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April 17, 1925.

Dr. E.D. Burton, President,
University of Chicago,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Mr. President:

May I put down in writing the opinion expressed informally over the telephone this morning as to my choice between the Atkinson Collection of American Drama and the books contained in the late German Exhibit.

The Atkinson Collection seems to me the more desirable acquisition for the following reasons:

1. It fills important gaps in American Literature, a class in which the University of Chicago Libraries have already gained a leading position as compared with other libraries of the West.
2. Duplicates from the Atkinson Books can be disposed of more readily and to better advantage than those in the German Exhibit.
3. It has recently come to my knowledge that already certain items from the German Exhibit, e.g. the Codex Aureus, have been disposed of.
4. I have no definite knowledge as yet as regards the plans of the Committee in charge of the German Book Exhibit. They may hold the Collection for further exhibits or they may sell.

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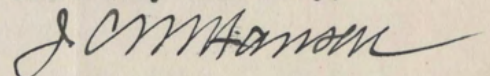
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6. The German Collection numbers nearly 10,000 volumes and will provide serious problems of storage and handling, particularly at this time when stack and storage space is so nearly exhausted.

If, therefore, it is a question of choice between the two Collections, my recommendation is to give preference to the Atkinson Library. On the other hand, should the donor of the \$15,000 be willing to leave this sum as a bequest, the interest of which is to be devoted to purchase of books either in the Modern Languages and Literatures in general, or in one of the Literatures, e.g. German, French, English, etc., then the bequest should be given preference, particularly as it is likely to act as an inducement to other donors to provide similar endowments. My reasons for emphasizing the bequest plan is the experience in the late years which has shown more and more clearly that a regular Book Fund of \$20,000 for periodicals and other continuations, and \$17,000 for individual books per year, is entirely inadequate unless supported by endowments and gifts sufficient to provide relief.

Yours very sincerely,



J.C.M. Hanson,
Associate Director.

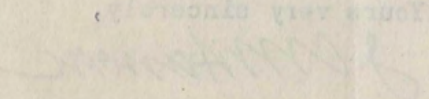
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OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

January 16, 1925.

My dear Mr. President:

As regards the German book collection now on exhibit in the Burnham Building, I beg to refer to the accompanying report from Dr. Dorf. There is little that I need to add.

I am under the impression that the Committee desires to keep the books together for exhibit purposes, perhaps for another year. If their expectations do not materialize and the books are held here in Chicago, it may be that most of them can be bought at a discount of 40%. In that case, it will be decidedly advantageous for us to await developments and keep in touch with the Committee. If it develops that the books in the collection cannot be bought, then orders should be placed in the regular way. Professors who have visited the Exhibit are sending in orders which it may be well to hold for the present, especially in case of expensive books, art folios, codices, and the like.

Yours very sincerely,

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The University of Chicago

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. HANSON ON THE GERMAN BOOK EXHIBIT.

The German Book Exhibit in Chicago contained specimens of the best printed books in Germany from the last ten years.

The most important publishers have contributed their very best publications. Nearly all branches in science and literature are represented. Even in Germany it would be impossible to find so many carefully selected books in one place. It is in itself a Library.

In regard to the question whether the University should try to get or accept money to buy the whole collection, it does not seem to me to be desirable. The University has, especially in the last years, been in close contact with the foreign book market and through cooperation between the Library and the professors, it has already acquired the more important publications. To buy the collection as such, would therefore give us too many duplicates and it would be too expensive for the University to handle the material and dispose of it.

If the University could get \$3500, it would be very desirable to select books from certain sections in order to complete what the University already has, provided they could be bought for 60 per cent of the retail price.

The collection of Art books is especially rich and contains many important works, indispensable for the University if the plans for a Library school connected with the University should materialize, but under all circumstances very desirable and they have already been requested by professors of the University.

I would highly recommend that the University try to raise the above-mentioned sum or accept it if offered, and feel quite sure that such a proposition would be acceptable to those in charge of the German Book Exhibit.

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The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Office of the President

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January 19, 1925.

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Yours very truly,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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March 30, 1925

President Ernest D. Burton
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear President Burton:

On January 11th, at the close of the exhibition of 12,000 German books, I wrote to Mr. W. A. Wieboldt suggesting that he give the collection to the university. The price was fixed at \$20,000. Mr. Wieboldt wrote me on February 9th that he was interested. He asked for additional data. Before I could secure all the data, the university "drive" was under way, and I concluded that I could not now push my plan separately. But having made a move of some importance I cannot drop the matter in silence without offending Mr. Wieboldt and injuring the good relations which have hitherto obtained between him and myself.

The inclosed letter will be sent to him if and as soon as it is returned to me with your approval.

Very truly yours,

Martin Schütze

Copy sent to Dr. Aitchison

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The University of Chicago
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3) It is a very small point, but I rather object to the word drive in connection with our present movement, and should be glad if you feel like substituting some other word for it in the paragraph which begins on the ^{top}~~best~~ of the second page.

4) One question further which arises. I am a little surprised that you feel that an annual income of \$1500 a year would accomplish as much as you suggest in the third paragraph of your letter. Doubtless you are right and are basing your statement on definite information. I venture to raise the question, however, whether it might not be safer to moderate it.

With these changes, I should be glad to have you send your letter to Mr. Wieboldt. If you would like to confer with me before sending it I should be glad to see you as soon as I am able to do so. Mr. Scott will make an appointment with you if you desire.

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Wm. B. E. Williams

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My dear Mr. Hanson:

I met Mr. W. A. Wieboldt at luncheon yesterday and was informed by him that Mr. Schütze had asked him if he would buy a certain collection of books for the University.

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Have you any information about this matter? Whatever may have been the wisdom of Mr. Schutze's approach, having gone so far the matter ought not to be allowed to drop.

Very truly yours,

Mr. J.C.M. Hanson,
Harper Library.

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Copy sent to Dr. Wilson

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Copy sent to Dr. Wieboldt

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March 31, 1925.

Memorandum for the President:

Mr. Hanson called and reported that he had taken up the Wieboldt matter with Mr. Schutze. Apparently, Mrs. Schutze is a close friend of Mrs. Wieboldt. Mr. Hanson considers that the delicacy of the situation suggests that you speak to Mr. Schutze yourself.

W. E. Scott

Copy sent to Dr. Aitchison

Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
Chicago

January 21, 1925. *Luia*

Mr. Wm. E. Scott,
The University of Chicago,
President's Office,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for yours of January 19 with copies of reports of January 16 from Messrs. Hanson and Dorf to the President on the German book collection.

I see that Mr. Dorf's recommendation is that we should not try for the whole collection but for some books out of it which will be extremely valuable to us at an approximate cost of around \$3500. I suggest that you encourage him and Mr. Hanson along these lines, i.e. if they find a group of books that they can highly recommend as of great usefulness to us and at a very attractive price, I believe we shall be able to raise up to \$5000.

Yours very truly,

Harold H. Swift

Chicago, Illinois
January 12, 1918

Mr. J. A. Scott,
The University of Chicago,
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Dear Mr. Scott:

I am very glad to hear of your interest in the
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I have received your letter of January 21st.

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Very truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

Mr. Harold H. Swift,
Union Stock Yards,
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January 22, 1905.

My dear Mr. Butler:

I have received your letter of January 11th.

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Union Stock Yards,
Chicago, Illinois.

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copy sent to H.H.S.

The University of Chicago

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OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

January 27, 1925.

Mr. William E. Scott,
Office of the President,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Confirming what was stated in our conversation over the telephone, I beg to report that yours of January 23, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Harold H. Swift, of January 22, has been received.

Will you kindly express to Mr. Swift on behalf of the University Libraries, our sincere thanks for the interest taken by him in the acquisition of the notable works contained in the German book exhibit not already in our possession! Not knowing definitely who the generous donor of the sum mentioned in Mr. Swift's letter is, having only a suspicion, I am unable as yet to make any definite proposal as regards the book plate to be inserted in the books, or similar details connected with their installation.

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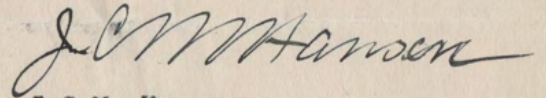
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Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.C.M. Hanson", with a stylized, cursive script.

J.C.M. Hanson,

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My dear Mr. Hanson:

I have sent a copy of your letter, in which you discussed the project of the German books, to Mr. Swift. I shall be glad to keep you informed of anything that I learn.

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The University of Chicago

Department of English

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My dear President Burton:

I have been under the weather or I should have more promptly made a personal acknowledgment of your action in making possible the purchase of the Atkinson collection. This is a matter of great satisfaction to the entire English Department, and of course of special stimulation to Mr. Wilt and myself.

On the very day of your confirmation of the purchase, word came from Mrs. Neilson, donor of the Moody Book Purchase Fund, that she was authorizing not only the last of her \$5,000 payments, but a certain amount of back interest amounting to \$841.67. I had said to you in speaking of the purchase that the American Book Purchase Fund could make \$1750 available by July 1st. With this unexpected addition I see no reason why the entire \$2500 to supplement the \$15,000 should not be paid at once. We will then actually be \$91.00 better off than I had supposed in my original figure.

I of course am not the official to commit the library to any matters in connection with the sale of duplicates. I have talked to Mr. Walter Hill in very general terms and he expressed himself as desirous of making a bid on the entire list of duplicates when we are ready to put them on sale. I still think that my original estimate of \$2500 for these is extremely conservative and very likely to be much exceeded.

I am not sure that you know that after negotiations were started Columbia University expressed an interest in getting the Atkinson collection. I have today received a further letter from Mr. Atkinson which I enclose and which you will note ^{states} ~~suggests~~ both that Professor Baker opened negotiations in behalf of Yale and that an expert appraisal set the value of the collection as between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

With renewed acknowledgment of your interest and action in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

PHB:IL

Percy S. Boynton

The University of Chicago

Department of English

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President Ernest Bennett Burton
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THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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Professor P. H. Boynton,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Professor Boynton:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of my letter to the Associate Director of the Libraries. I want to call your special attention to the fact that the catalogue should not be regarded to serve strictly as a check. I think that there are quite a good many items that are not catalogued, and while I shall do the best I can in packing them, it will take a good many months ^{for your people} to get them in the order that I have had them on my own shelves.

You will be interested to know that Professor Baker now at Yale has written me from Rome, Italy asking that Yale have an opportunity to bid on the plays. It may be of further interest to know that since offering the collection to you I have had an appraisal by an expert who stated that the plays are worth between twenty and twenty-five thousand. I am very glad that the University of Chicago is going to have them and that they will be kept complete.

You will find that I have thrown in a good many translations by American authors. These I have not regarded as strictly belonging to the collection and yet rightly they should be included in order to give rather a complete picture of the dramatic work of a number of the playwrights who translate as well as write original plays.

With very cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frederic C. Robinson

April 24, 1925.

Mr. Fred W. Atkinson,
Office of the President,
Polytechnic Institute,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:

Yours of April 21st received. I shall need copies of your letter to the President's Office and the University Auditor. I assume that it will be two to three weeks at best before the collection is received here at the Library. This, added to the ten days specified in your letter, should give the University from three weeks to a month in which to arrange for payment. Should there be need for an extension of time, the President's Office or the Auditor will no doubt communicate with this Office or write direct to you with reference to the matter.

Yours very truly,

J.C.M. Hanson,
Associate Director.

JCMH:MS

April 24, 1925.

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Office of the President,
Polytechnic Institute,
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JCMH:MS

April 21, 1925.

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My dear Mr. Hanson:

I wish to confirm the sale of my collection of American plays to the University of Chicago Libraries with the understanding that my price for the entire collection is \$17,500 and that this sum covers cost of packing, expressing and insurance, with the further understanding that the catalogue which I have compiled is to be included, with, however, no guarantee on my part as to its accuracy in every particular. There will be plays included in the collection that on account of my sickness of the past year or two are perhaps not in the catalogue. There may be, in a few instances, references to reference books or to reprints in certain sets - that is, I want it understood that in no sense is the catalogue to act as an invoice.

Further, I shall expect as soon as all the cases which will be numbered have arrived, that immediate steps will be taken to make payment. I hope that a check will be sent me not later than ten days after the delivery of the collection as a whole. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall at once engage some experts to do the packing and forward the collection to you, notifying you in advance.

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Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
Chicago

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November
Seventh,
1919.

Dear President Judson:

My mother, Mrs. G. F. Swift, recognizes that the cost of building has considerably increased since she promised \$200,000.00 for the Theological Building and we recognize that it would be difficult to build a creditable building in the near future for that amount of money.

The amount of \$406,000.00, the architects present estimate, frightens us a little and I personally doubt the necessity of so big an increase. Am under the impression, however, that my mother would be glad to donate an additional \$100,000.00 during the year 1920; and if you think that amount would make a creditable building and desire to do so, suggest that you request the architect to revise his plans to fit this expenditure.

Do you think the increased cost for the chapel could be met?

Yours cordially,

Harold H. Swift,

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Charles C. Smith
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

November
1891

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President Harry Pratt Johnson,
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 6, 1925.

Memorandum to the President's Office:

In re. Atkinson Collection.

A letter received from Mr. Atkinson this morning states as follows:

"The books are being sent today by American Express, prepaid. There are thirteen cases in all. The transit insurance has been placed upon them to the amount of \$17,500. Kindly notify me formally as soon as they are received and I will notify the insurance company people."

In a previous letter, dated April 21, Mr. Atkinson asked that the money, i.e., \$17,500, be paid not later than ten days after the receipt of the books at the University. Mr. Boynton states that the sum of \$2,500, to be contributed from the William Vaughn Moody Fund, is on hand. It then remains to secure the sum of \$15,000, to be contributed by an anonymous donor or perhaps advanced temporarily from some other fund.

J. C. M. Hanson

Associate Director

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*This is
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copy of the letter
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May 6th 1925.

My dear Mr. Swift:

Mr. Hanson informs me that the arrangement agreed upon, with Mr. Atkinson in the matter of purchasing his collection of American Plays, was that the University would pay for the collection within ten days after the receipt of the books. He also informs me that the collection has just arrived.

I have notified Mr. Plimpton to this effect and he tells me that \$2500 will be paid from the William Vaughn Moody fund and \$15,000 from other funds pending the payment to the University by the anonymous donor whom you so generously persuaded to make this gift.

Very truly yours,

(signed) W. E. Scott

Mr. H. H. Swift,
Union Stock Yards,
Chicago, Illinois.

WES:NV

May 9, 1925.

My dear Mr. Swift:

Mr. Scott has shown me your letter of May 8th enclosing your brother's check for \$15,000. Mr. Scott has taken the check to the University Auditor.

I shall present the gift at the next meeting of the Board, and shall bring the part of your letter concerning the name of the gift to the attention of Mr. Boynton.

I have also written a personal letter to your brother expressing my own appreciation of his generous contribution.

I think that this gift is the kind of news which it would not hurt the President to hear, so I am writing a note to him concerning it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Harold H. Swift,
Union Stock Yards,
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JHT:CB

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I wish to announce the gift at the meeting of the Board on Thursday, hence I should be glad of your views as promptly as possible.

Very Truly yours,

Mr. Percy H. Boynton,
6043 Ellis Ave.,
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

October 10, 1924.

President E. D. Burton,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear President Burton:

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Yours very truly,

J. Dickinson
Secretary.

The University of Chicago

The Board of Trustees

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1100 SOUTH EASTERN AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605

October 10, 1924.

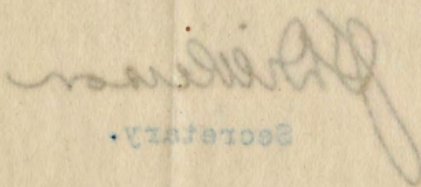
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Secretary.

October 3, 1924.

Mr. Martin A. Ryerson,
4851 Drexel Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ryerson:

It may interest you to know that the Bacon Manuscripts in forty four tin boxes and two packages have now been unpacked and temporarily installed in Room M 27 Harper, entrance at M 25. The contents of these boxes and packages will first be examined by Professor Manly and Miss Rickert of the English Department. This, with the description given in the Quaritch Catalog and notes accompanying some of the manuscripts, will prove helpful in securing the best possible arrangement of the papers. When Professor Manly and Miss Rickert are not present, the undersigned or some other representative of the library staff will do their best to explain the chief features of the collection to visitors interested in these old and valuable records.

Any suggestion or advice which you may have to offer as regards the safeguarding or use of the manuscripts, will be greatly appreciated.

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