that no arrangement for absences among the teaching staff would be wise which permitted the announcement of courses which are subsequently withdrawn as a result of the proposed absence. This fact has always been understood in the case of the Department of Oriental Languages.

In Dr. Sprengling's case, unfortunately, the question of whether he would go or not go could not be raised until just before the opening of the summer quarter, when on May 24th the New York boards voted an appropriation which included provision for this journey of Dr. Sprengling's. This uncertainty as to whether or not the money would be available, therefore, brought about the unfortunate result that the Institute requested Sprengling's leave of absence for the summer quarter after his announcements for that quarter had been printed and circulated. The situation was difficult. We unexpectedly learned of the survival of an entire monastery library of Oriental manuscripts in the Kurdish region, probably about 150 miles north of Mineveh. The monks in the monastery, together with their abbot, had been slaughtered by the Kurds during the World War, and their library lies piled up in an outbuilding in a Turkish outpost. The European dealers and the Oriental agents of such dealers dare not show their faces in this region because the Kurds are too dangerous. With the permission of the Turkish Government, we are willing to take the risk of making an automobile dash into this region to save the library for science. It is practically certain that favorable negotiations with the Turkish Government would secure for us the greater part of this library of ancient manuscripts. This will illustrate the kind of thing that arises in the operations of the Oriental Institute, especially as a result of the Great War.

What I want to make clear is that it is not the desire or policy of the Institute or of the Department of Oriental
Languages that any of its members should offer courses in the published announcements and then withdraw them. Under normal circumstances we are able to make arrangements far in advance for the disposition of our staff, and avoid any withdrawal of courses already printed in the Announcements. Furthermore it has been the established custom of the University with regard to our Department for some thirty years or more, to regard absences of members of the Department for purposes of scientific work in the Orient or in the European museums as full service for the University. The system was begun to meet the situation of Professor R. F. Harper's work in the British Museum, almost from the beginning of the University's career. It was continued in the work of our Oriental Exploration Fund, established in 1903 with funds which I obtained from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Sr. through Mr. F. T. Gates. It was continued for years previous to 1908 to me personally to enable me to finish my ANCIENT RECORDS, published in five volumes by the University of Chicago Press. It has been continued during the last ten years for all the members of the Oriental Institute since its establishment in 1919.

It is important therefore, that the present absence of Professor Sprengling and the payment for that absence out of Oriental Institute funds, should not be regarded as a precedent, for it is quite clear that the case of Professor Sprengling differs from the long established practice of the University and of the Department of Oriental Languages in the fundamental fact that Sprengling's courses had been announced. To the best of my recollection we have never heretofore had any such case, and in the case of all absences of members of our Department for work in the Orient, it has not been necessary to call in teaching help from the outside.

Hoping that this explanation will clear up any possible misunderstanding of the Sprengling case, I am

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]
Director

Mr. David H. Stevens
Assistant to the President
University of Chicago
The University of Chicago

February 10, 1930

To the President of the University:

I am writing to inform you of the recent resignation of Dr. John A. W. Davis, who has been serving as the Director of the University of Chicago Press for the past five years. Dr. Davis has decided to leave his position due to personal reasons, and we are deeply saddened by his departure. He has been a valuable member of our staff and has contributed significantly to the success of the University Press.

We are currently in the process of searching for a new Director to lead the University Press. We will keep you informed of the progress of this search.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Vice President

Department of Special Projects

[Stamp]
Police raids. It is widely rumored the police are being warned of premeditated raids.

...its attempt to clean up places have not been thorough; it is believed the money used to raid import-... will form part of the plan.

On the night clubs the admittance by having a number frequent the... for several evenings raided.

By the policemen, who men about town with money and pretty companions... were able to let the... a prearranged signal.

EDS FOR TREES

S. FLA., OCT. 6.—(AP).—A. Edison will return to find work begun by civic organizations,
SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS

IN THE WORK OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES

(Requiring from $500 to $10,000 a Year)

NO. 1. PURCHASE OF ORIGINAL ANCIENT ORIENTAL DOCUMENTS

Through the Oriental Institute, the Department of Oriental Languages has frequent opportunities to purchase invaluable original documents from the ruined cities of the Ancient Orient. For example,-

(a) **A Group of the Oldest Royal Decrees Inscribed on Stone**

The Director of the Oriental Institute has been trying for four years to secure the money for the purchase of a series of the oldest Royal Decrees now known to investigators. They are engraved on four stone tablets, each several feet square, together with a considerable number of fragments. The owner asked £3000 for them, but has come down to £2500, and will not budge from this price, which amounts to something over $11,000. Meantime, these inscriptions are being slowly disintegrated by the salts contained in the stone, and they have never been properly photographed.

(b) **Papyrus Rolls of Unknown Content Owned by Sheik Ali, of The Great Pyramids**

An aged Sheik living near the Great Pyramid of Gizah has a remarkable collection of papyrus rolls of great value, and largely unknown content which he has been holding for years. They could probably be bought as a whole for $8000 or $10,000.

(c) **Business Papyri in Greek**

The business papers of a land administrator, named Zeno, a man high in the Egyptian Government during the Alexandrian Age, have been discovered. They disclose the whole business administration of this Age in unparalleled fullness. There must have been a very large mass of them.
Several lots have been purchased by European Museums. I know of several more lots still in Egypt awaiting purchase. They would be a priceless acquisition to our resources.

(d) **Cuneiform Tablets from Western Asia**

The Oriental Institute is constantly offered groups of Cuneiform documents on clay tablets, including sometimes a good many hundred in each group. It is usually unable to purchase these proffered collections for lack of funds. They come directly out of the ruined cities of Western Asia after excavation by oriental natives. They vary in value from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. The future progress of the work of the Oriental Institute imperatively requires the purchase of such materials, as our collections of such documents are thus far relatively very limited. Besides the historical information which they sometimes contain, these tablets reveal the origin and early development of the business forms which the modern business world is still using.

**NO. II. RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Through the Oriental Institute, the Department of Oriental Languages carries on a group of research projects for the proper development of which the available funds are always insufficient.

(a) **The Origins of Civilization**

The oldest cemeteries in Egypt (over 6000 years old) already contained some metal (copper). The earlier stages of human development which brought forth especially domesticated animals and cultivated grains lie buried under thirty feet of alluvium in the Nile Valley, and therefore these stages of the human career have never been reached and investigated. With a subvention of $10,000 a year it would be possible to undertake these investigations.
The present investigation to continue, and is in progress of compilation on the receipt of a long-awaited report. A major portion of the material, however, has been completed and the remainder is being rapidly prepared.}

\( \text{(a)} \)

The objective of the present investigation is to determine the amount of each commodity exported or imported for the purpose of research and development. Except for the few commodities that are used exclusively for research, the remainder of the commodities are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes. The present investigation covers only the commodities used for research. The remainder, however, are utilized for various purposes.
(b) The Earliest Stages of Religious Development

Various research projects carried on by the Department of Oriental Languages and the Oriental Institute need additional personnel, especially the investigation of the earliest stages of religious development, in our Coffin Text project. The staff of this project seriously needs two new men, for whom $6000 a year would be required.
The effects of training development

Action research initiatives carried out by the Department of

Examine learning and the Challenge Institute using ongoing parameters

evaluate the investigation of the external agenda of training needs

study. To get a clear text selection. The title to this project essentially

hope you can now tell your 8000 a year won’t be draining.

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Stevens:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of November 16th, regarding the University's attitude toward Chinese Studies. I am transmitting this to Dr. Berthold Laufer at the Field Museum of Natural History.

I wonder if I may have some word from you in answer to my letter of November 12th.

Cordially yours,

Mr. David H. Stevens
Assistant to the President
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the National Bureau of the Chinese American Historical Society to request the appointment of a Chinese American member to the Board of Directors of the University of Chicago Press, the philanthropic arm of the University.

I wonder if I may have some word from you in support of my letter of November 19.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

[Address]

Mr. Edward H. Thomas
Assistant to the President
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
November 16, 1928

My dear Mr. Breasted:

The administration of the University of Chicago is cordial toward subjects in the field of Chinese life and language. During the academic year 1927-28 we provided funds for two courses, one in language and one in Chinese culture. Both were well attended. It is not feasible to make a definite establishment of work in this field on a permanent basis. We have, however, hopes that our beginning in Chinese history, under the direction of Professor H. F. Mackair, will enlarge the possibilities for work here in all phases of Oriental culture.

Very truly yours,

David H. Stevens

Assistant to the President.

Mr. Charles Breasted,
Faculty Exchange.
The emphasis of the University of Chicago's program in Arabic and Islamic Studies is the field of Chinese Ideas and Literature. For the academic year 1935-36, we have provided funds for two courses in China, one on China and one on China and the Middle East. As a result, we have established a new course, Chinese Ideas and Literature, which will be offered to students in the fall semester. We have also revised the course in Chinese History, which will be offered to students in the spring semester.

Very truly yours,

David H. Greene
Assistant to the President

[Signature]
13 November 1928

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Dr. Breasted has just received from Dr. Berthold Laufer, Director of the Chinese Section of the Field Museum, a self-explanatory letter (copy is attached hereto) raising a question which may eventually prove of importance to the University.

Dr. Breasted would appreciate having a brief statement from Mr. Woodward which might assist Dr. Laufer in answering the queries certain to be put to him at the meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies in New York on December 1st.

Appreciatively yours,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary.

Mr. David H. Stevens
Assistant to the President
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Enclosure
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

IN January 1935

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to inform you of the Colorado School of Mines' recent decision to invite me to present a lecture on the subject of "The Environmental Impact of the Quantum Revolution." The event is scheduled for next month, and I am very excited to have the opportunity to share my research with the faculty and students.

I would be honored if you could attend the lecture and provide your insights on the topic. Please let me know if you are available and if you require any assistance in making arrangements.

Appreciation for your consideration,

[Signature]

Execllent Secretary
November 12, 1928.

Professor James H. Breasted,
The Oriental Institute,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Professor Breasted:

The American Council of Learned Societies has called a conference on Chinese Studies to take place in New York on December 1st, mainly for the purpose of discussing ways and means of advancing sinology and interest in China at our universities. As I feel certain that questions as to the attitude of the University of Chicago toward Chinese will be addressed to me at this meeting, I should like to be prepared for an intelligent answer and should be much obliged to you for a brief statement from you along this line. This will certainly be kept strictly confidential, and will merely serve for the preliminary information of the ACLS.

Thanking you for an early reply,

Yours very sincerely,

Signed (BERTHOLD LAUFER)
November 15, 1938

Professor James H. Breasted
The Oriental Institute
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Breasted:

The American Council of Learned Societies has called a conference on Chinese culture to take place in New York in December 1938. An address for the purpose of assembling works and means of advancing studies and interests in China at our universities, as I feel certain you are interested in China at our universities, as I feel certain you are, from your description, as to the attitude of the University of Chicago toward China, a meeting of such a nature might be agreeable to me at the present state of Chinese studies in the United States. I should like to be prepared to act as an interest.

Sincerely,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature] (HERMAN LUTHER)
September 6, 1928

My dear Mr. Breasted:

I am acknowledging your letter of September 1 to Mr. Woodward on the subject of Mr. Sprengling's course No. 246, "Mohammedan Religion." The Announcements for the Autumn Quarter are in print. For this reason I wish that Mr. Sprengling and you could agree upon a way of relieving him from extra duties, so that he may give more time to his publishing program than was planned when he made out the schedule of courses. At least, the registration for the announced courses ought to go through with the idea of closing out any course that does not have moderately good registration, rather than withdrawing a course before the students have had their chance to declare a preference. Please let me hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

David H. Stevens

Assistant to the President.

Mr. Charles Breasted,
The Oriental Institute,
Faculty Exchange.
The University of Chicago  
The Oriental Institute

1 September 1928

Dear Mr. Woodward:

In the absence of Dr. Breasted, who as you may know is now in England, whence he returns late in September, I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Breasted from Dr. Sprengling, in which the latter asks to be relieved from teaching Course No. 346, "Mohammedan Religion", during the coming Autumn Quarter.

Knowing Dr. Breasted's eagerness to bring into final published form the scientific results achieved by the Oriental Institute so far, I feel quite sure, were he here, he would transmit Dr. Sprengling's request to you with the hope of securing your approval.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Assistant to the Director.

Mr. Frederic C. Woodward  
Acting President  
The University of Chicago

Enclosure
Dear [Name],

I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected for the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of [Field]. This decision was made based on your qualifications and experience.

Please find enclosed a formal offer letter containing all the necessary details about the position, terms of employment, and benefits. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to welcoming you to our team and to seeing the valuable contributions you will make to our institution.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name of President]

The University of Chicago
Dear Dr. Breasted:

As you well know, in your capacity of General Editor of the Oriental Institute publications, I am at present deeply involved in the work of producing four publications of major importance in the Institute's publication program. This work, as you fully realize, is requiring every available moment of my time.

During the coming autumn quarter I am scheduled for the usual three courses, one of which, Lecture Course No. 546, "Mohammedan Religion" is of a general nature and would demand of me an amount of time which can hardly be well spared just at this point from the above publication program. May I therefore ask that my teaching program be reduced to two courses, omitting the above mentioned Lecture Course No. 546, "Mohammedan Religion" in order that I may devote the time thus gained to the four important publications now nearing completion.

I earnestly hope that this request will not seem unreasonable and will recommend itself for your approval.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) M. SPRUENGLING

Dr. James H. Breasted
Chairman of the Department of
Oriental Languages and Literatures
The University of Chicago

Attention Mr. Charles Breasted
June 8, 1926.

My dear Dr. Breasted:

I am glad to report to the Graduate Office that approval is given for Mr. Watson Boyce to hold a fellowship and to act as Secretary of the Haskell Museum simultaneously during the academic year, 1928-29.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President

CC to Dean Laing,
Miss Masini.

Mr. James H. Breasted, 
Faculty Exchange.
June 6, 1928

Dear President Mason:—

Mr. Watson Boyes holds the Old Testament Fellowship in the Graduate Divinity School, beginning October 1st, 1928. He is also being made Secretary of Haskell Museum, the appointment to date as of July 1st, 1928.

I understand that without permission from the President's office a student holding a fellowship is not allowed to hold a position like the foregoing. The duties involved in the secretaryship of Haskell Museum are entirely in line with the work which Mr. Boyes is doing in the Oriental Institute toward his degree, and I therefore recommend, subject to your approval, that he be permitted to hold simultaneously both the above fellowship and the position of Secretary of Haskell Museum.

May I ask that the Dean of the Graduate School be notified to this effect?

Sincerely yours,

President Max Mason
Faculty Exchange.

Attention Mr. David H. Stevens.
June 6, 1936

Dear President Mason:

Mr. Warren Foster holds the Old Testament Fellowship in the Graduate Divinity School. Pursuant
October 1st, 1935, he is also made secretary of
Harper's Fellowship. His appointment to a seat was
made.

I regretfully report without permission from
the President's office a recent notice of a Fellowship in
not allowing to hold a position like the foregoing. The
notice requiring the secretary of Harper's Fellowship
are exactly in line with the work which Mr. Foster is
going to be directly interested toward these degrees and
I therefore recommend, subject to your approval, that he
be permitted to hold simultaneously both of these titles.

Fellowship and the position of Secretary of Harper's Fellowship.

May I express the deep esteem for the President

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

Attention Mr. David E. Stearnes

President Max Mason

Fellowship in

[Signature]
June 8, 1926.

My dear Mr. Breasted:

In regard to the possibility of remission of tuition to Mr. Boyes, I regret that the regulations governing remission of tuition do not allow the privilege to persons teaching less than two-thirds time on a year appointment. I am sorry that this is so, but there may be some other means that you have to give him equivalent assistance in case he has been led to believe this privilege possible.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

DHS JW

Mr. James H. Breasted,
Faculty Exchange.
June 8, 1936

Mr. James R. Research

First paragraph:

At your request, I have prepared a report on the investigation of an oilfield in Alaska. This field has been under development for some years, and the discovery of suitable conditions for production was made some time ago. However, the company has not yet decided to move forward with full-scale operation. The oil is of high quality, and it is believed that a substantial profit can be realized by further exploration and development.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President

This is

Mr. James R. Research

Second paragraph:
June 6th, 1928

Dear Mr. Stevens:-

This is to confirm the verbal agreement reached between yourself and Dr. Sprengling, with regard to the appointment of Mr. Watson Boyes to teach Course No. 301, "Hebrew Language", for the Summer Quarter, 1928, at a remuneration of $300.00.

Mr. Boyes' name does not seem to be on the Summer Quarter faculty list in Mr. Mather's office, and I would therefore appreciate it if you could have it added in order that Mr. Boyes may secure remission of tuition for the Summer Quarter as a member of the faculty.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Director.

Mr. David H. Stevens
Assistant to the President
President's Office
Faculty Exchange
Dear Mr. President:

This is to confirm the verbal notice

that was given between yourself and Mr. Spalding with

regard to the appointment of Mr. Weeks above to teach

course No. 201, "History of Language," for the summer under

get $750 as a remuneration of $50.00.

Mr. Weeks' name given not seem to be

on the summer quarter faculty list in Mr. Mater's

office, and I would therefore appreciate if you

could have it placed in other first Mr. Weeks may be

as member of the faculty.

Sincerely yours,

Director

Mr. David E. Stevens
Assistant to the President
President's Office

Faculty Examinations
The University of Chicago
Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

January 27, 1928

Mr. Frederic C. Woodward
Vice-President of the University
Faculty Exchange

Dear Mr. Woodward:

There are several very promising students asking for a course to be given in the Spring Quarter in Hieratic (Egyptian). Mr. Sellers, who at present is teaching hieroglyphics, will not be here in the Spring Quarter nor will there be anyone else to teach such a subject.

The Department as at present constituted feels that the needs of these students ought to be met. We can do so without cost to the University by having Mrs. Edith W. Ware, Secretary of Haskell Museum, teach this course in which she specializes and in which she passed a brilliant doctor's examination with Mr. Breasted a few weeks ago.

The Department herewith recommends that this course, no. 445, Introduction to Hieratic, one major, Spring Quarter 1928, be given by Mrs. Ware, be inserted in the announcements for the Spring Quarter.

Signed for the Department by

[Signature]

MS:K

Copy to Mr. W. A. Payne
April 27, 1928

Department of Agricultural Engineering, University

Dear Professor [Name],

I am very pleased to hear that you have accepted the position of Professor of Experimental Agriculture. This position is of great importance to the University and we are confident that you will bring it to its highest level of excellence.

The Department of Agricultural Engineering is a large and diverse field, and we are grateful for your willingness to join us. Your expertise and experience will undoubtedly contribute greatly to our department.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Signature]
June 7, 1927.

Dear President Mason:

I am sending you herewith the desired memorandum regarding the prehistoric discovery in the western Fayum with which the Oriental Institute is now obligated to deal.

With reference to the salary needed for Professor Leroy Waterman, the proposed successor of our lamented Luckenbill, please note that circumstances have now so shaped themselves as to relieve you of any responsibility for the additional thousand dollars. At least so it seems to me in view of the information just received that Professor Waterman will be obliged to spend next winter as resident professor in the American School in Bagdad. We were not expecting Dr. Luckenbill's return until January 1st, 1928. We shall be able to take care of the work during the interval and Waterman's salary will not begin at the earliest until April 1st, 1928. This leaves an interval during which no salary will be paid,—an interval of possibly six months. The resulting accumulation of possibly $2500, or a half year of Dr. Luckenbill's salary now in the budget, would carry the additional amount required for calling Waterman for more than two years.

I hope this may relieve you of any anxiety in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

President Max Mason,  
University of Chicago.

Enclosure.
Dear Professor [Name],

I am writing to formally resign from the faculty of the Department of [Department Name]. I have decided to pursue a new opportunity that will allow me to fulfill my career goals. I have enjoyed my time here and have appreciated the support and guidance I have received from you and the department.

I will be available to assist with the transition during the upcoming weeks. Please let me know if there is anything specific you would like me to help with.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I wish you and the department all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
MEMORANDUM OF A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY OF PREHISTORIC REMAINS
IN THE WESTERN FAYUM
TURNED OVER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

In March, 1927, the University of Michigan Expedition, engaged in excavating Greco-Roman remains in the Egyptian Fayum, accidentally discovered in the extreme western corner of the Fayum district, probably fifty or sixty miles from the Nile, two unparalleled bodies of evidence regarding the occupation of the region by prehistoric man.

One of these was a cemetery containing several hundred burials,—probably the oldest cemetery ever discovered in the history of prehistoric investigation. The slight mounds marking the burials were each covered with an array of flint implements discovered in regular arrangement along the top of each mound. There the cemetery lies awaiting excavation, and without doubt containing the most important body of evidence regarding the physical character of prehistoric man ever found in Africa or perhaps anywhere.

In the same region the observer found under an over-hanging rock extraordinary evidences of human occupation for a long period of time. Prehistoric hunters had occupied the place as a shelter through one stage after another of paleolithic progress, and the strata which accumulated during this occupation, when observed in cross-section, contained flint implements thus stratigraphically dated from very archaic forms at the bottom to later, more highly developed forms approaching neolithic at the top. This kind of evidence is well known in Europe. It has never been found in Africa before, particularly in the Nile valley.
Owing to the death of Professor Kelsey the University of Michigan, in response to my inquiry suggesting possible cooperation with them, has very generously turned over their rights in these two sites and their permit to excavate granted by the Egyptian Government, to us. The Oriental Institute is the only organization with an expedition in the field thoroughly qualified to investigate these two places, carry on the excavation, and record and preserve the evidence. If this cemetery so clearly marked is discovered by the natives the evidence will vanish in a few weeks. It is urgently necessary that the work of study and preservation be begun at the earliest possible moment. This means a new demand upon the funds of the Oriental Institute and will stretch, if not surpass, our available resources to the utmost.
Going to the death of Professor Fisher, the University of
Western Reserve is deprived of an able scientist, whose services will be greatly
missed. Fisher's life was a model of integrity, and hisLAN were an inspiration to all who knew him.

The Christian Advocate to the only organization with an axe-

affiliation in the field of modern daily to investigate these two

problems, which are the organization and its root, and hence the salvation.

It is this connection so clearly evident to the readers of this satire.

Since the movement is so new and the organization so young at the outset, many

women. This seems a new concept now the name of the Christian Advocate

name and will appear in a form that aims to the credit last.

the moment.
January 18, 1927

Dear Mr. Luckenbill:

I am greatly impressed by the evidence of long and painstaking research shown in your two volumes, "Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia."

They are of great credit to the University and surely will give great satisfaction to the people who are supporting the Oriental Institute.

Cordially yours,
Max Mason

President.

Mr. Daniel D. Luckenbill,
Faculty Exchange.

MM,C

dictated by D. H. Stevens
Dear Mr. Innsenpillet,

I am extremely impressed by the assistance of your expert personnel and the excellent organization of your operations and operations.

I have the utmost respect for the University and its efforts to create an environment that is conducive to the development and growth of the people who are supporting the University.

I am particularly interested in the University's efforts to promote education and the exchange of ideas.

Yours sincerely,
Max Innsenpillet
President

Mr. Donkey, University President

[Signature]

[Date]
December 24, 1926.

Dear President Mason:

Within the last few hours an unexpected situation has arisen with reference to General Education Board support of the Oriental Institute. The expansion of the Institute has involved an amount of unforeseen casual expense requiring an enlarged contingent fund, for example our best photographer died in hospital a fortnight ago. He is a south German whom we paid $1800 a year. To replace him will probably cost us at least four, or probably five thousand dollars a year, whereas we have only $1800 in the budget to cover this item. I could give you quite a catalogue of such unforeseen draughts on our budget.

The unexpectedly interesting and important results of our preliminary Hittite expedition under Von der Osten makes it imperative to go on. Several of our Chicago friends have come forward as follows:

Mr. Henry J. Patten $2500
Mr. James A. Patten $2500
Mr. Frank G. Logan $1000

This, with a $2500 subscription from Mrs. Murray Crane in New York makes a Chicago total of $8500. Mr. Henry J. Patten gave me a list of his friends, some thirty or forty in number, whom I had the pleasure of addressing at a luncheon which he gave me. Mr. Patten thought that these gentlemen would all be willing to give $2500 a year and urged me to write to them. I had hoped during the last forty-eight hours to see you on this matter. My conclusion has been that a dragnet -- not to mix figures--would cross wires with you in your efforts on behalf of the General Development Fund and I wrote Mr. Patten to this effect. I told Raymond Fosdick of the situation in New York and he thought that Mr. Rockefeller would meet the situation at once. Since I left New York, however, Fosdick has thought the matter over again and for reasons which I expect to hear in New York next Monday has not put the matter up to Mr. Rockefeller but has taken the matter up with the General Education Board. He assures me both by letter and telegram that he is morally certain that the Board will give us $50,000, that is, about $35,000 for Hittite exploration, and the balance as a contingent fund which we very badly need.
I merely wanted to put you in touch with this situation so that you would understand what is going forward if the Board or I should write you asking for your cooperation in the form of a request to the General Education Board for this new support.

With all good wishes for the holiday season, and wishing you every success in the development which is now pending, I am

Always cordially yours,

[Signature]

President Max Mason,
University of Chicago,
Faculty Exchange.
October 22, 1936

My dear Dr. Breasted:

I have consulted with the President in regard to the status of the Lasker project and he says that no statement from Lasker has been received. The matter looks hopeless to us, but Mr. Leo Wormser thinks there is still hope and the President expects to have a conference with him as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Frederic C. Woodward

Professor James H. Breasted
Faculty Exchange

FCWLE
October 14, 1926

My dear Dr. Breasted:

Your letter of October 7, addressed to President Mason and relating to the question of Mr. Kellogg's obligation to pay tuition, has been referred to me.

Deans Gale and Laing have been consulted. They advise that there be no departure from the rule that Fellows must pay tuition. We have not infrequent requests that exceptions be made to this rule for one reason or another. I have another on my desk at the present moment. We feel that while there may be some merit in certain cases if we begin to make exceptions complications and inconsistencies will surely result.

Yours sincerely,

Frederic C. Woodward

Dr. James H. Breasted
Faculty Exchange

FWEL
October 16, 1926

Mr. George R. Persons:

Your letter of October 4th, referring to the discussion of Mr. Kellogg’s application to be appointed as the Secretary for the United States, and your statement that you have been advised by the Department of Justice that there is no legal basis for your appointment as Secretary for the United States, are in accordance with the facts. I have been informed by the Attorney General that there is no legal basis for your appointment, and that the appointment should be made by the President. I have therefore decided to withdraw my name from consideration for the position of Secretary for the United States.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Bureau of Hind Committee

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My dear Mr. Woodward:

I am returning herewith Dr. Breasted's letter concerning the status of Mr. John P. Kellogg. I have consulted with Deans Gale and Laing, and we are all agreed that the fundamental theory concerning a fellowship is that the tuition fees of the Fellow should be paid from the stipend.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Mr. F. C. Woodward,
Faculty Exchange.
October 15, 1936

Dear Mr. Woodward:

I am sending herewith a few references to show that I have been in contact with the department with much interest and with the hope of being able to contribute a fellowship to the fund. A few letters from the fellows would be of great help.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Mr. H. C. Woodward

[Address]
President Mason,
The University of Chicago.

Dear President Mason:

Mr. John P. Kellogg, a member of the Staff of our Megiddo Expedition and at the moment also a Fellow in our Department, has been asked to pay his tuition under the ordinary rules which I believe do not permit the same person to hold a Fellowship and an official position in the University. The work of an assistant in the Oriental Institute is precisely in line with the work of his Fellowship and is indeed part of his preparation for his degree.

I hope, therefore, that in the case of appointees of the Oriental Institute the above mentioned rule regarding Fellows may be waived and that Mr. Kellogg may be granted the usual privileges with regard to tuition of a student holding a University position.

Very sincerely yours,

JHB

[Signature]

Fellows pay fees, 3-quarter assistants are released, but short-term appointees are held for them. At present only a 4th year scholar is given tuition while doing teaching on 1-2 quarter appointment or while holding a fellowship.
Administrative Board
Faculty Exchange

Gentlemen,

I beg to report to you that in the Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures it has become necessary to cancel Dr. Sprengling's course, number 342, and to insert in its place number 437, "Research in Arabic". The explanation of this fact is that the Autumn Schedule was made out in the summer time when Professor Sprengling was in Europe. His colleagues on the ground put down such courses as they thought he might wish to give, but upon his return he found it necessary to make this change. The fact is that in a subject like Arabic where the number of students is relatively small it is necessary to make such changes not infrequently, since students come to us with varying degrees of preparation and varying interests and courses have to be offered which will meet their needs. Quite frequently these needs compel such changes at the last minute.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Vice Chairman Department of Oriental Languages and Literature