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Oncken however, and as he shortly returned to Berlin, I got Meyer to go with me, and we had a long talk with him. Although your letter empowered me only to "recommend" a man, I ventured to approach Oncken, because there was little use in sending you a recommendation without knowing whether it would be possible for the man to accept. All the available men here are involved in large historical enterprises, and they must be approached beforehand, or we run the risk of calling some ^{one} who cannot come. Such is Oncken's case. He is much interested, and ready to come if called, providing he can adjust the time of coming, to his obligations here. The University and the Kriegsakademie, in both of which he lectures, would of course be attended to by the Minister of Public instruction, who is ready to secure the necessary leave of absence; but Oncken has been appointed by the family of Benningsen, to write his biography, and has signed a contract to deliver the MS of two large volumes on a given date. He is now approaching the family and his publishers, to ascertain if they will not consent to extend the time six months, to enable him to go to Chicago if called. He will have an answer in a few days. As there seems to be reluctance on the part of the publishers to comply with his request, I have asked the Under-Secretary of State if he could exert an influence in the proper quarter, and we are to have a talk about it this afternoon. It is as if the life of Blaine in America, authorised by the family, should be delayed six months in appearing, and of course the Ministry of Public Instruction can be very influential in the matter.

There is another question, which I had no data for settling, viz. that of the time of the lectures. I find no dates given in your letter, and the Benningsen and other matters would keep Oncken here till ^{next} spring in any case. Hence he could not begin his work in Chicago till next spring; indeed he would be glad if it might be postponed til the fall of 1905. I told him I thought this ^{last date} was out of the question, and he would

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be ready to go next spring if necessary. It is now so late that I am confident no one whom we could find would come before next spring, and Meyer is entirely of the same opinion. By the time we can reach anyone else, after vacation, the winter semester will have begun, and nothing can then be done.

Oncken impressed me as a man of the finest culture, and admirably adapted to do the work. While the gentlemen at the Ministry of Public Instruction of course showed not the slightest tendency to put anyone upon us, it was evident that they would be very gratified by the appointment of Oncken.

I will let you know without delay, the result of Oncken's request on the Benningesen matter, and if you wish to close up the matter and call him, a cable to me would probably reach me in time to go and see him before we leave Sept. 15th. In any case Oncken's address is: Dr. Hermann Oncken, Kneesebeck Strasse 4, Charlottenburg, Germany. My shortest address for a cable would be: Breasted, Dresdbank, Berlin.

Hoping that the matter as now progressing may reach a satisfactory settlement, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Breasted

Oncken - F. S. P.

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case Goodman's address is: Dr. Edmund Goodman, 1212 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
My shortest address for a cable would be: Haskell, Chicago.

Trusting that the matter is not postponing any longer a satisfactory
decision, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James Henry Haskell
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October 5, 1904

My dear Mr. Breasted:

I am hoping that we may be able at as early a date as possible in the month of October to have a conference of all the members of the University who have definite connection with the subjects of archaeology and art. I think that we ought to do something to unify this work and put it on a higher basis. I am writing you this letter to ask you to give the matter your careful thought and consideration.

Would you be good enough, after thinking it over, to write me any suggestions which you may have in order that in turn I may be able to give the matter consideration before holding such a meeting? There are now at least ten or twelve persons directly connected with this sort of work in the various departments of the University. If these can be brought together good results will surely be accomplished.

Hoping that I may hear from you as early as convenient, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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1. Can the work of the School of Education be unified by bringing together more closely the officers of instruction in the College and High School and the Elementary School, whose work is associated directly or indirectly with the subject of Art or Drawing?
2. Can the work of the School of Education as a whole be strengthened or helped through the co-operation of University departments?
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If the Press publishes the volumes we will do it, as in the case of the Hammurabi Code, by securing subscriptions in advance. To this end I propose that you arrange the material for a circular, giving information concerning the subject similar, perhaps, to that which was used in connection with the Hammurabi Code. Let us get this into shape also so that we may be ready to mail copies at the earliest possible moment. After these two pieces of direct preparation of the work shall have been concluded, I am persuaded that we will be ready to go forward. I have no question as to the financial outcome, and I am sure it needs to be pushed. I leave it to you to confer with

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NOVEMBER 28, 1904.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 26, 1904.

Pres. W.B.R. Harper,
University of Chicago.

Dear Pres. Harper:-

Regarding the Ancient Records of Egypt, I learn from Mr. Miller, that he has not as yet written to MacMillan, desiring further conference with you before doing so. He states however, that the immediate beginning of composition work on the Egyptian volumes in no way depends ~~upon~~ upon the cooperation of MacMillan in the enterprise. Whether the volumes appear in conjunction with MacMillan, or are, issued by the University Press alone, the composition work is to be done by the Press; for ⁱⁿ both plans this part of the work devolves upon the Press. The composition may therefore be begun, without waiting for the outcome of further negotiations with MacMillan.

May I therefore urge an early beginning of the composition work, in view of the following considerations:

1. Vol. I has now been waiting for the Press to go forward, for a year and a half: Vols II and III have been waiting an entire year.

2. Due notice that these volumes were ready was sent the Press at that time; further notice was sent the Press last spring, that the four volumes completing the historical series would be ready Oct. 1, 1904, and their approaching completion was advertised by the Press.

3. The volumes contain many new results of importance; but a number of the most important of these results have since been gained and published by other men while my manuscript has been waiting for publication. In the last few days a chronological discovery involving a whole period of Egyptian history, which has been in

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Enclosed are several copies of the book, "The History of the Japanese People," which you have ordered. The book is a translation of the work of the Japanese historian, Kume Kunitada, and is a very valuable work on the history of Japan. The book is written in a clear and concise style, and is suitable for both students and general readers. The book is a very good introduction to the history of Japan, and is a very valuable work on the history of Japan. The book is written in a clear and concise style, and is suitable for both students and general readers. The book is a very good introduction to the history of Japan, and is a very valuable work on the history of Japan.

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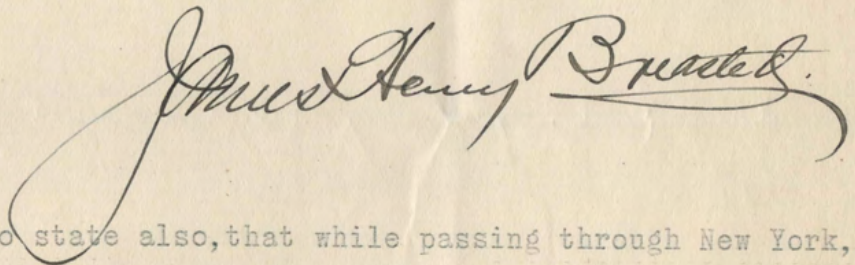
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my manuscript for two years, was published in Germany by another man. This loss both to our enterprise and to me personally is constantly going on.

4. In the judgement of the most experienced men in Europe, there is not the slightest doubt that the enterprise will more than carry itself financially, whatever the initial outlay involved.

I hope therefore that the composition on these volumes may be begun without further delay.

Very sincerely yours,



P.S. It is important to state also, that while passing through New York, I handed Scribner the manuscript of a 600 page history of Egypt, based on the historical documents in the above series of Ancient Records. The two works will help sell each other. This history is not in Kent's series, but is a larger book, of which an abridged edition will doubtless appear later in Kent's series.

December 16, 1904

Mr. James H. Breasted,
The University of Chicago.

My dear Mr. Breasted:

The chief duties of the Committee on
Convocation Reception as arranged are:

- (a) Extending courtesies to distinguished guests.
- (b) Co-operation in welcoming and introducing guests
on the evening of the reception.

The next reception will be given in Hutchinson Hall
on Monday, December 19th, 1904, at nine o'clock, preceded by
the exercises of the Senior class in Mandel Hall. I earnestly
solicit the aid of Mrs. Breasted as well as of yourself in
what I hope will be a pleasant fulfillment of the above
duties.

Very sincerely,

Chairman.

December 18, 1904

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December 8th, 1904.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

I have your note of December 3rd. I am glad that everything is ready to go forward with the Records. We are still in trouble with Macmillan. I am to be in New York this week and will see them personally. I hope that the interview will put the matter in good shape.

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CHICAGO Dec. 3, 1904.

Pres. W. R. Harper,

The University.

Dear President Harper:-

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In accordance with your letter of the 30th Ult., Mr. Capps and I have gone carefully over the page make-up of the Ancient Records, and have found it possible to introduce several of the economies which he proposed. Mr. McFarland was present, and every possible combination was considered and discussed. All were agreed on the use of the larger type for the document and the smaller for the introduction. As this is also your position, we may regard this point as settled.

All typographical matters have been arranged therefore, and the Press is waiting for word from you to begin the composition, which they are ready to do at once.

Very truly yours

James H. Breasted

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CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A.

1918

Dear Sir:-
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to obtain the necessary information regarding the proposed exchange of the two collections. I am sure that the authorities will be able to give you the information you require. I am sure that the authorities will be able to give you the information you require. I am sure that the authorities will be able to give you the information you require.

Very respectfully,
James Henry Bridges

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October 28, 1904

My dear Mr. Breasted:

As I am gathering in material for the President's Report 1902-04, I am wondering if the Haskell Oriental Museum of which you are the Director ought not to be represented. In the report of 1898-99 no statement from the Museum appeared, but certainly there is reason for presenting a view of its work in connection with any summary of activities of the University.

May I ask you then to submit a brief report of the Haskell Museum for the years 1902-04 for inclusion in the President's General Report on the condition of the University, in case the idea should appeal to President Harper as it does to me. Perhaps the statement on pages 166-167 of the Annual Register of 1903-04 would come very near covering the ground. Whatever your pleasure is, I should like to know it quickly, because President Harper is anxious to push the report through and get it off his hands. I am sorry that I did not think to speak to you earlier and give you more time.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 4, 1905.

Pres. WM. R. Harper,
University of Chicago.

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Dear Pres. Harper:-

From Mr. Miller I have this ^{morning} learned to my great surprise that he has no formal authorization to proceed with the publication of my volumes of the "Ancient Records". He states that there is an indefinite understanding to the effect that the first volume may be issued now, and the others at uncertain intervals.

I cannot believe that you have the facts clearly before you in proposing any such arrangement. You will recall that three of these volumes have already been waiting over a year, - one of them over a year and a half. Is it possible that I am to be asked, in view of these facts, to hold the work indefinitely? I fear you do not realise the seriousness of such a proposal, to which it is impossible that I should consent. There are many most serious reasons why I could not consent, and these it will be necessary to discuss orally in the interview, which I understand Mr. Miller and myself are to have with you this week.

Very truly yours,

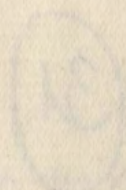
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Nov. 22, 1910

University of Chicago

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the loan of the book, "The History of the United States of America," by John P. Kennedy, published by the University of Chicago Press, 1908. The book is now in the possession of the University of Chicago and is being loaned to you for your use. It is a very valuable book and I am sure you will find it of great interest and value.

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CHICAGO,

Jan. 30, '05.

Pres. W. R. Harper!
University of Chicago. ✓

Dear President Harper:-

Kindly let me know at your
earliest possible convenience, whether
the University Press expects to go on with
the publication of my four volumes
of Ancient Records of Egypt.

Very truly yours,

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Jan. 30. 02

Dear Mr. Breasted,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
James H. Breasted

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CHICAGO, Jan. 31, 1905.

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The above solution of the problem was regarded by Mr. Ryerson as the most feasible one; though I opposed it for lack of means to meet the expenses of the trip. I find, however, that I can raise the money on my life insurance, and as I must write to Germany beforehand, to make the arrangements with the publisher, there is not a moment to lose.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 21, 1908.

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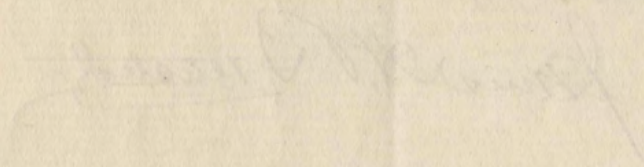
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This situation of affairs is a serious one, and the matter can be decided. The above solution of the problem was suggested by Mr. Harper as the most feasible one; though I opposed it for lack of means to meet the expense of the trip. I find, however, that I can raise the money on my life insurance, and as I must write to Germany beforehand to make the arrangements with the publisher, there is not a moment to lose.

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February 1st, 1905.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

I am not able to give my decisions on important matters without time for consultation. I have no opportunity for an interview this afternoon in view of other appointments. It is possible that you can continue with Mr. Ryerson the negotiations that you have already entered upon.

I do not quite see how it will be possible, in view of the present arrangement of the staff, to have you go abroad on the first of April. There are many points of view to consider. I will take the matter up with you as early as possible.

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You have given yourself, not to speak of others, a considerable amount of unnecessary disturbance in this matter. The case would have gone through just the same. I was very sorry to learn to-day (Friday) that you had disturbed Mr. Ryerson a second time. Perhaps in the future you will understand that negotiations with the trustees are, in accordance with the bylaws of the trustees, made through the President of the University.

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I shall ask at the same time the privilege of naming you with Mrs. Wilmarth and Mr. Ryerson, who have contributed to the fund, as patrons of the publication. I sincerely hope that you will consent to this transfer.

I am sorry to inform you that I have not been so well recently, and that it is now decided that I am to undergo another operation which from the indications will be more serious than the former one. I am to go under the knife within the next ten weeks. It will be a source of great satisfaction to have this matter settled and off my mind before that time if possible.

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Chicago, Mar. 20, '05.

Dear Pres. Harper:— 6

The Commentary has now reached me, and while thanking you for the volume, I want also to congratulate you most heartily on its appearance. The many questions which focus in the lives of just these two prophets, find such admirable treatment in the introduction, that the volume will find wide

Circulation as an indispensable introduction to Prophecy as a whole. It is a marvel to me how you ever got the time to put the volume together.

I hope that you are finding the change and rest beneficial, and that you are gaining strength every day.

We will take good care of the Department. I hope to take the Semitic Club through the Museum at the next meeting.

Mrs. Breasted joins me in earnest wishes for your speedy convalescence.
Faithfully,
James A. Breasted.

The University of Chicago *appt*

April 17th, 1905.

Dear President Harper:-

In accordance with the suggestion of the enclosed letter from you, I wish we might discuss together and arrange my programme for the next year before our postponed departmental meeting occurs. I have a plan to propose, which I hope you will find feasible, which solves the difficulty, without any increase in the salary budget of our department.

Kent's rival series of Ancient Records is aggressively advertising, and folders announcing it are being laid in all Biblical and oriental journals, asking for subscriptions for the entire series. Our Press is tied by the McMillan contract, and can do nothing. Should we not take action or ask McMillan to do so?

I have a very important and promising plan to propose for our Oriental Exploration Fund, which I could explain in a few minutes. Would you be able to hear it?

Hoping that you are continuing to gain in strength, and that you may be able to see me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Breasted

The University of Chicago

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Dear President Garrison:-

In accordance with the suggestion of the enclosed letter from you, I wish to bring this matter together and arrange my thoughts for the next year before our postponed departmental meeting occurs. I have a plan to propose, which I hope you will find feasible, which solves the difficulty without any increase in the salary budget of our department.

Leeds' rival series of lectures given in England is one being held in all W. England and one in the North, and for arrangements for the entire series. The latter is held in the British Museum, and one is held in the North. Should we not take action to see that we do so?

I have a very important and pressing matter to bring before the Council, and I should expect to be able to do so in a few minutes. I should like to be able to do so in a few minutes.

I hope that you are continuing to do so, and that you are able to see me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Thompson

The University of Chicago

Founded by John D. Rockefeller

Office of the President

Chicago November 21st, 1904.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

I have put you down for the summer and autumn quarters, leaving the question of the winter and spring open. We have not talked about this matter in detail and I suppose it will be more or less closely connected with the general question we discussed the other night. It is important that we settle upon it very soon.

Yours very truly,

William B. Carpenter

The Ministry of Agriculture
Founded by John W. Buchanan
Office of the President

Chicago November 21st, 1901.

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Urgent practical reasons make it very important for me to talk with you regarding the arrangement of my work in the University, as proposed at our last discussion. May I have an appointment soon to discuss the above matters?

Very sincerely yours,
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JAMES HENRY BRANTON

LAW OFFICE OF BRANTON & CO.

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CHICAGO, May 13, 05

Dear President Harper:-

The urgency of the situation constrains me to trouble you in New York with a little matter, in which Mr. Laughlin thinks a word from you will be decisive. The position in Economics is open in the State University of Washington, at Seattle. My brother-in-law, Dr. R. S. Padan has applied for the position. As you will see from the accompanying letters of Mr. Laughlin and A. C. Miller, Dr. Padan possesses very unusual abilities. Mr. Laughlin tells me, and I also think so, that a letter from you, stating the facts as to the case will ensure him the call. I can vouch also for his high character, and his fitness for the place. If you can state the facts to Pres. Kane of Washington, and secure this result, you will be doing me an inestimable service, bearing directly upon

my present situation in general. I would not ask this, if the request were not accompanied by ample evidence of Padan's unusual fitness for the place.

Mt. Laughlin states that Columbia is doing its best to plant one of its own men out there, so that this furnishes another reason why we should get hold there if possible.

Thanking you in advance, if you are able to do this, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Breasted

P.S. The situation demands quick action; the address is:

Pres. Thos. F. Kane, Ph.D.

President of the University of

Washington,

Seattle,

Washington.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

March 7, 1905.

Dr. R. S. Padan studied with me several years during his graduate work, and I became intimately acquainted with his mental quality in the seminar. Without hesitation I wish to say that I have seldom had any one under my charge who was his equal in critical and constructive thinking. His capacity for sustained and logical reasoning, aided of course by his mathematical training, is exceptional. His sanity, insight, steadiness, industry, power of application and economic grasp should win him a reputation as a producer and scholar. In addition, his maturity, dignity and experience as a teacher should make him a valuable member of the body of instructors in any college or university. In character, ambition, and purpose he is beyond recommendation. I strongly commend him for a position to teach Economics and kindred subjects.

J. Lawrence Laughlin,

Head of Dep't of Political Economy.

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character, serious and reserved, he is a most accomplished and efficient
man for a position of trust, scientific and literary interests.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Economics and Commerce

Berkeley, April 15, 05.

I take pleasure in testifying to the capacities of Dr. R. S. Padan for academic service. His work with me during my connection with the University of Chicago extended over a considerable period of time and through several courses. It was uniformly of a distinguished character and indicated the possession of unusual capacities for sustained logical thinking, careful research and lucid statement, together with a mature and well-balanced judgment—all qualities, that taken with his earnestness and general solidity of character, go far to ensure for Dr. Padan substantial success as a college teacher. I cheerfully recommend him for a position in economics.

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Head of Dep't of Economics and Commerce.

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CHICAGO May 26, 1905

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CHICAGO MAY 22, 1906

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