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President Jackson would be glad if Mr.  
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*Mr. Robinson - 1251-1-2*  
*Pres. Judson*  
Harold H. Swift  
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April  
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Dear President Judson:

As Chairman of the Alumni Clubs Committee, I am about to write each one of the Clubs, asking them to arrange some kind of a meeting on Alumni Day for those members who can not return to the Quadrangles at that time. I think it would be valuable if I could say to them that we would have the pamphlet descriptive of the work and accomplishments and hopes of the University, referred to in our correspondence, the last of which was my letter of April 5th, ready to send them not later than June 1st. Do you think it is practical to make such a promise?

Yours cordially,

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

Harold H. Swift



May 15, 1920.

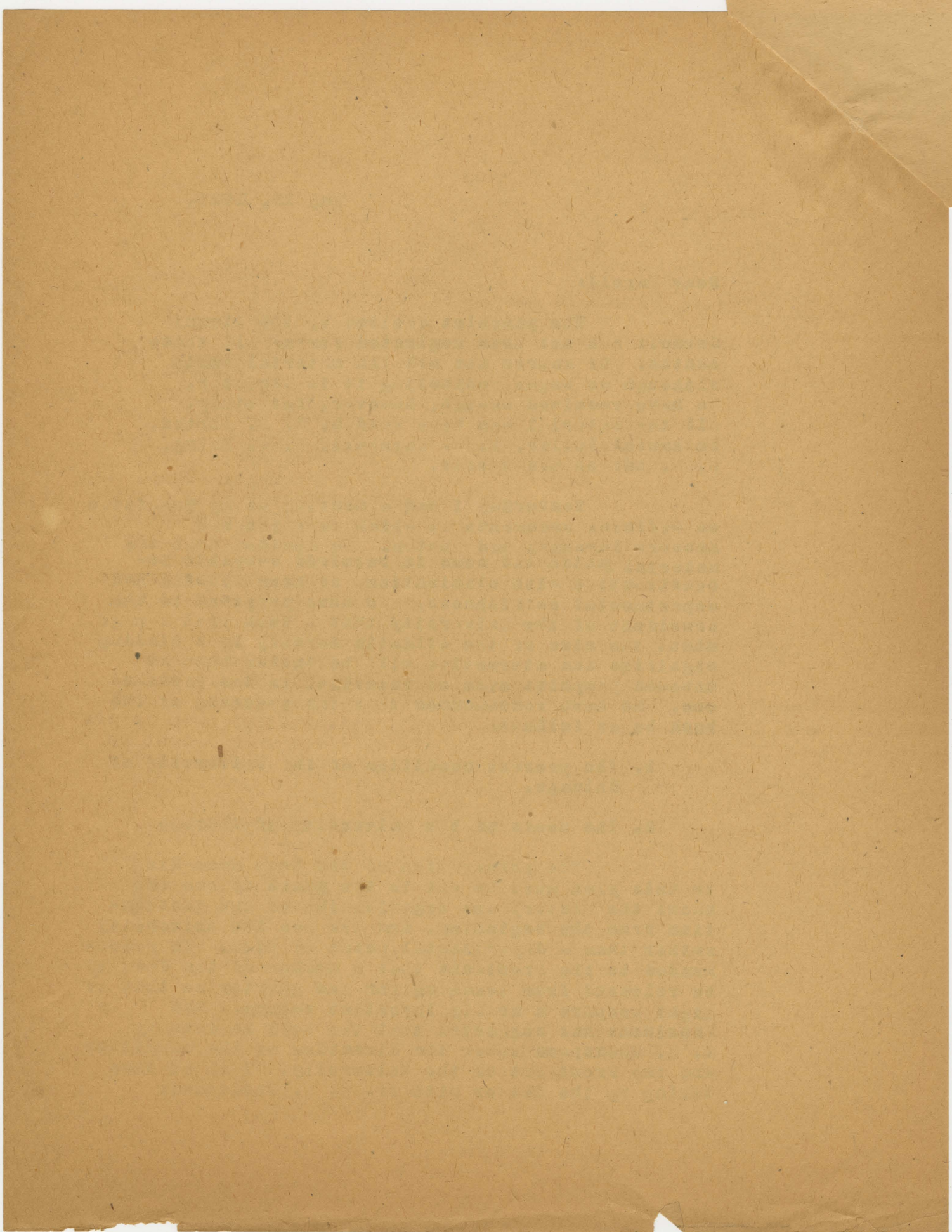
Dear Harold:

The pamphlet desired by the Alumni Council has not been neglected during all these months. Of course not all the material hasin although we began collecting it in December. We have received enough, however, for study. All the material has been read by E. D. Burton, Nathaniel Butler, L. C. Marshall, G. J. Laing, N. W. Barnes and myself.

Yesterday I had a meeting of my Committee on Official Documents at which were present Messers Marshall and Burton. We decided that the material which had come in required complete reconstruction with eliminations of horn blowing and departmental selfishness. We have proposed to the President of the University that a book with a page about the size of the Atlantic Monthly in a binding dignified and attractive will be better than an unbound pamphlet even so beautiful as the Harvard one. We have recommended that the contents of the book be as follows:

1. The present condition of the University of Chicago.
2. The needs of the University of Chicago.

The preparation of the book according to this plan must be put in the hands of one who knows the history and organization of the institution from the beginning, and who has the University rather than a departmental point of view. We recommended to the President that a member of the faculty be released from teaching for one quarter so that he might prepare a really important volume. The President has suggested that the work be done by T. W. Goodspeed under the direction of the Committee and the President of the University. I am at once taking up the matter with Dr. T. W. Goodspeed.



Dr. J. Paul Goode is supervising the preparation of graphs to be used in the book. These, for the most part, will be a continuation of those used in the Quarter Centennial Volume. Bierly, our University ace, volunteered some time ago to secure an aeroplane in which to take Dr. W. J. G. Land of the Botany Department into the air so that he might make photographs of the buildings and grounds from varying angles. We are planning in addition to this new and artistic photographs of the buildings and grounds. These will be made as soon as the trees are a little bit more in leaf. Several of the Committee are desirous of indicating by means of drawings on the photographs the outlines of projected or needed buildings. This may be tried. We shall, of course, use such things as photographs of the proposed Chapel.

On the whole I am convinced that the delay in organizing the material has really worked for progress in the direction of publishing a much finer thing than any of the universities have as yet issued. My only regret is that the work cannot be completed by the time you mentioned in your letter to the President--June 1st.

Yours very truly,

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

