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The University of Chicago

Department of Practical Theology

THEODORE GERALD SOARES  
PREACHING AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
JOSEPH MANSON ARTMAN  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
ARCHIBALD GILLIES BAKER  
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October 19, 1923.

My dear President Burton:

I am addressing you directly and sending a copy to Dean Mathews regarding the needs of my department. We are well staffed as regards the division of Preaching, Church Administration, Vocational Training and Missions. The field of Religious Education is developing so rapidly that, although Professor Artman, Professor Ward and I are all working in it, we are not able to keep up with all the demands that are made.

We need particularly a man who has come to the problem from the school standpoint. All three of us have come up from the church standpoint. I am clearly convinced that the church emphasis is the most important but we very much need a school man to supplement our own work. He should preferably be a man who has worked in some university School of Education,. He should be thoroughly familiar with the experimentations and tests that are now going on in the educational field. He should, of course, be a man of very definite religious convictions, and thoroughly sympathetic with the church and organized christianity. I think we should not take a young man, but should seek someone of experience, and who is already known in the educational field. I think we should appoint him to a Professorship with an adequate salary.

I am thinking of a man of the type of Professor Rugh, or even Professor Kilpatrick or Professor Holmes of Harvard. I do not imagine that either of the two last named could be secured. I mention them only to indicate the type of man that I think we ought to seek.

With the new developments in Week Day Religious instruction and with the opportunity of developing significant research in the field of Religious Education it is important that the University should be fully staffed in this field. I very much hope that it may be possible to secure a man at the beginning of the next academic year.

Very sincerely yours,

TGS/JJ

*Theodore G. Soares*

# The University of Chicago

Department of Classical Zoology

October 19, 1933

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL ZOOLOGY  
540 EAST 58TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL. 60637

My dear President Burton:

I am addressing you directly and sending a copy to Dean Bowers regarding the needs of the Department. We are well settled as regards the Division of Zoology, and we are well settled as regards the Division of Botany. The field of Zoology is developing rapidly, and I think, although Professor Bowers and I are all working in it, we are not all to keep up with all the demands that are made.

We need particularly a man who has come to the problem from the school of thought. All the work we have done up to now has been done in the school of thought. I am strongly convinced that the school of thought is the most important but we very much need a school man to supplement our own work. We should probably be a man who has worked in some university school of thought. He should be thoroughly familiar with the school of thought and with the school of thought. He should be a man of very definite religious convictions, and thoroughly sympathetic with the church and organized community. I think we should not have a young man, but should have someone of experience, and who is already known in the school of thought. I think we should appoint him as a Professorship with an adequate salary.

I am thinking of a man of the type of Professor Bush, or even Professor Kilgus, or Professor Huxley of Harvard. I do not imagine that either of the two last named could be secured. I mention them only to indicate the type of man that I think we ought to seek.

With the new developments in the field of Zoology and with the expansion of the Division of Zoology, it is important that the University should be fully equipped in this field. I very much hope that it may be possible to secure a man at the beginning of the next academic year.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. H. C. Brown*

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The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 10, 1924

My dear President Burton:

Referring to the hopes I expressed to you that we should be able to undertake a new curriculum for persons preparing to teach Bible and Religious Education in colleges, I would say:

(1) The unit of preparation should not be merely academic preparation in some field like Old or New Testament, but the needs and the total life of the undergraduate student. That is to say, our proposed courses should do something more than train men in a given subject. It should help them to understand the life of the undergraduate in its entire range, viz. studies, extra curricular activities, fraternities, athletics, etc.

(2) The work of such a teacher should not be identical with that of a Y. M. C. A. secretary. The Y. M. C. A., however, should be one of the data of the situation in which he plans his work. He should be essentially a teacher but should see and exploit the educational value in such aspects of the student life as are in touch with the Y. M. C. A.

(3) There should be some type of project work connected with these courses; that is to say, the teacher should set the undergraduates to work at supervised tasks, as for example, in churches, Sunday Schools, Settlements, charity organizations, etc. At this point it would be necessary for him to cooperate with the Graduate School of Social Service and Administration and with the Divinity School.

(4) These persons should be given training in teaching under the direction of the Divinity School faculty. It should follow, therefore, that they should be in such touch with fraternities, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and other student groups as would enable them to form classes.

(5) This group of men would contain a number of men of exceptional power who will come to us from all over the country for this particular purpose. Already it seems probable that several will be here. These men should form a separate group by themselves and be given a status which would enable them to do something more than merely attend classes.

(6) Both Dr. Willoughby and Professor Artman will undoubtedly be in a position to help in setting up this training. I should regard the first year, however, as essentially one of experimentation in a field which has not yet been thoroughly staked out. I think, however, there can be no doubt that it is one of exceptional importance. The teacher of religion in college should be trained to a sort of, <sup>though</sup> ~~even~~ not definitely so-called, pastoral relation.

The above you can see are as yet very much unorganized suggestions. I am hoping, however that when these new men come, - several of them will be fellows of the National Council of Schools of Religion - we shall be able to do a great piece of work.

Very truly yours,

*Shailer Mathews*

SM:MH

President E. D. Burton.





The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

passed by the Board  
May 14, '25

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 11, 1925

My dear Mr. President:

Mr. Payne informs me that he has forwarded to the Board of Trustees the action of the Divinity Faculty and Conference, asking for the establishment of the degree of Th. D., recommendations for which are to be made <sup>to the Trustees</sup> by the Divinity Faculty. As the case now stands, <sup>the</sup> only vocational degree which we can give is a Bachelor of Divinity. This has become a graduate degree requiring as much residence as the Ph. D. We wish to continue giving <sup>this degree, as well as</sup> an occasional Ph. D. as at present by recommendation through the Graduate Faculty. It has become imperative however, in our opinion for us to give a doctorate to men especially preparing for the pastorate and religious work other than teaching. The Ph. D. is largely a teacher's degree.

The grade of the doctorate which we ask to be allowed to give is the same as the Ph. D., but it will center on vocational efficiency in the conduct of religious institutions like the churches rather than on research as in the case of the Ph. D. degree.

I might add that this degree is now given by the Divinity School of Harvard University, by Union Theological Seminary, by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and other institutions.

There is a very decided demand for this among our students and former students.

In view of the fact that all preliminary steps have been taken as regards the Faculty and the Senate, I would suggest that action be taken immediately so that we can make announcement to our present students and set up





a curriculum for the beginning of the Autumn Quarter.

Very truly yours,

*Shaile Mathews*

President E. D. Burton,

University of Chicago

My dear Mr. Burton,  
I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of the 10th inst.  
and in reply to inform you  
that the Board of Trustees,  
at their meeting on the 11th  
inst., have decided to  
accept of the offer of Mr.  
Mathews to become the  
first Professor of the  
History of the University  
of Chicago.

*Edward D. Burton*

President - University

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Very truly yours,

*Robert M. La Follette*

President E. A. Burton,  
University of Chicago



Pres. Burton should this go to  
the Board folder?

Mr. Dickerson says appts of  
acting Deans go to the Board.

~~Yes~~

Dear Mr. [illegible]  
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Office of the President

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1924

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2. Answer and retain in your files.
3. Answer and return with carbon of reply for our files.
4. Return with answer on President's stationery for him to sign.
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  - a) With information called for in writing.
  - b) With suggestion of answer in writing.
  - c) Comment in writing.
6. Return and arrange for personal interview.
7. Follow through—and report.
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*Mr. Brewster*  
*Pres. to Mr. Brewster*  
*Oct 10 1914*  
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**The University of Chicago**

**The Divinity School**

December 1, 1924

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

My dear President Burton:

In making up the schedule for next summer, I would respectfully recommend that J. M. P. Smith be appointed to be Acting Dean in the Second Term. G. B. Smith and Edgar Goodspeed are both to be out of residence.

I have consulted Mr. Smith and he is ready to serve.

Very truly yours,

*Shailer Mathews*

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President E. D. Burton,  
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The University of Chicago

The Divinity School  
December 1, 1924

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*Charles H. Johnson*

W. B.

President E. A. Butler

University of Chicago

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DIVINITY SCHOOL  
1215 EAST 58TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL. 60637

# The University of Chicago

Office of the Recorder and Examiner

May 8, 1925

Dr. J. S. Dickerson  
Faculty Exchange

My dear Dr. Dickerson:-

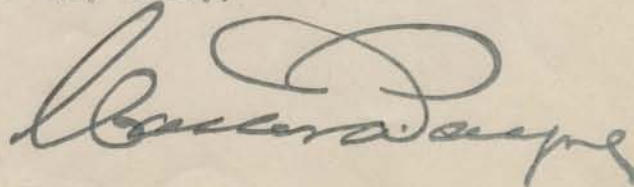
At the meeting of the Faculty and Conference of the Divinity School held February 26, it was voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees the establishment of a new degree of Th.D. (doctor of theology, or theologiae doctor) of the same general standing and grade as the Ph.D. but to stand related to that degree in something the same way as the M.D. The general requirements may be summarized as follows:

1. From 3 to 4 years of graduate study in which the student chooses a principal department for special work;
2. Two languages other than English, one of which must be modern;
3. A thesis based on original research involving practical experience in church work, particularly connected with the subject matter of his principal department;
4. Two final oral examinations covering a) the general field of theological education and b) the field of his principal subject and thesis.

A hood to be conferred by the University on the successful candidate.

This action was reported to the University Senate Saturday, February 28. When the question was asked through what Faculty it was intended the recommendations for conferring the proposed Th.D. degree should go to the Board of Trustees, Dean Mathews replied, "from the Faculty of the Divinity School, this being a professional degree." Mr. Laing questioned whether it should not go through the Faculties of the Graduate Schools of Arts, Literature, and Science if it is a research degree. Mr. Mathews' reply was that it is a research degree in a professional field.

Yours very truly,



Recorder-Examiner

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The University of Chicago

Office of the President and Board of Trustees

May 18, 1922

Dr. J. S. Dyer  
Faculty Secretary

My dear Dr. Dyer:

At the meeting of the Faculty and Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago held on May 22, it was voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees the establishment of a new department of the Faculty of Arts, to be known as the Department of the History of the United States, and to be organized as follows:

1. That a part of the present study in the Department of the History of the United States be transferred to the new department.

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Very truly yours,



Respectfully,  
The President

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February 28, 1925.

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at \$750,000, and in consideration of the further fact,

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Because of this situation, my frank reply to the first question of your letter is that we should like to receive from Mr. Rockefeller an unconditional gift of \$1,000,000 to the University for the Divinity School. This leaves \$150,000 for us to secure from other donors, from whom we should hope to be able to obtain it within two or three years. In view of the situation that I stated before, I do not think we can expect to get more than this sum in any reasonable time. A gift of \$1,000,000, following the gifts from other donors with which we are erecting the Theology Building and Divinity Chapel, would enable the Divinity School to go forward in the work which it has been conducting for thirty years and measurably to keep step with the rest of the University in the development which we feel sure is to follow the efforts we are now making for additional funds. For such a gift we should all be very grateful to Mr. Rockefeller.



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it seems wise that all additional gifts for theological education should be made also to the University.

There is another phase of the life of the University which is working well. I am sure that an addition to their income is distinctly desirable and that, in view of the fact that Dr. Davis has secured very considerable contributions from the Congregationalists of this region, a great force for sound religion in the life of the student body and a great radiating center of religious influence of view of society eminently suitable. I should be very glad if Mr. Rockefeller saw fit to make such a contribution. We are anxious to do far more, strengthening our preaching

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I am expecting to be in New York to speak to the other effective agencies, so that by the time the new chapel is finished we shall be in a position to minister to the city until the evening of March 10th. I understand outstandingly to our University community, the city, and that Mr. Quantrell has made appointments for next dinner the surrounding region. We see before us such an opportunity of service in the field of religion as we think has not hitherto existed, or at least has not been seized, in



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With reference to the Chicago Theological Seminary, Mr. W. S. Richardson, I am glad to say that the school is doing excellent work, New York City, and that the cooperative relation between it and the University is working well. I am sure that an addition to their income is distinctly desirable and that, in view of the fact that Dr. Davis has secured very considerable contributions from the Congregationalists of this region, a supplement to these contributions would be from the point of view of comity eminently suitable. I should be very glad if Mr. Rockefeller saw fit to make such a contribution. maintenance of the building now in process of erection.

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With very sincere thanks for your attitude toward our work, and Mr. Rockefeller's as reflected in your letter,

I am, Dr. Gates,

Very sincerely yours,

Upon my return regarding the sum which the University would like to give

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Day letter

March 7, 1925.

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Feb. 28 to Mr. Richardson in response to a similar  
inquiry from him placing the sum at one million dollars which  
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Burton on the matter and Trevor Arnett.

Dr. F. T. Gates,  
66 S. Mountain Ave.,  
Montclair, N. J.

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SHIRLEY JACKSON CASE  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

*By 9 January*  
February 5, 1925.

President E. D. Burton,  
University of Chicago,  
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My dear President Burton:

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Yours very sincerely,

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*S. J. Case*

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*Shirley Jackson*



ROCHESTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

December 12, 1934

President Ernest D. Burton, LL.D.  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago  
Ill.

My dear President Burton:

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Surely, you can recast your material upon the topic concerning which we have spoken, and it will promise a great treat and a most profitable discussion.

I know that all is moving well with you and I rejoice in your wonderfully successful administration.

With cordial and constant regard  
to Mrs. Burton and yourself,

As always, yours,

*Clarence A. Barbour*  
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

The University of Chicago  
The Divinity School

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June 24, 1924

My dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum relative to the Divinity School. It is practically the same as that of my letter of December 26, 1923, with the exception that I have added one or two needs which now are clearly in my mind.

I should like to add relative to Section 5 g that Mr. Baker has already taken up the matter there indicated in cooperation with Professor Park. A very considerable questionnaire on the Eurasian has been sent to our missionaries and we are expecting to get a large amount of information from it.

Very truly yours,

President E. D. Burton,  
University of Chicago.

Charles Matthews

The University of Chicago

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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University of Chicago.



The University of Chicago  
The Divinity School

June 23, 1924

My dear President Burton:

May I once more refer to the proposal for special training in the field of religious education in Chicago?

Since writing you, I have talked the matter over at considerable length with various persons. Mr. Edwards, now of Cornell Y.M.C.A. is to be the Executive Secretary of the Fellowship Fund which Professor Kent has established. He and I are thoroughly ~~assone~~ <sup>of</sup> as regards the type of preparation which we need to set up for these men. We have already a number of these fellows planning to come to us next year. Together with them will be certainly persons who, like Miss Davidson, of Smith College, are already teaching in schools. It may be also several persons will be here who have worked in Y.M.C.A. fields. Altogether, therefore, the work as I see it begins to take shape, but I don't want to make any final statements about the matter until Mr. Artman is back, and we can plan the work together.

There are really two fields where definite study and research are needed; one, the type of religious training both in class and out of class which is needed and is possible in college life; second, the type of preparation required by men intended to teach religious matters in college.

As regards the first point, I would suggest, ~~first~~;

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From this consideration it follows that the total life of a student should be considered, <sup>the units of interest</sup> athletics, fraternities, social obligations, and so forth. The Y.M.C.A. has, to some extent, seen this situation, but it has never really grasped at the educational problems. There needs to be some study of this total student life-field.

2. A study should be made of the particular type of intellectual interest which college students have, and the courses given in classrooms should be so organized as to work out in certain, as it were, project courses, or at least something like them. It would be a great mistake to separate the academic work from the total student interest. Also it would be a very serious mistake to think that college student is very <sup>generally</sup> ~~typically~~ troubled with intellectual doubt. We have assumed too much that scholastic and technical problems are to <sup>fix</sup> ~~be~~ the details of our religious teachings. It may be that this is the wise policy, but we don't know whether that or an entirely different, and more pedagogical method is better.

3. Instruction in religious education should utilize all the agencies of student activity. It should not undertake to be a rival of the Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. but here again, the problem is yet unsolved. <sup>Yes</sup> ~~though~~ I am hopeful that steps <sup>now</sup> ~~now~~ being taken will go far to meet the situation of a ~~d~~justing total religious life of the student body with its academic and Y.M.C.A. interests. It will be a mistake to destroy the religious <sup>initiation</sup> ~~activities~~ of the student in so far as it exists.

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With reference to the second main topic, namely, the type of training we should give future teachers of religion, I would suggest the following consideration:

1. In view of <sup>the above</sup> general conception of this religious education in colleges, future teachers in the field should be put in touch with the operation of the college as widely as possible. They should be <sup>some</sup> acquainted with the methods of administration, ~~the~~ athletics, fraternity life, and so on. Just how to do this is a part of the ~~task~~ which I have outlined for next year.

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3. It should be possible to group all the students interested in this particular field into a sort of permanent seminar where the actual operations of ~~the~~ training shall be under criticism. They, themselves, ought to be able to study the problem, and ~~organize~~ suggestions for making of the curriculum for the students as well as the curriculum for themselves. It would be ~~my~~ idea that this seminar should be <sup>a</sup> largely Divinity School seminar rather than departmental. Probably if that were adopted, I should be held <sup>to</sup> ~~with~~ chief responsibility, but should expect constant assistance and cooperation from ~~Mr.~~ Artman, Soares, and such other members of the faculty as might be particularly concerned with the courses suggested about.

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Additional expense for this work, I thought might be carried possibly by the Institute for Religious and Social Research. Such expense ought not to be very great beyond the payment of salary of secretary or clerk. If we are to have really intensive study into the needs of college life, we must experiment as well as observe, teach as well as study. This means <sup>details</sup> direction at some expense

Very truly yours,

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President Burton,  
The President's Office,  
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Very truly yours,

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The President's Office,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois



# Proposal of an Experiment in the Life Training of College Teachers of Religion

I Objective, to develop a curriculum or method of education for men & women who are to become teachers of religion & direction of religious life in college.

II General Method, to <sup>assemble</sup> ~~organize~~ a group of men & women who want to prepare for to be religious leaders in college, who under the general leadership of a group of men in the Divinity Faculty ~~the Dean & the Chairman of the group & other men associated with him, the students so grouped~~ <sup>shall</sup> work at the two problems:

- a) How to conduct religious work for ~~such~~ college students
- b) How to train men for this work

## III Postulates of the Study.

1. The task of those who are to be trained is not simply to be teachers

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in Bible, or of Religion, or Secretaries  
of Christian Association, or Univer-  
sity pastors. It is ~~assumed~~ <sup>probably</sup> assumed  
that they will ~~be in the colleges to which~~  
~~they have many~~ <sup>members of the faculty</sup>  
of the college in which they do their work  
but that their precise function will be  
determined by the proposed study. Even  
membership ~~with~~ in the faculty  
is only a prima facie assumption ~~that~~  
~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> may be set aside by the study.

2. The range of study will include  
contents in the whole University curricula-  
lum will contribute to the end sought  
— Psychology, Religion, Education,  
organization of the Univ. etc.

#### IV Method of Procedure.

It is suggested that the Dean of the Div.  
School shall be the chairman of a  
group of the Faculty who will direct  
the work of the group of students referred





above; that, ~~there shall be a Secretary~~  
~~who shall keep track of the work done~~  
~~by all the members of the group~~

The students shall be organized  
into a seminar holding regular  
meetings, for reports on work done  
that change & discussion of  
experiences, that there shall be  
a Secretary who shall keep the  
record of each <sup>and of the Seminar</sup> man's work, oversee  
the assembling of data, and in general  
coordinate the whole work & direct it  
toward definite & tangible results.

3. The Grant Secretary should be held  
responsible for a report, presumably  
eventually to be published, on both  
the points named in II. The

4. Probably the experiment might  
have to continue two or three years before  
publishable results would be reached.





Plans June 28  
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with  
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men who as members of faculty or  
associated with the Unit will be concerned  
with the development of the ~~high standard~~  
intellectual & religious development of the student

### A. Teachers

1. Of the ~~historians~~ ~~philosophers~~ psychology  
& philosophy ~~of religion~~ & pedagogy of religion.
2. Of Biblical Lit. History & Thought
3. Of Ethics
4. Of any college subject, in the teaching of  
which a leading motive is character building.

### B. Administration

- <sup>assistants to</sup>
1. College deans & Presidents.
  2. Heads of departments & schools of religion
  3. Secretaries of Student Associations
  - 4.

### C. Factors <sup>Preacher</sup> & Personnel officer

1. Chaplains
2. University factors
3. Preacher ~~person~~ to students
4. Personnel & Vocational Adviser

### IV Preacher to Students





Needs - provided & to be provided

A. Requisites for all classes

~~Continuous~~ Study of undergraduate life, & its peculiar characteristics & needs, begun in University continued throughout his career.

2. Specific activity on behalf of ~~students~~ undergraduates, & in relation to some phase of undergraduate life.

incomplete

Things that Chicago lacks

1. Psychology of Religion — Positive teaching
2. Emphasis on the practical side of their work & goal for it — spiritual inspiration —
3. A director of the special type of training ~~pro~~ contemplated





To Expense. ~~all expense must be met~~  
by the University - It is suggested  
that the Institute should provide the  
Secretaries, and <sup>publish the report.</sup>  
All other expense would be met  
by the University.

For further suggestions, see Dean  
Masters' letter of June 23, 1929

Amos  
Mrs Clara E. Ponder  
Ponder could serve as  
Secretary.

~~1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane~~

was the humidity. It was so hot and sticky, I felt like I was walking through a giant oven. The humidity was so thick, it felt like a heavy blanket. I had heard that the humidity was bad, but I didn't realize it would be this bad. I was so used to the dry air of the north, that this was a shock. I had heard that the humidity was bad, but I didn't realize it would be this bad. I was so used to the dry air of the north, that this was a shock.

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April 15, 1924

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

My dear Mr. President:

I met President Paul and Professor Brown of the College of Missions, and we talked over the situation. They find themselves in a somewhat difficult position. In the reorganization of the denomination the Women's Board which has supported the College of Missions, was taken up into the General Board, or United Board. There are, therefore, several groups which have to be persuaded: (1) the Trustees of the College; (2) the Executive Committee; (3) the Board of Managers; (4) the Convention. The Board of Trustees has voted in favor of coming to Chicago. There seems to be some doubt as to whether the Board above them will dare take any definite steps because of fear of alienating a certain element of the denomination.

President Paul is now undertaking on behalf of the faculty to reorganize the Board of Trustees and put through an issue if possible before the end of the year. He is not sanguine about this, but has come to feel that if the plan cannot be put across he will pull out from the College of Missions. He sees no possibility of doing any great thing except in connection here with us.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

The University of Chicago

April 15, 1924



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President Paul has just returned from a trip abroad and the enclosed memorandum will show how he finds the missionaries are anxious to have the College moved here.

I suggested that they find out exactly what the Trustees can do. If they are really owners of the building and of the endowment and the managers of the school I suggested that they go ahead and then let rest of the denomination check them if they see fit. That way no actual decision will be forced upon either of the two committees or the convention.

Sincerely yours,

*Shailes Matthews*

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President Burton,  
University of Chicago.

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University of Chicago.



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The University of Chicago

Office of the Counsel and Business Manager

ROOM 1838, 230 S. CLARK ST.  
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

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President Ernest D. Burton,  
The University of Chicago.

My dear President:

I am sending with this a copy of a letter of Dr. Mathews, together with a copy of a memorandum of a conversation relative to the possible affiliation of the College of Missions with the University.

The suggestion is that the use of frontage on the Midway may interfere with your plan of the colleges. In any event, I think it should not be presented to the trustees without carrying with it your reaction in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Wallace Heckman (B)

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Dictated but  
not read.





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April 25, 1923.

My dear Mr. Heckman:

I am inclosing a memorandum of the conversation about which I spoke. I wish you would give me your opinion on the matter, which I can forward to the persons concerned. They are naturally anxious to have some definite statement from us. So far as I can understand, the conversation represents exactly the position which we should take. If we could tell them this, it would be a great help to them. They expect to have a meeting in the early part of May to make a final report. The matter looks, on the whole, rather promising, but, as one can well understand, there will be opposition from the more reactionary element in the denomination.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE  
AFFILIATION OF THE COLLEGE OF MISSIONS  
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

I. The College of Missions needs in the way of physical equipment,

- A. A building for dormitory. In that building there should be a small chapel or assembly room, administration offices, one or more committee or class rooms. The probability is that the building could be erected for less than \$300,000, on the basis of the cost of the building now being erected by the Chicago Theological Seminary.
- B. Accommodations for married students.

II. The University of Chicago is in position to furnish without charge to the College of Missions recitation rooms in its new theological building. It can also furnish, if need be, an office in that building for the sake of communication with the Divinity School and general administrative interests. It can possibly furnish some of its flats to be equipped by the Missions Board for missionaries on furlough, as in the case of the Presbyterians.

The University will furnish land of sufficient frontage on the Midway for the building of the College of Missions mentioned above, the same to be arranged on terms similar to those established by the Ryder Divinity School. The rental would be merely nominal, say a dollar a year. It would be approximately the same amount of land as is now used by the Ryder Divinity School.

It might be possible for the College of Missions to buy land in the immediate vicinity, perhaps adjoining the above land. The University business office would assist, so far as possible, in the purchase of this land if desired.

There would be no charge to the College of Missions for the use of the rooms in the University buildings. The College of Missions would thus not be under the necessity of erecting a recitation hall.

III. As regards the adjustment of curricula, granting of degrees, etc.

- A. The terms of this are covered by the articles published in the Divinity Circular known as the Articles of Affiliation. They provide that the affiliating college grant its own degrees if it so desired. Such of its students as wish degrees from the University would receive them in accordance with the general plan already in operation with the Chicago Theological Seminary.
- B. Students in the College of Missions eligible to be registered in the Divinity School may be so registered, and in general the relation of the institution to the University will be such as that already held by the Chicago Theological Seminary.
- C. The curricula would be so adjusted that students in the two institutions could take courses offered in both, the same to be counted toward a degree in accordance with the regulations already in existence. Instructors in the College of Missions giving courses credited towards the University degree would be listed in the Circular of the Divinity School



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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION HELD AT THE  
APPLICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF MISSIONS  
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

I. The College of Missions needs in the way of physical equipment,

A. A building for dormitory. In that building there should be a small chapel or assembly room, administration offices, one or more committee or class rooms. The probability is that the building could be erected for less than \$500,000, on the basis of the cost of the building now being erected by the Chicago Theological Seminary.

B. Accommodations for married students.

II. The University of Chicago is in position to furnish without charge to the College of Missions recreation rooms in the new theological building. It can also furnish, if need be, an office in that building for the same of communication with the Divinity School and general administrative interests. It can possibly furnish some of its flats to be equipped by the Mission Board for missionaries on furlough, as in the case of the Presbyterian.

The University will furnish land of sufficient frontage on the Midway for the building of the College of Missions mentioned above, the same to be arranged on terms similar to those established by the Ryder Divinity School. The rental would be merely nominal, say a dollar a year. It would be approximately the same amount of land as is now used by the Ryder Divinity School.

It might be possible for the College of Missions to buy land in the immediate vicinity, perhaps adjoining the above land. The University business office would assist, so far as possible, in the purchase of this land if desired.

There would be no charge to the College of Missions for the use of the rooms in the University buildings. The College of Missions would thus not be under the necessity of erecting a recreation hall.

III. As regards the adjustment of curricula, granting of degrees, etc.

A. The terms of this are covered by the articles published in the Divinity Circular known as the Articles of Affiliation. They provide that the affliated college grant its own degrees if it so desired. Such of its students as wish degrees from the University would receive them in accordance with the general plan already in operation with the Chicago Theological Seminary.

B. Students in the College of Missions eligible to be registered in the Divinity School may be so registered, and in general the relation of the institution to the University will be such as that already held by the Chicago Theological Seminary.

C. The curricula would be so adjusted that students in the two institutions could take courses offered in both, the same to be counted toward a degree in accordance with the regulations already in existence. Instructions in the College of Missions giving courses credited toward the University degree would be listed in the Circular of the Divinity School.



as instructors in the College of Missions. The plan would involve the giving of degrees in the field of missions by the University towards which courses given by the faculty of the College of Missions might be counted. So far as possible and advisable, there would not be duplications of courses in the two institutions involved, but the plan for the graduate work in the field of missions would be co-operative.

- IV. Nothing in the above understanding is to be interpreted as in the slightest degree affecting the rights of the two institutions to maintain their independence and self-determination.
- V. The question is raised whether the University would be able to furnish dormitory space in its flat buildings temporarily, during the possible delay incident to the erection of the College building.





April 23, 1924

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Very truly yours,

Mr. Wallace Heckman  
Room 1838  
230 South Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois

EDB:HP

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The Journal of Religion

THE EDITORIAL OFFICE

Dear Burton  
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of Haydon. I thought  
you might like it -  
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April 9, 1924

Dean Shailer Mathews  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dean Mathews:

I very much wish that the admirable work which Dr. Haydon is doing might receive recognition in the form of a promotion. As you know the articles which he contributed to the Dictionary of Religion and Ethics were high class in every way. He has written articles and reviews for the Journal of Religion which indicate an exceptional grasp of the problem of the historical study of religion. He has organized in his mind and is working at a book on the methodology of the study of religion which I am sure, will mark the beginning of a new era in the study of religion.

His field is so vast that he has naturally had to put most of his time thus far on mastering the immense material with which he has to deal. He has done this so well that he is an independent and competent critic of the work which is being done in his field.

His ability is being recognized in other places and I am very much afraid that if he is not soon promoted some other institution may take him away from us. Frankly, I should not know where to look to find his equal for the department where he is working.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald B. Smith

GBS/RB

*Handwritten notes:*  
The Journal of Religion  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 1, 1904

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Dear Mr. [Name]  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois  
My dear Mr. [Name]:

I very much wish that the editor of your issue  
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Yours truly,  
[Signature]



## The University of Chicago

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This note will assure you that I am all ready for my sailing tomorrow. I've had a most profitable day at Union with valuable conferences with Professors Scott and Frame. The former makes real impression on me.

May I not thank you most heartily for the splendid group of introduction letters that you and Dr. Goodspeed worked up for my benefit? I shall make good use of them. Heeding your parting admonition I shall endeavor not to lose myself so completely in the first century life of Mediterranean lands that I neglect the contacts with twentieth century scholarship in Germany and England.

With warm appreciation I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Harold R. Willoughby.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

March 7, 1924.

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 begun the career with true enthusiasm  
 and I am sure of your sympathy and  
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Yours truly,  
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Rev. H. A. Kennedy March 5, 1924.  
Professor of New Testament Language  
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New College, Edinburgh.

Rev. James Moffatt,  
Professor of Church History  
U. F. College, Glasgow

My dear Dr. Kennedy:

Very Rev. George Adam Smith D.D., L.L.D.  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Aberdeen University  
Old Aberdeen, Scotland

May I by this letter beg the privilege of  
introducing to you my friend, Dr. Harold A. Willoughby?

Rev. Vincent Harry Stanton, D.D.  
Rector, Professor of Divinity,  
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With great respect,

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The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

Alumni Committee on Hulbert Memorial

*File in for \$25 payable to museum*

Orange, N.J., March 1, 1924

Dear Friend:

Dr. Eri Baker Hulbert was Dean of our Divinity School for fifteen years. During that time several thousand of us came under his influence, and his name is one to be honored. It is now sixteen years since his death, and there is no portrait of him in the University, excepting a good-sized photograph in the Dean's office.

The Alumni presented the University with a splendid marble bust of Dr. Northrup, done by Lorado Taft. To date, our first Dean is without a worthy memorial.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association of the Divinity School, held in Atlantic City last May, a committee was appointed to arrange for a memorial for Dr. Hulbert. After careful inquiry, we should like to place in the new Theological Building, soon to be erected on the campus, a large-sized portrait of Dr. Hulbert. The portrait ought to be of the same grade and dignity of those recently presented to the University by the Alumni and friends of Professor Michelson, Dean Hall, and Dean Angell.

Dean Mathews is very anxious to have this portrait of his friend and colleague hung in the new Theological Building. The cost will be \$2,000. It will be painted by the famous portrait artist, Mr. Ralph Clarkson. Will you please mail your subscription within ten days to Joseph C. Hazen, Box 44, the University of Chicago? We should like to raise the entire fund within thirty days, and to make a final report at the meeting in Milwaukee next May.

Dr. Hulbert loved his students like a father, and served the Divinity School to the end of his life. We know that you will want to have a part in placing this memorial to him in the new Theological Building.

Most sincerely yours,

JOHN WELLINGTON HOAG  
JAMES McGEE  
JOSEPH C. HAZEN, Chairman

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

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JAMES M. GORDON  
JAMES W. LINTON, Honorary



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The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

January 31, 1924.

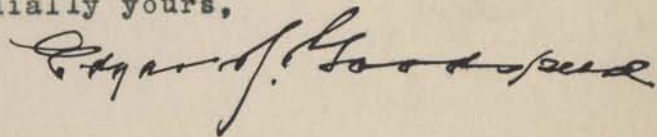
My dear Dr. Burton:

With regard to Mr. Insull, I heard him make an extended statement for the Chicago Civic Opera Company at the gala performance last Friday night. He spoke simply and effectively, and with entire ease, and was well received by the Opera guarantors who filled the house.. He is not, of course, an orator, and I do not know what he would have to say at the June Convocation.

Mr. Swift, Mr. Sherer, Mr. Arnett, and Mr. Dodge are going to lunch with me at the University Club tomorrow. I have just agreed to give four New Testament lectures on Tuesday afternoons in Lent before the Fortnightly of Chicago, which gives me, I think, a great opportunity.

I will take up the Merrifield matter with Case and Mathews at once. Could we not use Lake in Church History? That was the field in which Mathews wanted the next new man appointed, and of course we cannot go back upon our undertakings with Willoughby, even if we wished to do so. I cannot think five or six thousand dollars would attract Lake, much as I would enjoy having his stimulating personality brought here.

Cordially yours,



President Ernest D. Burton,  
Hollywood,  
Southern Pines, North Carolina.

The University of Chicago

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# The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 31, 1924

My dear President Burton:

I have yours of January 28th. Goodspeed tells me today that Willoughby has accepted the offer. I should suppose that that would probably mean for the present that Lake was out of it. At any rate, I think I won't say anything to him until I have a chance to talk over with you when you get back. I am especially anxious that we come to some sort of arrangement which will enable us to develop the work in the Department of Church History and also on the undergraduate side as well.

I want to go over with you the whole matter of the undergraduate work so far as religious interests are concerned. I don't think it is enough simply to put in men to teach the Bible or something else. We ought to undertake something which will teach religion, and further religion as well as give information about religion.

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In other words I should like to <sup>handle</sup> the whole question "from the ground up" including the Christian Union, the League, the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and various other organizations that look towards the religious interests. I will try to have a scheme to talk to when you come. I am very anxious that the whole matter should be handled with a broad outlook and not simply as it touches the welfare of the New Testament Department. I am counting on my certainty that you have the same view.

I <sup>cannot</sup> ~~get~~ <sup>gain</sup> any reaction from Goodspeed as to what he wants or thinks about Lake. I suppose when I get a chance to sit down and talk with him more leisurely than I am able to over the telephone or in casual meeting, I shall be able to discover just what his position is. I am mighty glad that he has closed with Willoughby.

The financial prospect I mentioned ~~in~~ Mode is Mrs. Wells. I am glad you tell me what you do. I have let Mode know the same thing. The fact is, I have been working on this woman indirectly through Mode for, I should say, nearly two years. I am mighty glad to know she once was interested. The thing which I put up to Mode as the ideal to which we go was, first, the establishment of an Institute of American Church History, which would be a phase of historical work of the University with an endowment, group of workers and ~~the~~ building. I should certainly dislike dreadfully to have the Divinity School not share in anything that might come. A real point of interest apparently at the present time is Mode who is her pastor at Wheaton.

Miner Shailer Mathews

The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

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If we are clear on the first point it would seem to me wise for you to say to him on your own responsibility and apropos of your conversation with him that you hope he makes no change without consulting with you and giving you a chance to offer him a position at Chicago if the matter can be brought about financially.

Such a step as this would commit us to nothing yet would give us time to consider what we really want to do and what is practicable to do.

Of course the Willoughby proposition is distinctly easier financially but if Lake is decidedly more desirable we might see whether the matter is practical financially. Can you leave the matter in this shape until I return when I shall be glad to talk it over with you all.

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January 14, 1924

My dear Burton:

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I think it is a great thing. Much obliged for your information regarding Haskell.

I think we might approach Shaffer of the Post for the Divinity School. What do you say? How about Frank Logan? Also do you suppose McLeish would let us have his money to build a McLeish Library in the Theological Building? The amount he gave will need years to grow into an Administration Building.

Cordially yours,

Shailer Mathews

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The University of Chicago  
The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 12, 1934

My dear Sir:

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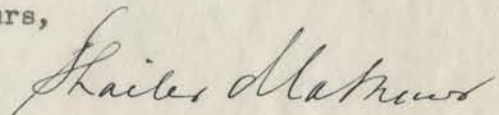
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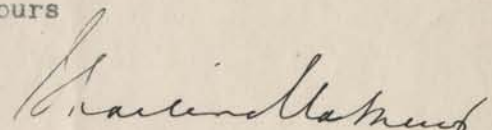
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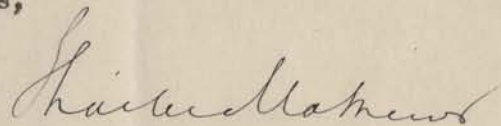
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Systematic Theology  
Rochester Theological Seminary  
Rochester, New York

November 10, 1923

Preesident E.D.Burton,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ills.

My dear President Burton:

My experiences in connection with the Divinity School during the second term of the last summer quarter were altoget her pleasant. It was a delight to me to meet my old friends of the staff and form some new acquaintances with men from other schools. The classes seemed to be made up of men who had come to the University for a serious purpose and it was a deep satisfaction to me to get into touch with their thoughts. It seemed to me that the work of the Divinity School was being managed with much skill and, if I may say it, your own coming into the Presidency had already given to the members of the Faculty new confidence and energy.

One or two things I sometimes question. The mingling of graduate students and undergraduates in the same classes, while of some advantage, perhaps to undergraduates, seems rather a disadvantage to both, on the whole. The undergraduate is likely to be the chief loser in as much as much of what is said to the graduates must be beyond him and rather confusing. The other point is this: There seems on the part of many young students for the Christian ministry a deep yearning for a thorough philosophical treatment of the great theological issues of the present time. I am wondering how far the courses offered in the Divinity School go toward meeting this need.

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Statement of  
Dr. J. H. H. H.  
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Department of  
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The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

September 25, 1923

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*They sign a note for tuition help payable in cash they do not go to Miss. Pres.*

The question has been raised whether any different practice should be established in reference to students pursuing a medical course in preparation for foreign missions service. As I understand it, it has been in your jurisdiction to grant such students the same privilege as is granted members of the Divinity School, both in respect to tuition and room rent. It has been intimated to me that you feel that undue advantage had sometimes been taken of the situation, both in respect to students preparing for medical service limiting their studies to strictly medical courses, and in respect to their not fulfilling their expectations and obligations to engage in foreign missions service.

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Very truly yours,

Dean Shailer Mathews  
Faculty Exchange

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Enclosure



*Dr. J. H. ...*

The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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July 21, 1923

My dear Mr. President:

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Does this plan meet with your approval?  
If so, we should begin to plan for this with the Missionary Union or one of the missionary boards for the year 1924-25.

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President E. D. Burton  
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President, E. G. Burton  
New York Exchange



July 2, 1923.

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My dear President Burton:-

The relaxation of a vacation and the failure of mail to catch me more promptly explain my tardiness in answering your letters of June 8th and June 20th.

In regard to your inquiry as to what you owe me for reading the Norton manuscript, I hope you will permit me to do it as a personal favor to yourself and thus give me the satisfaction of feeling that at least on one occasion I have had an opportunity of showing my appreciation of the numerous favors received from you during the past fifteen years.

I have your letter of June 20th, in which you express your approval of Professor McLaughlin's request that I be made Chairman of the Department



of Church History. I shall be glad to  
serve in this capacity as best I can,  
and wish to express to you, as I  
have <sup>expressed</sup> to Professor McLaughlin, my  
appreciation of the confidence placed  
in me under this arrangement.

Fine weather and extremely  
good behavior on the part of our  
new mode of conveyance have  
made our vacation thus far  
very delightful.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. Case



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July 12, 1923.

My dear Professor Case:

I have your letter of July 2nd and am very glad to learn that you are prepared to accept the Chairmanship of the Department of Church History.

Your reply to my suggestion respecting your service on the Norton manuscript is quite too generous, but if you prefer that the matter should be dealt with as you suggest I can only express my great appreciation for your valuable service and your kindness in rendering it. I hope the fine weather and the good behavior of your machine may continue to the end of your vacation.

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SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Pres. Ernest D. Burton,  
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My dear President Burton:

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From the beginning there has been in the minds of some of us a desire to consider seriously the wisdom of a separate board of control for the School of Theology. The reasons for this will doubtless readily suggest themselves to you. A special committee was appointed at this meeting of our Board to report to the next meeting in June with a recommendation regarding this reorganization.

Dr. Galen M. Fisher, of the Committee on Social and Religious Surveys, has suggested that you might be able to help us. I am therefore writing to ask if you would be kind enough to place before our committee such information as would help us to face frankly and intelligently the best method of control for our institution. If there is any suggestion which you feel free to make, we would be grateful to you for passing it on to us.

Assuring you of our appreciation of this favor, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Paul B. Kern*

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SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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SHIRLEY JACKSON CASE  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
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October 22, 1923.

President Ernest D. Burton,  
University of Chicago,  
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My dear President Burton:-

May I present to you somewhat informally my most recent meditations regarding the Department of Church History, of which you appointed me chairman not long ago? I say "informally" because as yet I have not discussed with the head of the department in any definite way the matter of which I am now writing, nor have I talked with Dean Mathews regarding its bearing upon the work of the Divinity School in general.

The status of Church History research in the world of scholarship today seems to me to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. Apparently the leadership furnished in this field by the German universities in pre-war days has passed away for the present, and perhaps for several generations if not forever. French scholarship is so dominantly Roman Catholic that not much help can be hoped for from that quarter. The English and Scottish universities will undoubtedly remain conspicuous for scholarship of a particular type, but probably their work will continue to be limited by a strong emphasis upon tradition. Aggressive leadership in this field of investigation would now seem to be the peculiar duty of the graduate theological schools of America.

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In thinking of Chicago as the place where such study may be pursued most effectively in the future I have in mind the following considerations:-

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(3) The general policy of the University in providing not simply a staff sufficient for teaching the classes but also a sufficient number of teachers for carrying on adequate research work in the principal divisions of a department. No other theological school in America is, I think, so fortunately situated as ours in participating in this ideal of the University.

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In a word, do we not need a third man on the faculty of the Divinity School in the Department of Church History who will be responsible for this at present neglected section of the field? It seems to me that we do, and I trust that I am acting within the proprieties in bringing this matter

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