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Answered NOV 25 1904

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Mr. Henry Porter Chandler,

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University of Chicago, Chicago.

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of the 23rd inst. is at hand, and we are gratified to have your assurance that you will hereafter be pleased to extend the courtesy of the Annual Register of the University to us as publishers. We shall always be glad to reciprocate any favors you may show us.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 15th inst. is at hand, advising us that you can supply us with a copy of the Annual Register of the University only upon the payment of 75 cents. We, therefore, forward this amount to the University Press for a copy of the book, containing a list of your faculty. This is the first time we have been asked to pay for a faculty list of any university. The list is desired to enable us to send intelligently complimentary copies of our new publications to such members of the faculty as may be interested in them. A few months ago the President of the University requested copies of such of our publications as were edited by members of the faculty of the University of Chicago for the educational exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, and we cheerfully sent these copies without charge. We have also been asked by your librarian and by heads of some of your departments for donations of our publications to the Pedagogical Library of the University, and have always cheerful-

ly complied with such requests, sending sometimes as high as thirty or forty volumes at one time, always without charge, and we regret that you should make it difficult for us to comply with such requests in the future.

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Nov. 9, 1904

Mr. Thomas Ambrose,

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My dear Sir:

I regret very much to say that it is not our practice to furnish Annual Registers of the University to publishing houses without charge. The Register is a large and expensive volume and issued in only a limited edition. We therefore ask the price of seventy-five cents for the same. Your application to the University Press, accompanied by a remittance for this amount, will be promptly honored.

We should like in special cases like yours to furnish the Register without this formality, because there seems to be a reason for a different policy, but we have learned from experience that if we begin to make exceptions, there is no place to stop. Requests multiply until our principle that Registers can not be generally distributed without charge is undermined.

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Rec'd Nov. 15

Registrar of University of Chicago,

Chicago.

Dear Sir:-

We should be glad, indeed, to have a copy of the current catalogue of the University, containing a list of the faculty and the branches taught by each member, so that we may intelligently send sample copies of our new books as they may appear from the press from time to time. If you can favor us in this way, we believe that your action will be appreciated as much by the members of the faculty as by ourselves.

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