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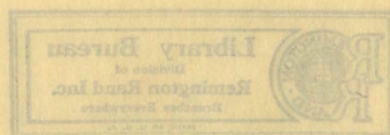
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FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

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But I should like to make the effort. If he is inaccessible, I should like to look up Ambrose W. Vernon, ^{of Hiawatha Kansas} a graduate of Union who has had two years abroad, and is highly recommended by McGiffert and Francis Brown. His studies have been in just the line which would fit him to do the work we want done. I do not know enough about him to be sure that he is the man we want, but it looks promising. The question therefore arises whether we can proceed at once to fill this vacancy, and if so how much salary we can offer.

And this reminds me to speak of Gregory. In a letter received from Mathews this morning he says that Chancellor MacLean of Nebraska told him the other day that he thought we could get Gregory beyond a possible doubt; that Luthardt's successor had been appointed, Gregory being passed by. I do not bring this up to urge it; but it seems a great pity not to get him if it is in any way possible. I believe it is understood in any case that we ask him to come again next summer. Does that come into the present estimates? I suppose not, but that it goes over to the special summer session account.

You interdict any remarks about increase in salaries; but I assume that ^{that} refers to proposals of increase. Promises of increase already made do not come under that head. What you promised Mr. Votaw you doubtless remember better than I do; and what was agreed between us respecting me, as well as I do.

With respect to the other three matters mentioned in your letter, Books, Apparatus, Printing and Publishing, a reduction of appropriations would be impossible, I suppose, those for the past

NEW TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT

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year being in the case of the books merely a percentage of the fees, and in the other cases very small indeed. The department will not ask for any increase.

I am sorry not to be able to suggest large reductions of expense on the part of our department.

I heard the other day that you were to be in Newark soon. If this is true I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you again.

I am sorry that I cannot have the privilege of being included in the contributors to the first number of the great new Journal. I have written Mathews a full account of the reasons which forbid my publishing my politarch article without some further information to be obtained only by writing to Thessalonica. I am glad to hear that you have plenty of material and on the whole I judge of high grade.

Always sincerely yours,

Ernest D. Burton

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Feb 25/98

My dear Mr. President, The more I think of it the more I am inclined to favor your suggestion about Edgar Goodspeed. I am persuaded that there is no man in sight who would be anything like as competent to do the work we want done as he would be after two years of study abroad. Such study ought of course to be planned with reference to the doing of the work in Patristics that we are aiming to have done. If an understanding could be reached between Goodspeed and the University, pledging him on the one side to do the necessary study abroad, and the University on the other-hand to give him the work to do when he comes back, this arrangement would be more satisfactory to the New Testament department than anything else that I can think of.

Could he not be appointed immediately upon receiving his degree, perhaps teach three months with salary pro rata, and then go abroad on two years' leave of absence? He would then have had eight years of graduate work, and would be prepared, I believe, to do splendid

work. Inasmuch as he will have received little or no salary for two years, ^{he ought} ~~and~~ in view of his long period of preparation to be entitled in 1900 to a salary of more than \$600, I imagine. But this is a question of detail. The main point is to effect an arrangement satisfactory to him and the University by which he shall come back in 1900 prepared to take up the work we want him to do.

If anything is to come of this, I do not care to go any further in the Bishop case.

Sincerely yours

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With two research assistants and an annual fund for publication we believe that we could greatly increase the investigative output of the department and make a notable contribution to the understanding of the origin of the Christian religion. It is our conviction that with a relatively small addition to the departmental budget we might notably increase the scientific efficiency of the department. The value of such an adjunct to the work of the department is well illustrated in the departments of natural science. The University of Chicago has the largest New Testament faculty of any University in the world, and the coming of Professor Robinson of the Chicago Theological Seminary, one of our own Doctors and an able man, and that of Dr. Sprengling, who though coming to the Semitic Department is an expert in the New Testament field, will still further strengthen our staff.

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By way of preamble we should like to point out that the department has already done work which in quantity and quality seems to us to give assurance of our capacities for still larger work. Up to this date we have published the following books:

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- Burton: Records and Letters of the Apostolic Age, 1895.
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- Votaw: The Use of the Infinitive in Biblical Greek, 1896.
- Votaw: The Sermon on the Mount, 1904.
- Goodspeed: Greek Papyri from the Cairo Museum, 1902.
- Goodspeed: Index Patristicus, Leipzig, 1907.
- Goodspeed, Grenfell and Hunt: Tebtunis Papyri, Part II., 1907.
- Goodspeed: Chicago Literary Papyri, 1908.
- Goodspeed: The Conflict of Severus, Patriarch of Antioch, Paris, 1908.
- Goodspeed: The Epistle to the Hebrews, 1908.
- Goodspeed: Index Apologeticus, Leipzig, 1912.
- Goodspeed and Sprengling: Catalogue of Manuscripts in the Libraries of the University, 1912.
- Goodspeed: Die ältesten Apologeten, Göttingen, 1914.
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1. For research assistants, \$2000 a year for five years;
2. For subsidizing our publications, \$1000 a year for five years.

Should it be possible to obtain such assistance either from the general funds of the University or from special sources, the Department would pledge itself to organize the work in an efficient way and to justify the expenditure by the results. The plan of procedure we have in mind includes:

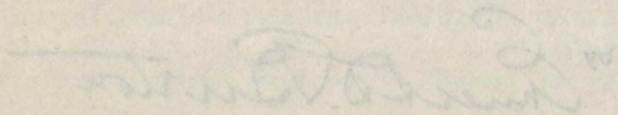
1. A room devoted to investigative work.
2. The appointment of two research assistants.
3. A departmental committee of oversight.
4. Regular office hours for the research assistants and definitely assigned tasks.
5. Employment of the fellows of the Department to assist in the work.
6. Quarterly and annual reports of work done.

It would be our further intention to begin the work of the proposed laboratory by assigning to our research assistants certain very definite and concrete tasks adapted to their particular type of ability and gradually to lay upon them heavier responsibilities, involving a larger measure of self-direction. We have in mind that within the first year they might work mainly upon the Concordances of Philo and Josephus and upon the translation of the religious documents of the Graeco-Roman world. Should funds not be immediately available for the publication of the results of this work, the deposit of typewritten copies of the concordances and of the translations in the Library

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I heartily concur in the general scheme which Dr. Burton proposes, particularly in view of the fact that independently he has worked out in detail a general plan which I have for the development of the Divinity School.

I have recently referred to this once or twice in speaking with you, and I trust that I may have the opportunity to discuss at length with you in the near future the organization of a post-graduate school of religion and ethics. I believe the time has come for development of the work we shall do for graduates of the Divinity School. Such a school should develop investigative work in the field of religion in a way which is not possible for the ordinary school. With our affiliated Theological Faculty, and with the co-operation of certain members of the Graduate Faculty of Arts, we can do this as can no other institution in the country.

I trust that it will be possible to take a step, even though experimental, into this new and unworked field.

This plan of Dr. Burton's, I trust therefore, may be given consideration from this larger conception of the opportunity that is ours, as well as on its own merits.

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