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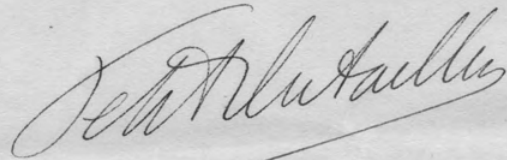
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message sent, and he is glad to have had his signature

attached to it.

YONKERS

Information has been received from the following sources:

Private Secretary

"Late spring". The message Private Secretary

Mr. Roger Tabor, American University Union in Europe
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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION

IN EUROPE

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8, RUE DE RICHELIEU
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PARIS, March 1, 1918

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With appreciation of the generous support accorded to the Union by so large and representative a group of American institutions of learning, I am,

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(Signed) George H. Nettleton,

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
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FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION IN EUROPE

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OPENING OF PARIS HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNION

On Saturday, October 20, 1917 the American University Union in Europe opened as its Paris Headquarters the Royal Palace Hotel, 8, Rue de Richelieu. No formal ceremonies were held, but that evening there was an informal dinner of the Executive Committee and of the Paris Advisory Council of the Union. This Council consists of twenty four resident graduates representing nine different American universities and colleges. The American Ambassador, Mr. Sharp, who is an honorary patron of the Union, was prevented by illness from attending the opening dinner but sent a specially cordial message including the following paragraph:-

"Let me assure you that I wish the splendid work which you are today inaugurating may succeed to the fullest possible extent, for its purpose is in every way most commendable. I am certain that the high personnel of the men who are associated with this enterprise will insure its unqualified success."

General Pershing, who is likewise an honorary patron of the Union, was represented by General Allair, at that time Provost Marshal of the American Expeditionary Forces in Paris.

On the opening day visitors were registered from thirty different American Universities and colleges and on the opening night over half of the rooms in the hotel were occupied. On the tenth night every room was filled.

CONTRACT WITH THE ROYAL PALACE HOTEL

The contract made by the Executive Committee with the Royal Palace Hotel secured for the Union the exclusive use of the hotel on the basis of a guarantee of two-thirds of the room-rentals, - the charge for each room being fixed by the contract on a scale of prices representing considerable concessions from those previously charged by the hotel. This guarantee has been so largely exceeded that no payments under it to the hotel management have been necessary. Since the tenth night the hotel has been continuously filled practically to capacity. It has proved possible to add on the sixth floor seven small bedrooms, renting at five francs a day each. These have been constantly occupied and have increased considerably the surplus of room-rentals above the required guarantee. Provision has been made in adjacent hotels to accomodate the overflow of guests from time to time. The removal of some of the important U.S. services from Paris during the month of January, coupled with the problems of heating, made it seem unwise to the Executive Committee to attempt, at least during the winter, any definite expansion of the Union beyond its present quarters. The present restrictions as to the granting of Paris leaves to officers and men in service have also made it seem unwise to commit the Union to further financial responsibilities. In general, however, the Union has proved reasonably adequate to demands upon it and its popularity shows no signs of abating.

In this popularity its central location is unquestionably a strong factor. Situated at the end of the Rue de Richelieu, where the street opens into the Place du Théâtre Français, the Union faces immediately the square and the theater itself. The main entrance is on the Rue de Richelieu but the building faces on three streets and is so constructed that every bedroom is an outside room. Built but a few years before the war, it is thoroughly modern, plentifully supplied with private baths, and has running water in every room. The restaurant is operated by the hotel, without guarantee from the Union, but the Union regulates the tariff of prices. Until February 1 the charges for déjeuner and for dinner were respectively 4.50 francs and 5.50 francs. Since February 1, owing to the increased cost of food and service, the prices have been raised to 5 and 6 francs respectively. The charges are moderate and considerably lower than in most hotels of similar excellence.

In the solution of the difficult question of heating, the sympathetic attitude of the Paris municipal authorities has been of definite assistance. No tips are permitted, but in lieu thereof ten percent is added to all bills during the first week and seven percent thereafter. This innovation has proved popular and helps to differentiate the Union from an ordinary hotel.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

In order to systematize the work of the Union the following committees have been constituted, - each of which has as its chairman a member of the Executive Committee.-

a) Entertainment Committee - Chairman, Mr. Hyde.

This Committee has arranged in conjunction with the House Committee various large club dinners, - notably at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's; a formal reception for French officials and professors of educational and university circles; a series of Saturday afternoon teas open to ladies and conducted by them; a series of admirable concerts, usually given on Sunday evenings; and various other social gatherings and entertainments.

b) Library and Art Committee - Chairman, Professor van Dyke.

This Committee has already secured a noteworthy and representative collection of French and English books. It has received, especially through M. Firmin Roz of the Ministère des Affaires Étrangères and through M. Petit Dutaillys, Director of the Office National des Universités et Ecoles Françaises, an admirably chosen set of the standard French classics, as a Christmas present to the Union, and other important French works. M. Camille Flammarion has given a valuable autographed set of his works and many individual volumes have been presented by different French writers of distinction. The Yale University Press has presented a collection of some fifty of its important publications in various fields and other gifts of English books have been received from societies and residents of Paris. On the first floor, a large bedroom has been

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and the plans for the future.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has the honor to report to the Council on the work done during the past year. The work has been carried out in accordance with the programme of work approved by the Council at its meeting in 1954. The Committee has held several meetings and has received many suggestions from the members of the Council. It has also received many reports from the various departments of the organization. The Committee has been very busy and has accomplished a great deal of work. It has held several meetings and has received many suggestions from the members of the Council. It has also received many reports from the various departments of the organization. The Committee has been very busy and has accomplished a great deal of work.

converted into an excellent quiet reading and writing room with an open fire. Here are kept the illustrated magazines and papers, of which the Union receives a large number, while the newspapers, which include many of the most representative American journals from all parts of the United States, are kept on file in racks in the lounge on the ground floor.

c) French Affairs - Chairman, Professor Vibbert.

This Committee has taken charge of the important question of French lessons and has successfully arranged many individual lessons and some courses and exchange lessons in French and English conducted both at the Union and elsewhere. It maintains also a list of pensions for the benefit of those who wish to live in French families and it has been active in cooperating with the French Committee on Receptions Parisiennes discussed later in this report. Its work has been especially valuable in cementing the Franco-American relations which the American University Union has largely helped to foster.

d) Committee on Publicity - Chairman, Mr. Crenshaw

This Committee, recently appointed, has already systematized the work of publicity as to notices of concerts, lectures, and other entertainments at the Union. It has also arranged for suitable notices of the Union in the official paper, the "Stars and Stripes", whose publication has just been commenced at General Pershing's suggestion as an official newspaper for the American forces abroad.

e) House Committee - Chairman, Mr. Lansingh.

The Chairman of this Committee, has had charge of the general conduct of the business and office organization of the Union and has cooperated with all the Committees in carrying out within the Union their several arrangements. He has installed a small shop or "cantine" in the lobby on the ground floor. This carries cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, candy, chocolate, toilet articles, writing-paper, flash-lights, and other articles in demand. The investment is small, the turn-over rapid, and the shop is self-supporting. Its daily business amounts to between 200 and 300 francs. Provision has been made for a purchasing agent who handles the numerous commissions for purchases received both in person and by mail. In general a 10 % charge is made above the cost of such purchases, - and arrangement which should ultimately make this department self-supporting and which adds greatly to the facilities of the Union.

Two general staff secretaries, Professor Alderfer of Oberlin College, and Mr. W.W. Irwin of the University of Pennsylvania, have recently been added to the general staff. Professor Alderfer is especially charged with the work of registration and correspondence with colleges not specifically represented by their own representatives in Paris. Mr. Irwin assists in the work of the Union on the business side. A third general staff secretary, Professor Cunliffe of Columbia who has just arrived, will take charge of the London Branch of the Union.

EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Important as have been the internal developments of the work of the Union at its Paris headquarters, even broader significance perhaps attaches to the relations already established by the Union with the social, and especially with the educational, interests of France. The success of the Union has attracted widespread attention from French officials, learned societies, and individuals of prominence. The Union has become a recognized center where have converged lines of educational and intellectual influence in France. Of these it is possible to note only the most significant.

a) Rapprochement Universitaire.

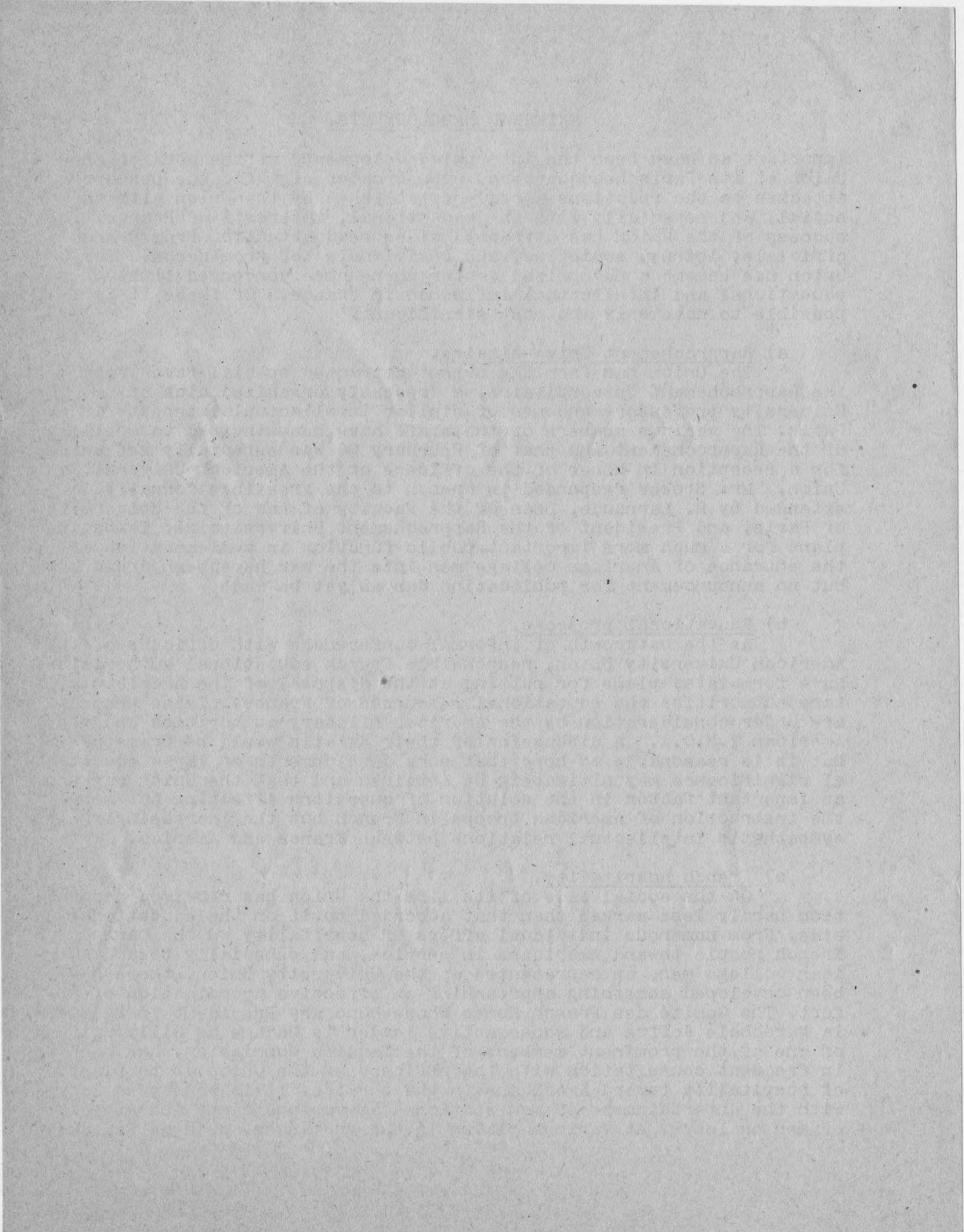
The Union has from the outset attracted special favor from the Rapprochement Universitaire, a recently organized club of University professors and men of similar intellectual interests in Paris. The various members of the staff have been invited to meetings of the Rapprochement and that of February 26 was especially set aside for a reception in honor of the officers of the American University Union. Mr. Stokes responded in French to the greetings formally extended by M. Larnaude, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Paris, and President of the Rapprochement Universitaire. Tentative plans for a much more important public function in commemoration of the entrance of American college men into the war have been drawn up, but no announcement for publication can as yet be made.

b) Educational projects.

As the outgrowth of informal conferences with officers of the American University Union, responsible French educational authorities have formulated plans for putting at the disposal of the American military authorities the educational resources of France. These projects are under consideration by the American military authorities and the American Y.M.C.A. A discussion of their details would be premature, but it is reasonable to hope that some developments of large educational significance may ultimately be attained and that the Union may prove an important factor in the solution of questions affecting not merely the instruction of American troops in French but the increasingly sympathetic intellectual relations between France and America.

c) French hospitality.

On the social side of its life the Union has received recognition hardly less marked than that accorded to it on the educational side. From numerous individual offers of hospitality on the part of French people toward Americans in service, and especially toward American college men, as represented at the University Union, there has been developed something approaching an effective coordination of effort. The Comité des French Homes whose honorary President is Madame la Maréchale Joffre and whose active leader is Madame de Billy, wife of one of the prominent members of the Tardieu Commission, has been in frequent consultation with the officers of the Union as to plans of hospitality toward Americans in the service. It is concerned largely with the entertainment of men stationed at various camps and especially of men on leave. At various places in the provinces, such as Pau and



Grenoble, committees have already been organized and others are being rapidly formed elsewhere throughout France. On account of the magnitude of the question of "Permissions" for the American Army, the Union felt it would be unable to act as the clearing-house for the entire work of the Committee, but the Executive Committee of the Union is aiding in every way the French Committee in its generous plans for hospitality toward our men in service. One section of this work has been organized under the title "Receptions Parisiennes" in conduct of Madame Borel. This has arranged numerous musicales, teas, receptions, and other social gatherings, at which the University Union has been largely represented. Professor Vibbert has been chiefly responsible for extending personal invitations to various college men resident at the Union and for insuring their participation in the various functions arranged in their honor. It is impossible to do more than to summarize these numerous manifestations of hospitality shown by the French towards Americans in service and in particular towards our guests at the Union. But the Union has rapidly become an important center for the development of social relations between French and Americans. To a very unusual extent French homes and households have welcomed our college men, and the traditional reserve of the French foyer has yielded to a generous and open hospitality which is everywhere a subject of comment.

d) Paris Advisory Council

In the developments of the work of the Union, particularly in its practical relations with the community of which it is now a part, the support and advice of the Paris Advisory Council has been of distinct benefit. At its meeting in January the Council decided to raise from its members and from other college men resident in Paris voluntary subscription to the Entertainment Fund. Already the sum of 1,700 francs has been turned over to the Executive Committee with promise of additional subscriptions. This will greatly aid a most important side of the work of the Union, and is doubly welcome as new proof of the cordial interest in all the affairs of the Union shown by college men resident in Paris. The Paris Advisory Council has undertaken the preparation of reports on various questions: on excursions in the neighborhood of Paris on facilities for golf, tennis, and swimming, on the legal formalities attendant on civilian burials in France, and on other matters on which the Executive Committee deemed it advisable to have information accessible. Various members of the Advisory Council have materially assisted Mr. Lansingh in his business arrangements, and others by service on the Entertainment Committee and in similar ways, have aided different Union activities. There has been from the outset entire harmony between the Paris Advisory Council and the Executive Committee and an ever-increasing spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness.

The report of the Executive Committee to the Trustees under date of January 31, 1918 concludes as follows:

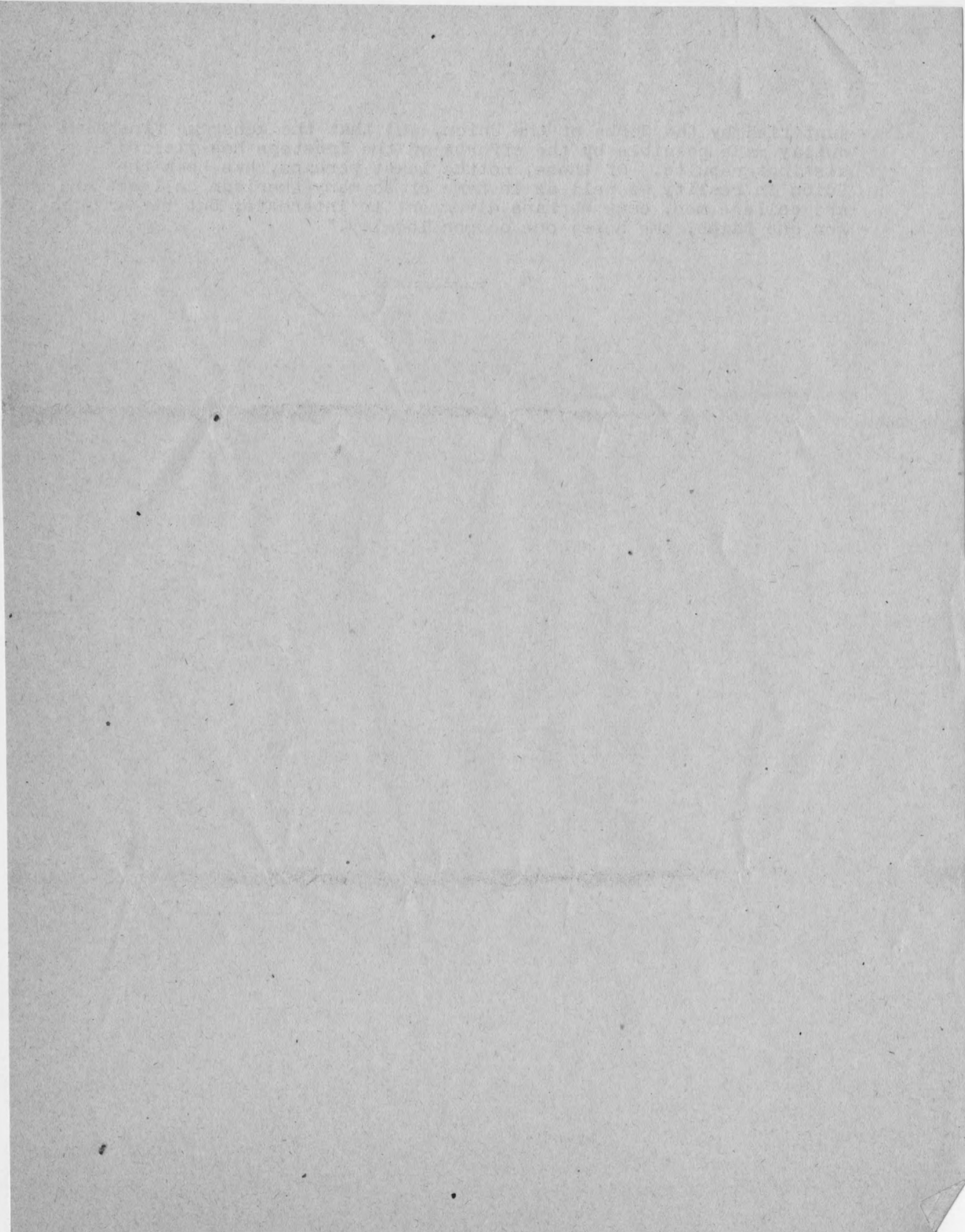
"So rapid has been the expansion of the Union and so manifold have become its interests, that even this lengthy report covering the first quarter - year of its history omits many points worthy of note. To a large extent for example, it neglects the constant and vitally important personal services rendered by the officers and staff of the Union and of the college bureaus to the college men who frequent the Union. These services include advice as to the branches of military service, recommendations for commissions, financial aid in deserving cases, communication with families and friends of men in service, assistance to the sick, and in short, all forms of personal service, assistance, and hospitality. These matters are perhaps so obvious that they need not be enumerated. But the increasingly important position of the Union in the social and educational life of the community has in no wise been permitted to overshadow its primary present aim--" to meet the needs of American University and college men and their friends who are in Europe for military or other service in the cause of the Allies."

"In conclusion, it should be said that the work of the Union has been constantly conducted in entire harmony with that of the American Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. Many members of both of these organizations have been residents at the Union. Some evidences of the interplay and cooperation between them and the Union have already been incidentally suggested in this report. In addition, various members of the Executive Committee of the Union have given addresses and readings in Y.M.C.A. camps, and Mr. Stokes has arranged to take a somewhat extended tour on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Invitations to entertainments have been exchanged between the Officers' Hotel conducted by the Y.M.C.A. and the Union, and the services of some of the Y.M.C.A. entertainment staff have been offered to the Union. The Red Cross, through arrangements made by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at home is expected to aid materially in the shipment of supplies, and Major Murphy, Major Perkins, Major Lambert and others of the Red Cross staff have been cordial in their encouragement of the work of the Union. In fact, it may fairly be said that next to the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. - the magnitude of whose work happily forbids comparison the American University Union is already recognized as the broadest in scope and influence, of the various American war relief organizations and as the most available center for the discussion of Franco-American educational interests.

"The Executive Committee present to the Board of Trustees for its approval this report of the first quarter year of the active life of The Union, at its Paris headquarters, with satisfaction not so much in past accomplishments as in the prospects of larger usefulness now distinctly opening before the Union. It has not dwelt on various shortcomings in the work apparent to none more clearly than to its own members. Some of these failings have been due to unavoidable war conditions, some to the rapidity of development which outgrew the resources of a limited staff of workers, but we believe that, in considerable measure, the faith of the Board of Trustees has been

justified by the works of the Union, and that the generous financial outlay made possible by the efforts of the Trustees has yielded distinct results. Of these, not the least perhaps, has been the Union in reality as well as in name of so many American colleges and and college men, once perhaps divergent in interests, but recognizing now one faith, one hope, one common loyalty."

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In France,
May 1, 1918.

Mr. D. C. Robertson,
University of Chicago.

My dear Mr. Robertson; - Although I have been away from the university for the greater part of a year, - 4000 miles away, in fact; still I can't escape from its sheltering arms, and the service it renders even in France is so valuable that I feel impelled to voice my appreciation. The University Union in Paris which it sustains is a veritable haven of refuge to us. And there is no service which its accomodating personnel seems unable to perform for us. One appreciates there the chance to get butter - an article one can't get even at Ciro's or Maxim's, and the lounging rooms are like that famous budge where one meets everybody at some time or other. It was recently the scene of an encounter with Dr. Harvey, 1st Lieut in Infantry, Another Chicago man whom I recently encountered is Leonard Loeb, 2^d Lt. in Signal Corps. I had some difficulty in persuading them that I was I; for this life is telling so on my health - I am becoming a regular Samson.

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I am getting so I have a profound pity for the horse, for as I jump into the saddle he gives a grunt indicative each day of greater strain. I think that out of humane motives I'll ask to be assigned to a motorized battery where I'll have a many-horse-powered motor commensurate with my increasing might.

I noticed in the January number of the U.S.C. magazine that I was credited to infantry. The matter is not important, but I call your attention to the correct dope so that whatever record you have may be correct. I have nothing against the infantry, but when one is in Field Artillery, the highest branch of the service, one naturally feels somewhat demeaned by being credited to another.

This artillery game is most fascinating, and the artillery tricks we are learning from the French amount almost to wizardry. Some of the activities in which I have been engaged (which it is proper to mention) are hurdling on some of these blooded French cavalry horses, drawing maps and surveying for

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If I had time I might ramble on indefinitely about my days which are filled with interesting experiences — about the garden-spots of France I have visited; the speed with which I can now string the French words together, even embellishing them with their proper but troublesome liaisons; how I have learned to eat horse flesh with relish; of my encounters with Belgian refugees and German prisoners, etc. But I must close, assuring you again of my gratitude for the way the University is serving us in France,

Sincerely, Harry Kitson.

from

Lt. H. Kitson, F. A. U. S. R.

U. S. P. O. 728, A. E. 7. (permanent military address)
in France)

your engagements, beginning on these wonderful
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 Sincerely, Henry Whitson.

from
 Lt. Whitson, F.O. N.D.A.

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 in France

Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
Chicago

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March
Eighteenth,
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Dear President Judson:

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tered at the American University Union in Europe.

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I think this will be particularly valuable
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Yours cordially,

Harold H. Swift,

President Harry Pratt Judson,
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Cambridge, Mass., March 22, 1918

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I thought that you might be interested to see it not only to know what has happened in the past, but to keep in touch with the developments contemplated for the future. If you have any suggestions that will make for the greater usefulness of the Union, they will be gratefully received.

Yours very truly,

Roger Pierce

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I thought that you might be interested to see it not only to know what has happened in the past, but to keep in touch with the developments contemplated for the future. If you have any suggestions that will make for the greater usefulness of the Union, they will be gratefully received.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

President H. P. Judson,
University of Chicago,
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Chicago, March 28, 1918

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Activities of the Union in France

To the Board of Trustees of the American University Union in Europe

Gentlemen:

Your Executive Committee presents herewith a report dealing with the extension of the activities of the Union in France. The report will discuss the developments of the Union (1) in its internal (2) in its external aspects.

1. Internal Developments

Without attempting to review the numerous details of the daily history of the Union, at its Paris headquarters, it is possible to make some generalizations based on the experience of the first quarter-year.

A. Room rental guarantee

First of all, the contract with the Royal Palace Hotel has, after a fair test, been fully justified. Since the tenth night the hotel has been continuously filled practically to capacity. Within the first two months the total room-rent required for the first three months under our guarantee, was almost reached. Almost from the outset it has been evident that no actual payment by the Union would be necessary. It has been proved possible to add, on the sixth floor, seven small single bedrooms, renting at five francs a day each. These have been constantly occupied and have increased considerably the surplus on room-rentals above the required guarantee. The removal of several of the important U. S. services from Paris during the month of January has taken from the Union many of its regular residents, but the influx of transients has fully offset this loss. The attendant uncertainties in the situation, coupled with those of heating, made it seem unwise to the Executive Committee to attempt, at least during the winter, any definite expansion of the Union beyond its present quarters. But the occasional overflow of guests has been satisfactorily accommodated in adjacent hotels, and, in general, the Union has proved reasonably adequate to demands upon it.

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The restaurant has been maintained thus far at the prices originally fixed. In consideration of the advance in cost of food and service, and in harmony with the spirit of the contract, the Executive Committee has agreed

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To the Board of Trustees of the American International League in France

Gentlemen:

For Executive Committee purposes, I am sending you a report dealing with the activities of the Union in France. The report will show the development of the Union in the country and its present status.

I. General Development

Without attempting to review the numerous details of the Union's history in France, it is possible to state some general facts based on the experience of the first quarter of 1934.

A. The Union's Development

First of all, the contrast with the Royal Palace Hotel has, after a brief time, been fully realized. Since the fourth night the hotel has been completely filled, and the Union has been able to operate. Within the first two months the hotel room-plant reached for the first time a normal level of occupancy, and almost from the start it has been evident that no actual payment by the Union would be necessary. It has been proved possible to add on the sixth floor, never small, a large hall, and have increased capacity. These have been completely occupied and have produced considerable daily the surplus on room-rentals above the regular guarantee. The revenue of the Union has been U. S. \$1,000,000 during the month of January has been the Union's first month of complete success, but the index of occupancy has fully offset this loss. The average occupancy rate on the entire hotel, coupled with the fact of having a new hall, has been to the Executive Committee an added asset. At least during the winter season the expansion of the Union beyond its present limits, but the seasonal overflow of guests has been satisfactorily accommodated in adjacent hotels, and, in general, the Union has proved itself ready to demand more.

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a slight raise in prices to be effective February 1st. The price of dejeuner will be advanced from 4.50 to 5 francs, and of dinner from 5.50 to 6 francs. The charges of the Hotel Montana are respectively 7 and 8 francs for these meals, and in general hotels of similar rank have since October made similar advances in prices. It is felt, accordingly, that in view of war conditions the proposed moderate increase is reasonable. The price of pension (three meals) has been increased from 10 to 11 francs a day, but it has been provided that officers and secretaries of the Union and of college bureaus, not exceeding six in number, shall be given pension at the present rate of 10 francs. The number of such staff officials now on pension is five.

The hotel management has successfully handled a considerable number of very large dinners, as at Thanksgiving and at Christmas, as well as two dinners given to the Paris Advisory Council and many smaller private dinners. Despite the difficulties of war conditions, the restaurant has, in general, been maintained efficiently.

C. Heating

The additional cost of daily hot water heating, a question discussed fully in the report of November 7, 1917, has been met without cost to the Union, by an arrangement accepted by the hotel management, to add 50 centimes a day to the cost of rooms with private bath. Sufficient anthracite coal, though often poor in quality has been secured from the municipal authorities. The main difficulties of the heating problems have therefore been successfully met.

Thus the three essential questions of the contract, room-rental guarantee, restaurant, and heating, may be said to have answered satisfactorily

Internal Organization

In order to systematize the work of the Union, the following committees have been constituted, each of which has as its chairman a member of the Executive Committee; Entertainment, Mr. Hyde (Harvard), Library and Art, Professor van Dyke (Princeton), French Affairs, Professor Vibbert (Michigan), Publicity, Mr. Crenshaw (Virginia), House Committee, Mr. Lansingh (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

A. The Entertainment Committee has as its Vice-Chairman Mr. Clifton, who is specifically in charge of musical affairs. He has provided, through the generosity of a friend, for the rental of an excellent grand piano, and has arranged two admirable concerts, one given by Parisian musicians, the other by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rogers of New York.

The largest gatherings arranged by the Entertainment Committee and by the Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Lansingh, have been the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the latter preceded by a Christmas tree and the singing of the Christmas carols by British choir boys, and a New Year supper. Under the auspices of the Technology Bureau, an illustrated lecture on Light Railways in the War, was given.

In November a formal French reception was given to which were invited the leading officials and professors of educational and university circles. This was largely attended and was highly appreciated by the Parisian guests. Through informal dinners, social gatherings and committee meetings, the Union has already become an attractive common meeting-ground of French and American educators and men of letters.

A very successful feature has been the Saturday afternoon teas, open to ladies. Each Saturday a hostess assumes charge and secures a dozen or more ladies to assist her. Mrs. James H. Hyde, Mrs. Robert Bliss, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Miss Martha McCook, Madame Borel, and Mrs. William G. Sharp have thus far been the hostesses.

B. The Library Committee has received various important gifts, especially through M. Firman Rez, of the Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, in particular, an admirably chosen set of the standard French classics, presented to the Union as a Christmas gift. M. Petit Dutaillis, Director of the Office National des Universités et Ecole Française, has informed us that the Union is to be the recipient of a further collection of between 150 and 200 volumes of French literature. M. Camille Flammarion has presented a valuable set of his works. The Yale University Press has recently presented to the Union a valuable collection of some fifty of its important publications in various fields. Other gifts have been made by societies and residents of Paris, and the Union has now an excellent library of representative works in French and English.

On the first floor a large bed-room has been converted into an excellent quiet reading-room and writing room, with an open fire. Here are now kept the illustrated magazines and journals, while the newspapers are on file in racks in the lounge on the ground floor. This arrangement has greatly improved the facilities of the club.

C. French Affairs

Professor Vibbert has taken charge of the important question of French lessons, and has successfully arranged many individual lessons, and some courses, and exchanges of lessons in French and English, conducted both at the Union and elsewhere. He has also made a list of pensions for the benefit of those who wish to live with French families, and has been active in cooperating with the French Committee on Receptions Parisiennes, discussed later in this report.

D. Publicity

Mr. Crenshaw has recently been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Publicity, and has already systematized the work of publicity as to notices of the concerts, lectures and other entertainments at the Union. He has also arranged for a suitable advertisement of the Union in the official paper "The Stars and Stripes" which is soon to be published at General Pershing's suggestion as the official journal of news for the American forces abroad.

E. Mr. Lansingh, Chairman of the House Committee, has had charge of the general conduct of the business and office organization of the Union, and has cooperated with all the committees in carrying out within the Union their several arrangements. He has furthermore installed a purchasing

agent who handles the numerous commissions for purchases received both in person and by mail. In general a ten percent charge is made above the cost of such purchases, an arrangement which should ultimately make this department self-supporting, besides adding greatly to the facilities afforded to individual members of the Union. The general office and the separate college bureaus likewise profit by this arrangement, and are relieved of many details of work.

The shop instituted by Mr. Lansingh has proved a great success and has had a daily business of between 200 and 300 francs. It has not been run for profit, but as a convenience to our guests. The financial statement however, shows that a satisfactory profit has been realized.

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2. External Developments

Important as have been the internal developments of the work of the Union at its Paris headquarters, even broader significance attaches to the relations already established by the Union with the social and especially with the educational interests of France. The success of the Union, which it would be an affectation to belittle, has attracted widespread attention from French officials, learned societies, and individuals of prominence. The Union has become a recognized center where have converged lines of educational and intellectual influence in France. Of these it will be possible to note only the most significant.

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agents who handle the numerous correspondence and business letters of the person and by mail. In general, a person's correspondence is made up of the cost of such expenses, as the agent's which should ultimately be paid by the department and the agent's. The general office and the foreign office are separate and distinct in their organization, and are relieved of any details of work.

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March to February 24th* to enable him to attend and to represent the trustees of the Union. The project has been submitted to General Pershing, and all details of arrangement will necessarily be governed by military regulations and the exigencies of the moment. It will be apparent that this public recognition of the work of the Union and of its members is being planned on an impressive scale by the educational leaders of France.

3. Project of Monsieur Petit Dutailis for French instruction for American troops.

As the outgrowth of informal conferences with officers of the American University Union, Monsieur Petit Dutailis, Director of the "Office National des Universites et Ecoles Francaises", and Inspector General of Public Instruction, has formulated a plan for putting at the disposal of the American military authorities the educational machinery of France. This project was transmitted formally to the University Union on December 10 and by it, on the following day, in turn submitted to Mr. Carter, head of the American V.M.C.A. organization in Europe, for transmission to General Pershing. On account of his absence in England and for other reasons, Mr. Carter has been delayed in taking up these plans with General Pershing, and their ultimate reception or partial adoption will doubtless be a matter of long negotiation. It will be apparent, however, that the offer of the French educational authorities- which is substantially to put at the disposal of the American troops through their responsible military leaders the educational machinery of France- is of great significance. It is gratifying to know that these plans were worked out largely in conference with the American University Union, and that the Union has been recognized as the appropriate medium through which to present these plans for consideration.

C. French Hospitality

On the social side of its life the Union has met recognition hardly less marked than that accorded it on its educational side. From what threatened to become almost a chaos of individual offers of hospitality on the part of French towards Americans in service, there has been developed something approaching an effective organization. The "Comite des French Homes", whose honorary President is Madame la Marechale Joffre, and whose active head is Madame de Billy, wife of one of the most prominent members of the Tardieu commission, has been in frequent consultation with the officers of the Union as to plans for hospitality towards Americans in service in the provinces. It is concerned with the entertainment of men stationed at various camps and military centers, and especially of men on leave. At various places such as Pau, and Grenoble, provincial committees have already been organized, and others are rapidly being formed at Tours, and elsewhere throughout France. On account of the magnitude of the question of "permissions" for the American army, the Union felt itself unable to act as the official bureau or clearing-house for the entire work of the Committee, but the Executive Committee of the Union is endeavoring to aid in every possible way the French committees in its generous plans for hospitality towards our men in service.

* This has recently been postponed again until April or early May.

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after receipt of the necessary information. It will be
apparent that this project is a part of the United States
policy in being planned on an extensive scale by the educational
leaders of France.

2. Project of American Relief Committee for French instruction for American troops.

At the outbreak of internal conferences with officers of the
American University Union, American Relief Committee, Director of the
"Office of American Relief Committee of French Francophone", and Inspector
General of French Francophone, has been set on foot for the purpose of
disseminating the American military and educational system in France.
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authorities in the various plans for hospitality towards our men in service.

This has recently been put into effect and will be fully in effect.

A joint meeting of the "Comite des French Homes" and representatives of similar organizations was recently held, under the Presidency of Professor Henri Bergson, and it seems likely that all efforts will be centralized and so far as possible unified. One section of the work of French hospitality has been organized under the title "Receptions Parisiennes", in conduct of Madame Borel. This has arranged numerous musicales, teas, receptions and other social gatherings, at which the University Union has been largely represented. Professor Vibbert has been chiefly responsible for extending personal invitations to various college men resident at the Union and for insuring their participation in the various functions arranged in their honor. It is impossible to do more than to summarize these numerous manifestations of hospitality shown by the French towards Americans in service, and in particular towards our guests at the Union. But the Union has rapidly become an important center for the development of social relations between French and Americans. To a very unusual extent, French homes and households have welcomed our college men, and the traditional reserve of the French foyer has yielded largely to a generous and open hospitality which is everywhere an object of comment.

D. Paris Advisory Council and College Representatives

In the development of the work of the Union, particularly in its practical relations with the community of which it is now a part, the support and advice of the Paris Advisory Council has been of distinct benefit. At its meeting in January the Council decided to raise from its members and from other college men now resident in Paris voluntary subscriptions to the Entertainment Fund. Already the sum of 1,000 francs has been turned over to the Executive Committee, with promise of many additional subscriptions. This will greatly aid a most important side of the work of the Union, and is doubly welcome as new proof of the cordial interest in all the affairs of the Union shown by college men resident in Paris. The Paris Advisory Council has undertaken the preparation of reports on various questions of excursions in the neighborhood of Paris, of facilities for golf, tennis and swimming, of reports on the legal formalities attendant on civilian burials in France, and on other matters on which the Executive Committee deemed it advisable to have information accessible. Various members of the Advisory Council have materially assisted Mr. Lansingh in his business arrangements, and some, by service on the Entertainment Committee and in other ways, have aided different Union activities. There has been from the outset entire harmony between the Paris Advisory Council and the Executive Committee, and an ever increasing spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness.

So rapid has been the expansion of the Union and so manifold have become its interests, that even this lengthy report covering the first quarter year of its history omits many points worthy of note. To a large extent, for example, it neglects the constant and vitally important personal services rendered by the officers and staff of the Union and of the college bureaus to the college men who frequent the Union. These services include advice as to the branches of military service, recommendations for commissions, financial aid in deserving cases, communication with families and friends of men in service, assistance to the sick, and in short, all forms of personal service and hospitality. These matters are perhaps so obvious that they need not be enumerated. But the increasingly important position of the Union in the social and educational

life of the community has in no wise been permitted to overshadow its primary present aim "To meet the needs of American university and college men and their friends who are in Europe for military or other service in the cause of the Allies."

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The Executive Committee presents to the Board of Trustees for its approval this report of the first quarter-year of the active life of the Union at its Paris headquarters with satisfaction not so much in past accomplishments as in the prospects of larger usefulness now distinctly opening before the Union. It has not dwelt on various shortcomings in the work apparent to none more clearly than to its own members. Some of these failings have been due to unavoidable conditions, some to a rapidity of development which outgrew the resources of a limited staff of workers. But we believe that in considerable measure, the faith of the Board of Trustees has been justified by the works of the Union, and that the generous financial outlay made possible by the efforts of the Trustees has yielded distinct results.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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March
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8, RUE DE RICHELIEU
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DEVELOPMENT OF LONDON BRANCH

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF LONDON BRANCH

On February 23, 1918, Professor J.W. Gunliffe, of Columbia University, previously appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Union as one of the general staff secretaries, arrived in Paris. On February 25, by action, of the Executive Committee, subsequently confirmed by the Board of Trustees, Professor Gunliffe was made Director of the London Branch of the Union. It is understood that the London Branch, and such Continental branches as may be established at Rome and elsewhere, will be under the general control of the Central Executive Committee of the Union at Paris, which, in turn, is subject to the final authority of the Board of Trustees in America.

At its meeting on February 25, the Executive Committee authorized the Director and Assistant Director to go to London to investigate the general situation and to make such preliminary arrangements as seemed advisable to develop the London Branch of the Union and to secure the appointment of an Advisory Council in London similar to that already existing in Paris. The Director and Assistant Director arrived in London March 4, 1918,

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY DINNER IN LONDON

As a first tangible step towards consolidating the interests of American college men in England, plans were formed immediately at the suggestion of Mr. Lewis P. Sheldon, of the American Embassy, for an American University dinner. Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Robert Grant, Jr., and Mr. Laurence L. Tweedy -- to whose joint efforts was due the establishment in London last September of a branch office of the Union -- constituted themselves a dinner committee and made all necessary arrangements. The dinner was held on March 14. 167 men were present representing 51 different American universities and colleges. Lord Bryce was the guest of honor, and his speech on Anglo-American relations in general and on the mutual sympathies between British and American university men in particular attracted attention in the London press. The other speakers were Professor Russell H. Chittenden, American representative of the Interallied Food Commission, and the Director of the University Union.

LONDON ADVISORY COUNCIL

At the University dinner at London Advisory Council for the Union was selected consisting of Messrs. Lewis P. Sheldon (Yale), Mr. Robert Grant, Jr. (Harvard), and Mr. Laurence L. Tweedy (Princeton), with power to add to their number. This committee has subsequently added to its membership Mr. A. Chester Beatty (Columbia), Mr. John Blair Mac Afee (Pennsylvania), Mr. G.A. Mower (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), and Mr. Henry King Smith

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(Yale), Vice-President in London of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., through whose courtesy the Union has obtained its business office at 16 Pall Mall East. Since the formation last September of the London Branch of the Union and until the appointment of Professor Cunliffe as its resident director, Mr. Smith personally conducted the registration, correspondence and general business of the office. At a meeting of the Advisory Council on April 25, on the occasion of Mr. Stokes's visit to London, Mr. Tweedy was elected Chairman of the Advisory Council, and it was decided to invite certain other alumni permanently resident in London and representing different American colleges to join the Council. The advice and direct aid of the London Advisory Council have already proved of great value to the Union.

The arrangements finally concluded by the officers of the Union are as follows--

BUSINESS OFFICE

On account of its central location, business and banking facilities, and the advantage of maintaining an already well established mail address, it seemed advisable to continue the London office established at 16 Pall Mall East. Through the courtesy of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, the Union is now given, free of rent, the entire first floor of the Company's building. The rooms have been generously and comfortably equipped, and are adequate for the transaction of business and for the comfort and convenience of patrons. A large writing and reading room plentifully supplied with American newspaper and periodicals together with a bureau of information and registration will be open from 9.30 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily, and on Saturdays to 1 P.M. There will be accessible a duplicate file of all registrations in the Paris Office, now approximating 9,000 in number. Professor Cunliffe has secured competent secretarial and stenographic assistance.

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

Excellent hotel arrangements have been conducted with the St. James's Palace Hotel on Bury Street, near Jermyn Street and Piccadilly Circus. Our experience in Paris has emphasized the importance of a central location. The St. James's Palace Hotel gives us similar advantages in London. This Hotel, thoroughly modern, is well equipped and the management is especially efficient. The arrangement with the hotel involves the Union with no financial responsibility or guarantee. It secures for members of the Union, including civilians as well as men in active military service, the same special reduced rates which are given to British officers, representing very considerable reductions from the usual tariff. In return for its patronage the Union receives free of cost exclusive use of a large room, formerly used as a ball-room, on the ground floor opening directly from the main lobby of the hotel. This has been refurnished at the expense of the hotel management as a lounging, writing and reading room and should prove an attractive gathering place for members of the Union. Under the same management as the St. James's Palace Hotel is the Felix Hotel close by on Jermyn Street. In this hotel practically all the rooms have private bath and here also reduced rates have been secured for members of the Union.

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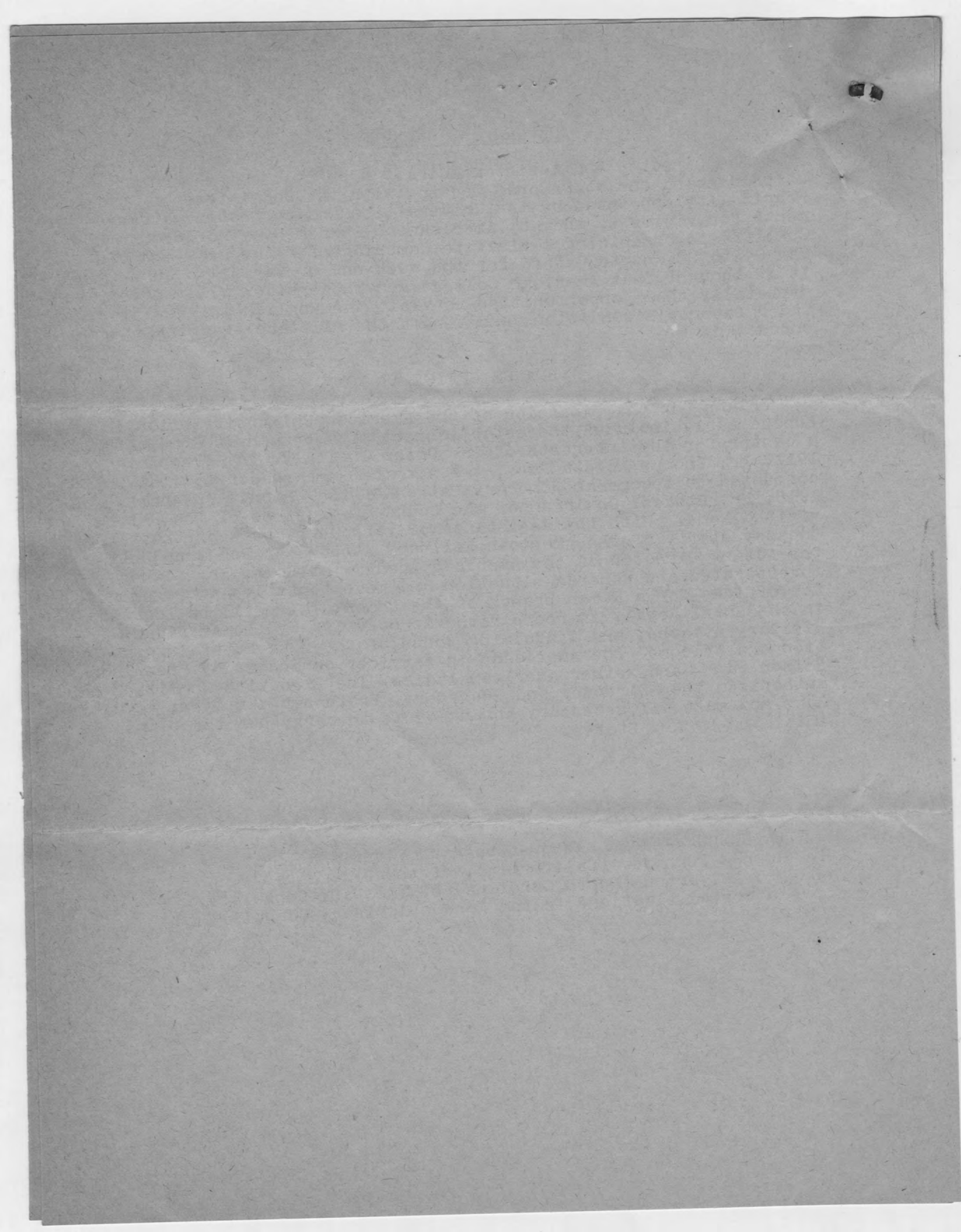
OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

The Director and Assistant Director spent one week end at Cambridge and one at Oxford, meeting with the Committees of Hospitality appointed by the Universities and perfecting arrangements for visits to them by American college men. Professor Cunliffe is organizing a visit to Cambridge for the week-end of May 24 to 26 and to Oxford for the week-end of May 31 to June 2. It is thought that American College men in service will appreciate especially these opportunities to visit the English universities under favorable conditions and to see the military training there conducted.

BRANCH OFFICE AT ROME

Plans for the expansion of the American University Union in Europe early included the establishment of a branch at Rome, as a center for the interests of the Union in Italy. In November, 1917, Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, the American Ambassador to Italy, consented to become an Honorary Patron of the Union. In April, 1918, Mr. Stokes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Union, visited Rome. With the assistance of various members of the Embassy staff, of the American Military Attaché at Rome, and of the Acting Director of the American Academy at Rome, Mr. Stokes investigated the general situation and made tentative arrangements for offices for a Roman branch of the Union. This will be located in the Hotel Royal, in rooms hitherto occupied by the American Military Attaché, and adjoining those of the "Bureau of Information and Welcome" for Americans in service, conducted by Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page and other American ladies. The Executive Committee has authorized the Director and Secretary, Professor van Dyke, to visit Rome and make all necessary arrangements to carry out the plans initiated by Mr. Stokes.

ADDENDUM - Word has just been received that Mr. R. Edmonds Pennoyer (California), of the U.S. Embassy, and Mr. Yelverton (North Carolina) of the U.S. Consulate, have accepted elections to the London Advisory Council.



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION IN EUROPE

8, rue de Richelieu, Paris.

December 6, 1918.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the absence from Paris of the Director on a brief trip to the United States to consult the Trustees on important questions concerning the development of the Union, the occasional reports sent from Paris Headquarters to the different universities and colleges that are members of the Union have been interrupted. In the new printed pamphlet of the Union (October, 1918), however, the annual reports of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in America and of the Director of the Union in Europe review fully the record of the past year and the outlook for the future.

The sudden ending of hostilities has rendered inadvisable certain projects for expansion based on the general expectation of the continuance of the war until next year. The service of the Union, however, during the coming period of demobilization will continue to be of the utmost importance. The activity of the Paris headquarters has never been so great. New registrations in person now run from 120 to 150 a day, and the general facilities of the Union and of the different college bureaus are taxed to the utmost. Since its beginning, the Union has registered upwards of 20,000 American college men from practically 400 different universities, colleges, and higher technical schools. Its mail, purchasing, and forwarding departments have been expanded to meet rapidly multiplying demands. Through the generous cooperation of the American Red Cross, the American Y.M.C.A., and the French official authorities, many difficulties of transportation, shipment, and distribution of supplies to members of the American Expeditionary Forces have been overcome. The registration files and card catalogues of both the Paris and London offices are constantly consulted, and have proved of unique assistance in enabling college men in service overseas to keep in touch with relatives and friends.

For months past the members of the Union and college bureau staffs have to a very considerable extent visited the sick and wounded, in the military hospitals of Paris. They have reported on many casualties to relatives at home, either directly, when not inconsistent with military regulations, or through the Home Communication Section of the Red Cross, whose services during the war have proved indispensable and whose officers have generously sought to respond as fully as possible to legitimate inquiries. The Union and the different college bureaus have likewise, to the extent of their ability, met the often pressing financial needs of wounded and other men in service. To thousands of college men, the Union has been the most direct source of personal counsel and assistance of every sort during their term of service overseas.

By authorizing, on December 4, 1918, a slightly increased, but still very moderate, tariff for rooms and meals, the Union has been enabled to extend sufficiently its contract with the Royal Palace Hotel. It has at the same time secured certain necessary improvements in accommodations and service.

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The Union has been actively interested from the outset in the work for educational work for the American Forces. The accompanying Bulletin prepared with the approval of Professor Manning, Chairman of the American Army Overseas Commission, is self-explanatory. This Bulletin, together with personal references to individual questions, is being sent to scores of college men who have recently addressed inquiries to the Union. The Union and Home Branches of the Union are co-operating in this work.

The Executive Committee takes this occasion to thank the various institutions, now numbering about 150, whose membership in the Union has been essential to its financial support, and upon whose continued interest its work must largely depend.

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