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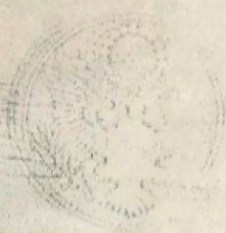
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The University of Chicago

Department of Latin

Latin

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Cordially yours,

Henry M. Prescott.

April 13th, 1923.

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Department of Latin

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Allyn A. Wood

April 15th, 1933.

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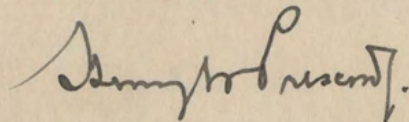
Department of Latin

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I enclose herewith the recommendation of the Latin Department for one of two vacancies in the department. I may add that Mr. Wheeler is a widower, that he was born in 1871, and would be 54 at the time of his appointment if it is made, and that his present salary is probably at least \$5000. It will be necessary to make the position attractive to him if we are to be successful in drawing him from the pleasant environment of Bryn Mawr and the surrounding country to the dead level of the Middle West.

Dec. 8, 1924

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry W. Prescott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

The University of Chicago

Department of Latin

Dear Mr. Little,

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Cordially yours,

James H. Davenport

Dec. 6, 1923

Latin

The University of Chicago

Office of Vice-President and Dean
of Faculties

December 19, 1924

Latin

Memorandum to the President:

The attached recommendation of Professor Wheeler for a Chair in Latin as one of the two appointments which the Latin Department wishes to recommend seems to need some immediate attention for the reason that two or three other vacancies at important institutions exist for which Wheeler might naturally be considered.

Laing and Prescott both know him and are very confident that he is the best available man in the country for our advanced work. He is said to have a fine personality as well as high scholarship. From other sources I have had confirmation of this judgment as to his personality. The sum recommended is within the budget owing to the retirement of Professors Merrill and Miller.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Tufts

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The University of Chicago

Department of Latin

Professor J.H. Tufts,

Dear Mr. Tufts,

As a necessary preliminary to making recommendations for appointments in the Latin department I wish to present certain general matters as I see them, both as regards conditions here and elsewhere, and ask you to take them up with Mr. Burton and any others whom you see fit with a view to determining what should be the general policy of the department in the making of appointments. And I should be grateful for immediate action.

So far as internal conditions are concerned, in 1920-21 the Freshman class in Latin numbered 22 students, in 1921-22 it rose to 42, in 1922-23 it was thirty-six, in the present year it has dropped to 26 again. The general increase of the years 1921-23 was universal throughout the country and here at Chicago a corresponding increase in Greek appeared. This year a corresponding slump in Greek is manifest at Chicago. What the situation is elsewhere this year in classics I do not definitely know except that Wisconsin has apparently kept up its increase of three years ago. The causes of the fluctuation I am unable to discover.

In graduate registration we have averaged from 20 to 25 during the same period, and our total registration in the department has been roughly 100-125. Of course I am describing the academic year. The registration in the summer is very much larger, and last summer there was a very gratifying increase which I reported in an earlier communication.

With the retirement of Messrs. Merrill and Miller we are left with two men and a half to carry the teaching. This means that we can offer each quarter only four majors at most of graduate courses (including senior college-graduate courses) of which one has to be a seminar, so that the ordinary graduate student is restricted to a diet of three majors without any possibility of choice except as he may elect a course in Greek or Ancient

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As far as internal conditions are concerned, in 1930-31 the freshman class in Latin numbered 22 students, in 1931-32 it rose to 43, in 1932-33 it was thirty-six, in the present year it has dropped to 22 again. The general increase of the years 1931-32 was entirely offset throughout the country and here at Chicago by a corresponding increase in Greek in general. This year's corresponding drop in Greek is manifest at Chicago, but the situation is elsewhere this year in classical I do not definitely know except that Wisconsin has apparently kept up its increase 22 three years ago. The causes of the situation I am unable to discover.

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History or ancient Art. The undergraduates are left with half a man, a gap of course which will be filled by the appointment of an undergraduate instructor.

We are meditating two appointments at least. In an earlier communication I indicated that we had given up our plan of calling in a research man of maturity and high salary, and I have recently completed a trip of investigation visiting about thirty classrooms and about fifteen institutions, concentrating my attention upon the teaching ability and personality of undergraduate teachers, though of course picking up information regarding persons of all sorts. The result is that I return with definite and somewhat enthusiastic approval of two women, with a mild approval of one or two young men, as possible undergraduate teachers.

On my return I find that the Latin department, myself included, is impressed by the fact that a failure to appoint a research man to a major position in our department spells the doom of this university in graduate work in Latin. We have certainly lost in recent years our primacy in this part of the world in graduate work in classics. Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan have improved in quality and quantity. The retirement of Messrs. Hale, Tarbell, and Merrill has been a severe blow. Nobody has been appointed to succeed either of the first two, and if in place of the third we fail to make an appointment to a major position of a research character, we shall be certain to lose our graduate constituency almost entirely, except for the summer quarter, where we have no competition. And I have already pointed out that our offering will be skimpy and unappetizing. We shall lose what prestige we have in the country in graduate work.

Under these circumstances we feel as a department that if we make two nominations we ought to make one of them a research position at a salary of at least \$6500. The second appointment would be of an undergrad-

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uate teacher whose salary, combined with that of the research appointment, would keep our budget well within its present limits. That is, the total of both salaries would be somewhat less than the \$10,000 previously paid to Messrs. Merrill and Miller.

For this research appointment we have at least four attractive candidates, and the fact that several positions of high salary and distinction in other institutions are at present vacant makes it highly desirable that our own action should be very prompt and decisive. May I hope that you will consider these matters in conference with Mr. Burton and let me know the result as soon as possible?

Cordially yours,

Henry Prescott

Dec. 1st, 1924

P.S. Perhaps I should add that the appointment of a young researcher at a moderate salary is not possible for two reasons: 1) none of the young people available would be anything but a wild gamble in respect to productivity in research, 2) such an appointment would have no effect whatever in reestablishing our position as a graduate school of research.

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Miss
P. Vincent

Latin

The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

Appointments
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January 25, 1925.

My dear President Burton:

First of all I hope you are enjoying California. Next, I want to report one minor matter and one important matter. The minor matter is this.

Mr. Harold Swift authorized Mr. Sargent to engage Professor Kennedy if he could be secured on a term of tenure not to exceed three years. Mr. Sargent wrote to Mr. Kennedy and has received a reply that he will not accept, although Mr. Sargent thinks that the letter offers so much in the way of sympathy with his (Sargent's) ideas that it may yet be possible to take up the matter a year later. Kennedy is going to Paris this coming year to establish work there for Smith College. Meanwhile the Smith College people have increased his salary \$1000. So our offer has profited him, if not us. I told Mr. Sargent to write to him that after his year in Paris it might be that we should be able to take up the matter with him again.

The more important matter concerns the Latin Department. Professor Wheeler of Bryn Mawr declined our offer, and instead has accepted an offer from Princeton. The Latin Department has consulted again, and now returns to its earlier recommendation of Professor Ullman of Iowa for reasons which are so well stated in Professor Prescott's letter that I am

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enclosing a copy of it. The two aspects of the situation which put the matter in a somewhat different light are, first:

It is the intention of the Department a little later to recommend the simultaneous appointment of another man of precisely the cultural qualities which we all wish. His name is Ogle of the University of Vermont. They have not yet ascertained how much we ought to offer him. You will recall that there are two men, Merrill and Miller, to be replaced. They do not think that Ogle would be a substitute for Ullman because Ullman has indicated in a letter two distinct lines of strength, his research and his contacts with High Schools, which are his own. Ogle would represent rather the cultural lines for the special benefit of undergraduates of departmental influence.

The other point of note is that Ullman has just been appointed to take charge of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome for this coming year. This indicates that he has a standing with the Committee in charge of that School. It also means that if we should appoint him he would not take office until 1926, and therefore we should not have his salary as a charge upon the next year's budget. The Department, however, is so apprehensive that he will be selected by some of the other universities which are now known to be seeking men, that it would be in every way desirable for us to act at once.

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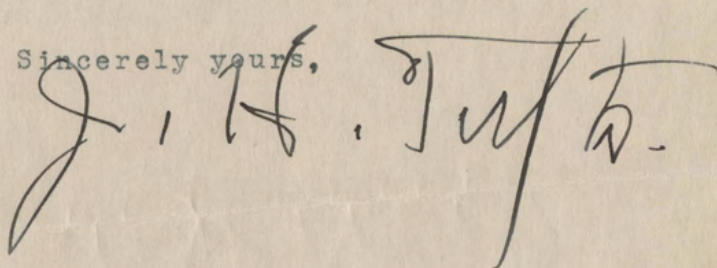
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After rather long conference with Prescott and Laing I have changed my attitude and believe that Ullman's appointment is our wisest course. Inasmuch, however, as the matter is one of importance, and one upon which you had previously made a decision, I do not wish to authorize any negotiation without your approval. The Department would like as early action as possible, and perhaps you can send me a telegram.

Other routine matters are moving on as usual. Mr. Scott has informed you of Mr. Carpenter's death. Several of us have called at the home to express sympathy, and Mr. Scott is arranging for flowers to be sent in the name of yourself and Mrs. Burton.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Tufts". The signature is written over the typed name "J. H. Tufts" and extends to the right.

President Ernest D. Burton,
Hotel Huntington,
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JHT:CB

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Handwritten signature: J. H. P. J. H. P.

Respectfully,
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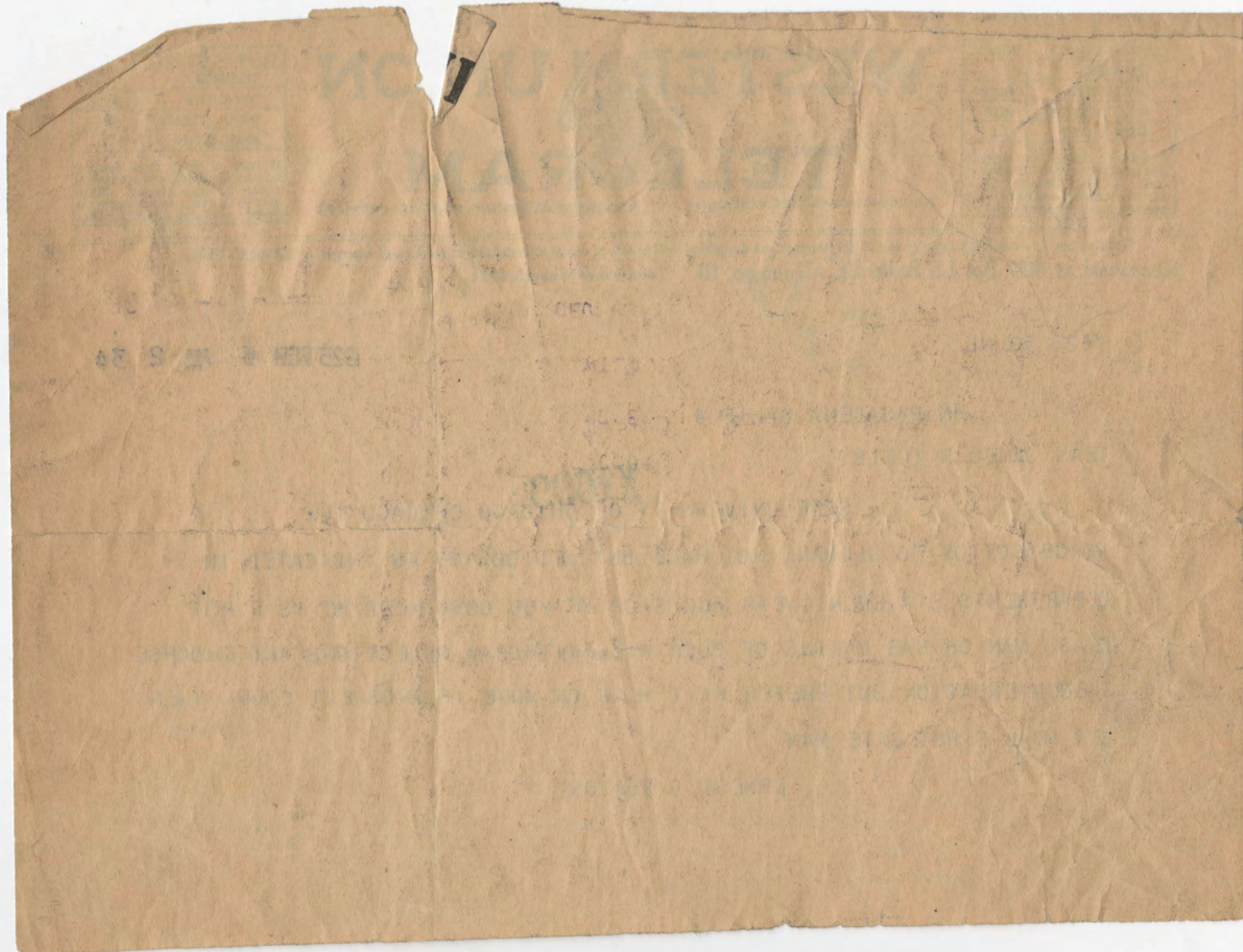
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The University of Chicago

Department of Latin

Professor J.H.Tufts,

Dear Mr.Tufts,

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At the outset may I remind you that Professor Ullman was the second choice of the department, after the refusal of Professor Frank, and that the nomination of him was withdrawn only after you had expressed doubts of his availability on the ground that you recalled some Hebraic qualities and that you missed some desirable personal qualities. As a department we regarded him as superior to Professor Wheeler, who has since declined an offer from us.

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To speak more positively of his attainments, he is, as you know, one of our own Ph.D.'s, and next to Tenney Frank the one of whom we feel most proud. I should not however stress the point of his being our own product if he were not also the leading young scholar of the country, next to Frank, in his breadth of interest and depth of learning. He has already, though ~~not~~ only forty-three, achieved a national reputation for his researches in the fields of Roman satire, palaeography, humanistic studies of the early Renaissance, and various other aspects of philology. He is a member of the executive committee of our national association and his appointment to the position at Rome is further evidence of the general respect in which he is held in the country at large. As an administrator he has successfully handled the Latin departments at the University of Pittsburgh and of Iowa, and at the latter place his recent success has brought him constant increase of salary until he is now getting at least \$5500, I think.

In addition to these activities he has developed contacts with high school work that would be of great value to us here. He has been active in the Classical Association of the Middle West and in the Classical League. And in a state university he has organized very successfully the most helpful contacts with the teachers in the high schools. In this connection he has conducted an editorial section of the Classical Journal that provides a rich assortment of suggestions for teachers every month.

We should have in Professor Ullman, therefore, a very forceful and energetic personality, a scholar whose position is already assured, a teacher of proved ability, and a very valuable helper in our relations with the secondary schools. The department feels that we should be singularly fortunate in getting a man of forty-three who combines all these qualities. We sincerely hope that you may feel inclined to withdraw your previous objections

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Jan/27, 1925

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*Copy for
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March 5, 1925

Professor B. L. Ullman
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Iowa City, Iowa

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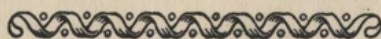
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March 11, 1925

Professor James H. Tufts
Faculty Exchange

Dear Mr. Tufts:

Latin

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I received yesterday from him a letter in which he definitely accepts this offer.

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I am confident that he will prove one of the best acquisitions to the Philological side of the University made in many years.

Sincerely yours,

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The University of Chicago

Department of Latin

Dear Mr. Tufts,

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The department instructs me to nominate for these two temporary positions Professor Benjamin O. Foster of Stanford University and Professor Torsten Petersson of the University of California, each of whom is getting at present an annual salary of \$4000.

Professor Foster is about 53 years of age, a Ph.D. of Harvard, an expert in elegiac poetry and translator of the Loeb Livy, and highly regarded in Stanford circles. Professor Woodward of the Law School can inform you regarding his personality. He would be here in the Winter or Spring of 1926, giving courses in Livy and Cicero's Letters.

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I hope I may be authorized to offer these two men these positions for next year at the salary mentioned, and I should again be glad of speedy action that the department circular may immediately be prepared for the press.

Cordially yours,

March 12/25

Samuel H. Presner

The University of Chicago
Department of Latin

Dear Mr. Bliss,

Professor Ullman's acceptance of our offer involves the payment to him without service of \$3000 for the academic year 1928-29, leaving a balance of \$4000 on his first year's salary. In Dean Loring's conference with the President it was understood that this balance would be available for substitution during the year 1928-29. Inasmuch as \$4000 does not suffice to bring us any body worth while for the entire year, I recommend the appointment of two visiting professors each for one quarter, giving two majors each quarter, at a salary for each of \$1750 per quarter, making a total of \$3500 out of the balance of \$4000.

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Latin Dept

June 23rd, 1906

Mr. Y. L. Comparette,

1602 Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Comparette:-

Your favor is received.

Your state of mind is totally wrong and has no foundation whatever in fact. Your name can be left out of the list only in case the trustees are asked to withdraw the bestowal of the degree upon you. Of course you understand that such withdrawal of degree would be indicative of what I am sure you would not wish to consider the state of things.

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Very truly yours,

Dictated.

The University of Chicago

Chicago, June 20, 1906.

My dear Mr. Judson:

I return Comparette's letter. It is a painful subject. To the best of the belief of all of us Comparette's grievance is an entirely imaginary one. He has never talked directly with me about it, but he has talked, as I understand, with Mr. Abbott, who has also heard rumors from other people. It seems that it is first one member of the department, and then another, whom he accuses is endeavoring to injure him. Mr. Abbott thinks that he is out of his mind.

It is certainly true that he has had a hard time, although we have tried to help him. It is also true that he at one time generously withdrew from ^a the contest upon his own motion, because another person from our Graduate School was also a candidate.

I do not see that anything can be done.

Very sincerely yours,

W. V. Hale

President H. P. Judson.

The University of Chicago

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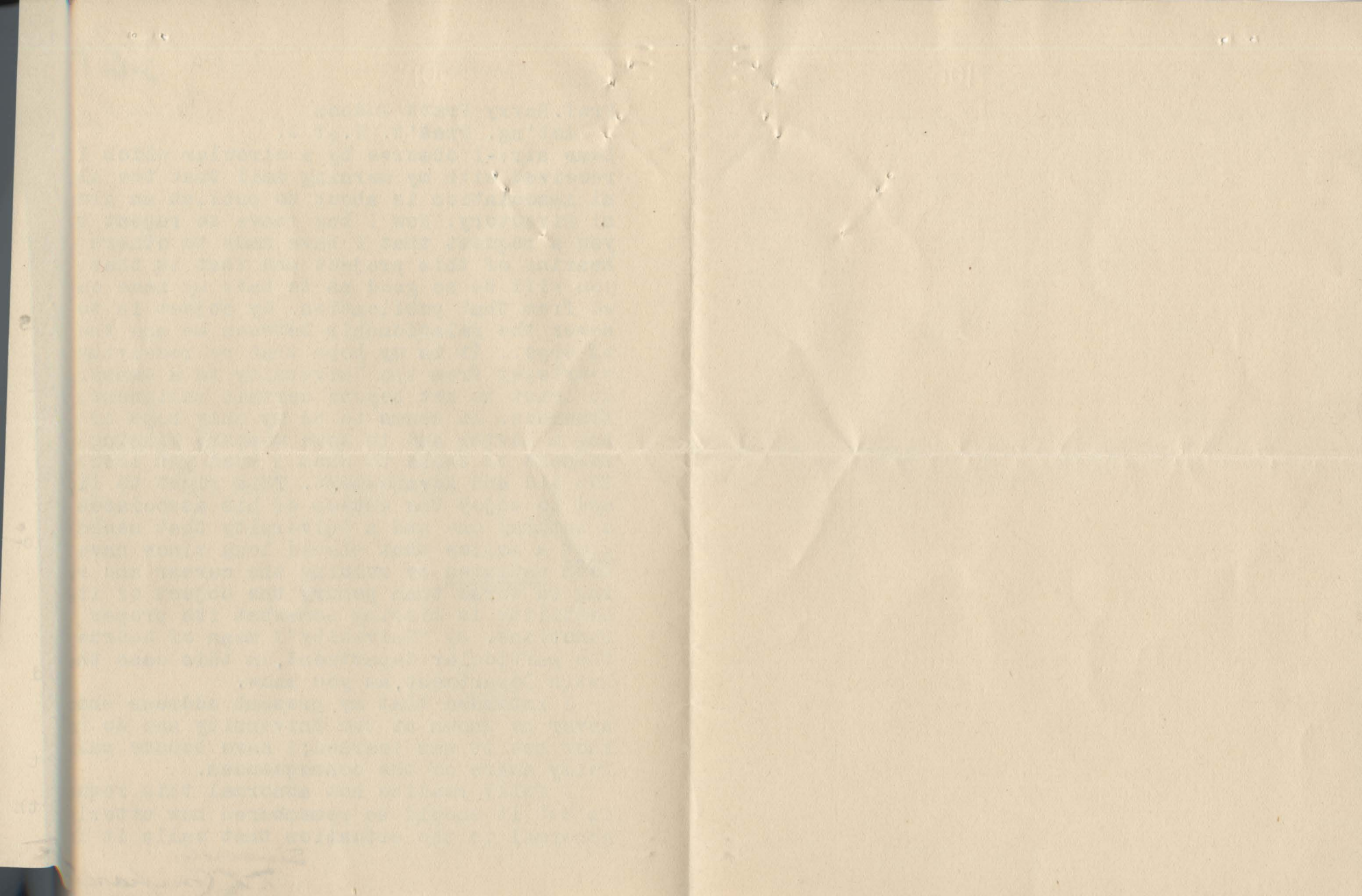
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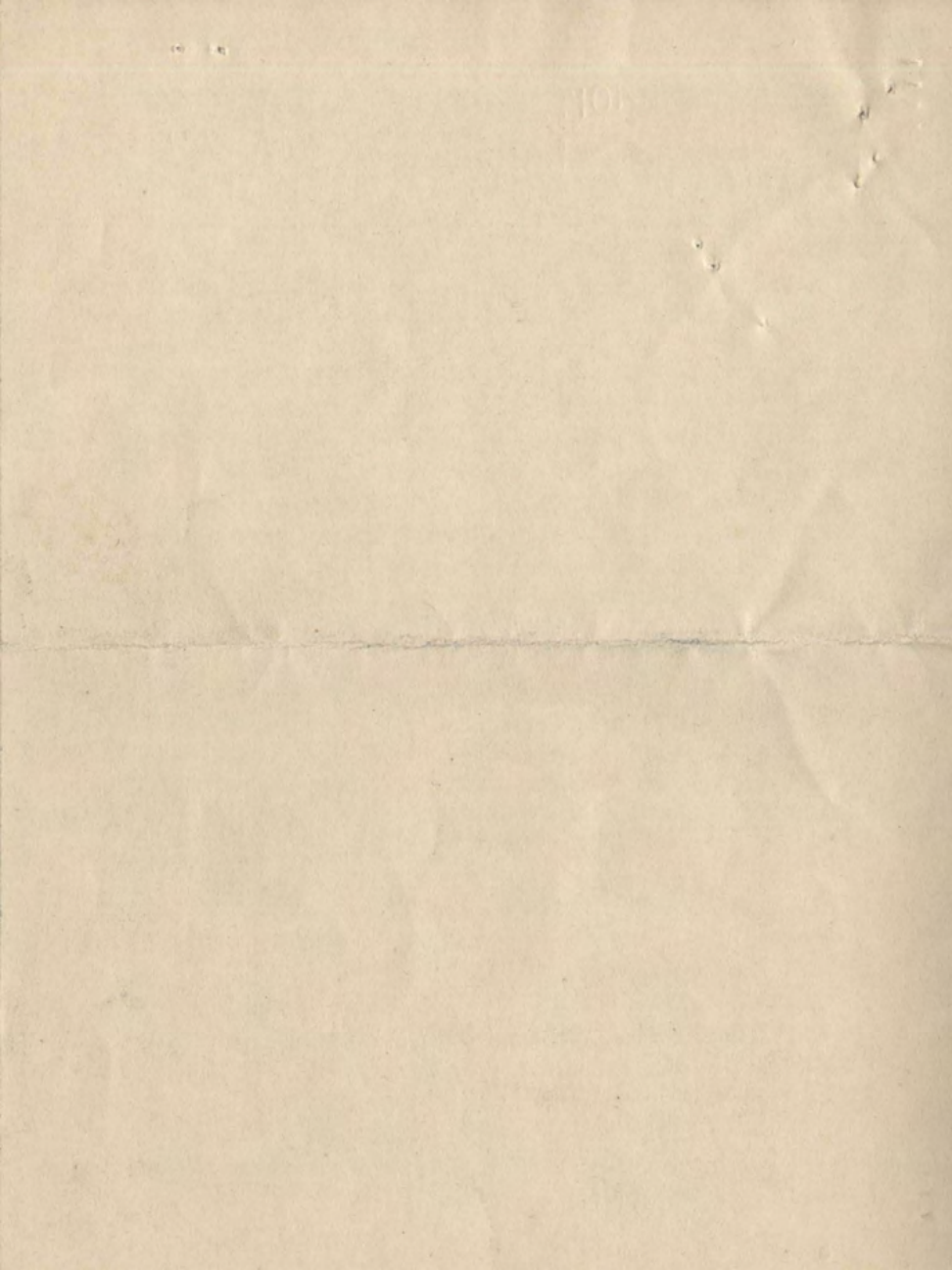
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March 18, 1898.

To the President of the University:

The undersigned,
constituting the instructing force of the Latin
Department now in residence (excepting only
the Assistant, who was unable to attend
the departmental meeting), unanimously
recommend to the President and Trustees
that Mr. Thomas L. Comparette, now a gradu-
ate student in this University, be appointed
to the Fellowship made vacant by the
resignation of Mr. Stillems.

W. V. Hale

F. L. Hendricks

C. H. Moore

D. J. Miller

Chas. Chandler

March 18, 1898

To the President of the University:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the resignation of Mr. [Name] from the position of [Title]. I am sorry to hear of his departure and regret that he is leaving the University at this time. I have no objection to his resignation and will be glad to accept it as soon as he is ready to do so. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
[Signature]

Very truly,
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

The University of Chicago

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Comparette*

Dictated.

Copy.

Chicago, Ill. Mar. 16, 1898.

Director Carman,

Lewis Institute, City.

My dear Mr. Carman:—

I understand that the President does not recommend Mr. Bechtel to you. I am sorry, for in spite of his not being physically well he is an able fellow, and it is the opinion of the entire department that he would make a good teacher.

I want now to recommend to you a man whom the President has not known, and who does not himself as yet know of the existence of this place,—but a man of a type on which the President and the department can unite. His name is T. L. Comparette, and his address 6024 Ellis Ave. He is a graduate of Ann Arbor of the year '93. He has taught in the South in a small College. He is now in his third quarter of residence at the University. He has been teaching two hours a day at the Hyde Park High School, and, as I understand it, they want him to become a regular teacher next year, giving full time. He does not desire to do this because there are courses which he wants to take in the spring, and he does not like to give the time necessary for preparing himself for the teachers' examination ^{on} of the history of ^{all} the nation and ^{all} of periods, etc., etc.; though, unquestionably, if he attempted to do this he would do it thoroughly well. He has also been offered places for next year in two small Colleges in the North. Further, a certain rich gentleman (this is confidential) wants him to go abroad to Italy and Greece, to take charge of his children for four years.

The University of Chicago

Comparette does not wish to cut himself off from graduate study for so long a time. He wants something in the neighborhood, so that he may do some work at the University and make progress toward the Doctorate. We, on our side, strongly desire that he should stay. The members of the instructing force who have known him think very highly of him. He is a man of weight and dignity, with size and strength and health. I am greatly mistaken if he is not precisely the kind of man that you want.

Of course I know nothing myself about his actual teaching. He was one of the clearest-headed persons in a course which I gave last autumn, from which he was rudely plucked by this work in the Hyde Park School. He is also one of the clearest-headed persons in my seminary, in which he remains. It does not follow that he will teach well; but I am very confident that he will. On this point you have the means of informing yourself.

I have advised Mr. Comparette to go to see the President in the matter, *though I have not told him what the place is.*

Very sincerely yours,

Feb. 24, 1913.

Dear Mr. Judson:—

Latin
I observe that in the last President's Report, in the appendix purporting to contain a list of Publications by the Faculty, under the Department of Latin only publications by Mr. Hale finally appear. May I ask how this happened? I think others besides myself had some things in print that year.

Faithfully yours,

Oliver Truesdell Merrill.

Jan. 24, 1913

Dear Mr. [Name]

I thank you for the [Name]

report on the [Name] [Name]

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Yours truly,

Dr. J. E. [Name]
The University of Chicago

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Feb. 24, 1913

Dear Mr. Merrill, Chicago, February 25, 1913

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I observe that in the last *Public*
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Mar. 10, 1916.

Dear Mr. Judson:-

Latin

The MS that I am trusting to your kindness and that of Mr. Morris is that of a critical edition of Catullus that Teubner (Leipzig) is to publish. It is packed in a cardboard box, wrapped and tied, addressed to "The Honorable Iva Helen Morris, U. S. Legation, Stockholm, Sweden", as from "President Judson, The University of Chicago".

In accordance with your advice I have left the inside parcel without address: but its desired ultimate destination and address is "An die Verlagsbuchhandlung B. G. Teubner, Leipzig (Sachsen), Poststr. 3."

I am sending the parcel to Mr. Morris by registered mail via a Norwegian S. S.

I shall be most devoutly grateful to you and to him for your kind offices in getting the thing through.

Faithfully yours,

Edmund Fessenden Merrill.

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I hope therefore that you will be kind enough to see that it is forwarded.

I am wondering how your life in Sweden is affected by the present situation. Chicago, May 3, 1916

Certainly I hope that all the family are well, and that you are really enjoying your

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if he would send it to you that you would be good enough

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