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My dear Sir:

After a thorough discussion of the matter between Mr Hale, Mr Barnard, and myself, on the occasion of Mr Hale's recent visit here, we decided that we should be serving the best interests of science and of the Observatory if we abandon the plan of sending an expedition to observe the total eclipse of the Sun visible in southern Europe next August. Inasmuch as the circumstances seem to make it entirely impossible for either Mr Hale or myself to go and to undertake bolometric or spectroscopic observations, the only observations which could be included in our scope would be direct photography of the corona by Professor Barnard. If we could be assured of clear weather, there can be no doubt that excellent photographs on a large scale would be obtained. But in Spain, where alone the duration of totality would be long enough for the purpose, the chances of clearness and cloudiness are considered to be about even. On such a chance, it has not seemed to us that it was on the whole best to lose three months of Mr. Barnard's observations here, which are certain of yielding valuable results. Moreover, the money required, which would include over \$2000 for a new lens and which would scarcely come within the \$5000 we had figured on, could be

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YERKES OBSERVATORY WILLIAMS BAY, WIS.

February 11, 1905.

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Regarding your request that I should estimate the contributions from the University of Chicago toward the establishment of its Solar Observatory on Mt.Wilson, I would summarize: Mr Hale's salary, eight months from May 1, 1904 \$2000; Mr Ellerman's salary for the same period \$667; total \$2667. The loan of the Snow telescope with its many accessories is, of course, a very important contribution but difficult to estimate in money, as time is the principal issue; it could not be duplicated within a year's time. Of course, Mr Hale was in California through the winter but that was merely his vacation; and Mr Ellerman was away for a couple of months in the early Spring, but that also would be regarded in the same way.

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But I respectfully propose that this department be treated in the same way as the budget of the whole University; that is, be raised from last year in the proportion of \$245,000 to \$300,000, and then that it be cut as has been duly apportioned. That is to say, taking last year's appropriation for pay roll \$17,600, the increase would be to \$21,550; the cut would be, pay roll \$1500, S & E and Equipment cut \$650, Books \$95; total \$2240. The net result to the department would be \$19310, from which we would provide as follows:

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E.E.Barnard	3000
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I very much doubt whether this letter will bring an affirmative response, but most earnestly hope that it may. I have an idea that possibly some of our English friends could bring a little pressure upon Mr Yerkes, and I plan to write Professor Turner to see if he thinks he could use some influence in the matter. In a recent letter to Sir William Huggins, I hinted at the same thing, though I did not quite venture to ask him, the President of the Royal Society, to intervene in any direct way.

As arranged by telephone this morning, I expect to call at your house at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, the 17th, for the interview suggested in your kind letter of the 15th. Hoping that this will find you in a better degree of physical comfort than heretofore, and with the greatest sympathy of myself and of all the Observatory, I am

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March 3, 1905.

Dr.R.S.Woodward, President of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of the 23rd ult., stating the action of the executive committee on my application for \$2600 for a continuance of the investigation of stellar parallaxes, carried on for the past twenty months by Dr. Schlesinfer and Miss Ware under a grant from the Institution. I very much regret that it was not possible to continue the grant; but of course I can appreciate that the policy of the Institution may require a concentration rather than a scattering of its ibterests. The amount of the appropriations from the Carnegie Institution spent upon this work has been just about \$4500. The Observatory, in furnishing the use of the great telescope for about one-fourth of the time for night observations, has contributed the equivalent of a somewhat. greater amount, estimated at \$5000; and there does not seem to be any possibility for the University to provide for the salaries required for the continuance of the work, although the facilities could be still continued. Inasmuch as the work was planned on a basis of a campaign of five years: fbus years of observations and one year to be whally devoted to computations and preparations for publication, it therefore does not appear that any appreciable return in published results can be made for the investment of nearly ten thousand dollars

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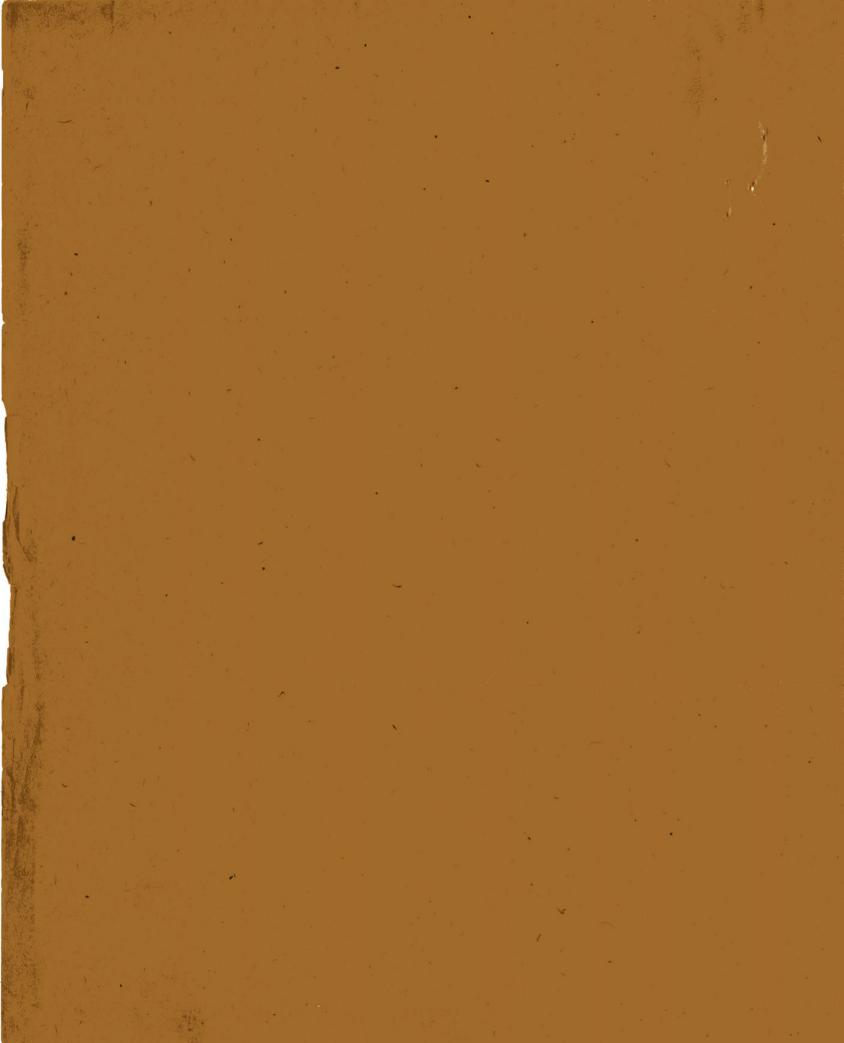
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I also thank you for your letter, offering to this institution for its library the astronomical publications of the Institution.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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March 3rd, 1905.



My dear Mr. Frost:-

Have you had any reply to the letter which we sent to Mr. Hale in reference to certain matters? I refer to the one which was dictated in your presence and taken down by Miss Cobb.

Yours very truly,

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It is understood that the University contributes to this work (1) the salary of Mr. Hale, (2) the salary of Mr. Ellerman, (3) the use of certain instruments needed at the observatory, (4) certain use of the shops for construction, and (5) certain work by the instrument maker Johannessen.

It is understood that in case the Carnegie Institution decides, as a result of a new gift from Mr Carnegie, to establish a Solar Observatory of their own, this work will naturally be replaced by such an observatory. It is understood that the proposed astronomical work on Mt.Wilson for which \$18,000 is available up to December next, with the understanding that (80,000 will be apprepriated for the year beginning January lat, 1905, shall be dese under the sampices of the University of Chicage, and under the title of the University of Chicage Expedition for Solar Research.

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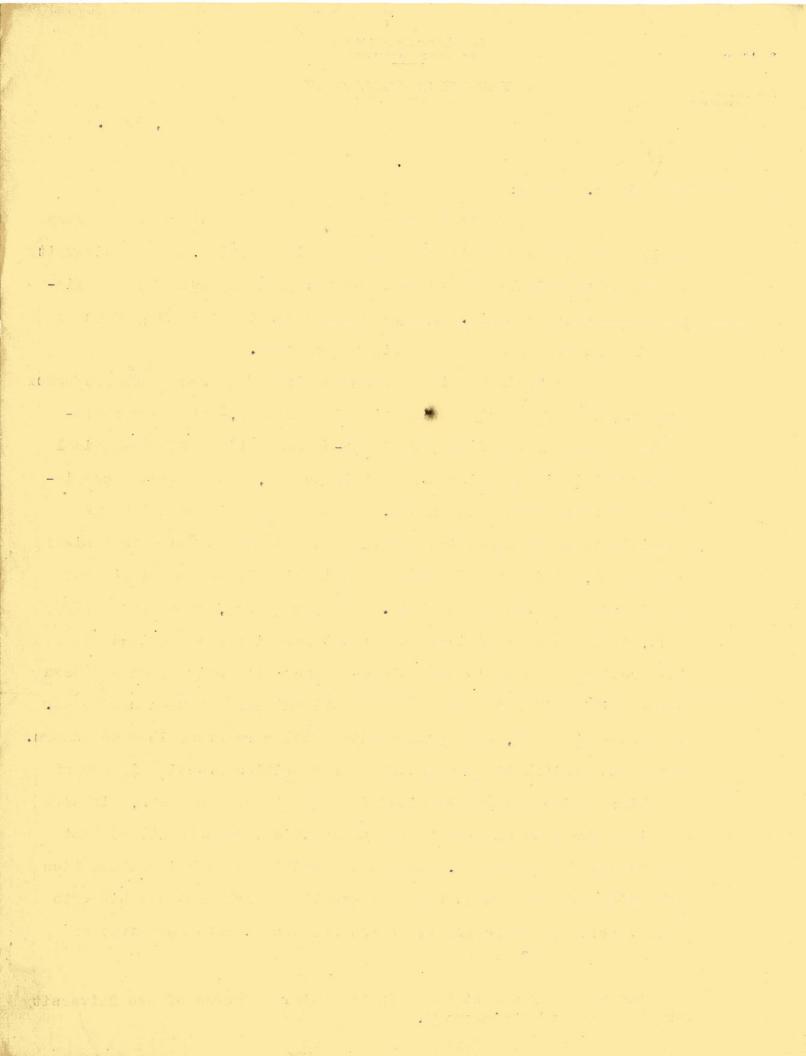
May 23, 1905.

My dear Dr. Harper:

It is my duty to call your attention to the very serious condition existing in regard to instruction at the University in the astronomical department under the plan proposed for the fiscal year about to begin. I have delayed sending this letter until your return from your recent trip to New York.

My compliance with the suggestion of yourself and Professor Judson when I was at the University in February, - that the astronomical department should closely co-operate with the mathematical department in instruction during this year *, was extended considerably further than I had meant. I agreed that it seemed to me feasible that the mechanics should be cared for by the astronomical department, as is done in many other institutions; but I did not commit myself further than this. It appears now, as a matter of fact, that the astronomical department has hitherto provided the instruction in analytic mechanics, - a fact with which I should have been familiar if the care of the department had not been new to me. As I understand it. the arrangements which were prescribed to Messrs. Laves and Moulton by the University authorities practically amount to this: while the mathematical department loses one man, his work is, in effect, taken over by the astronomical department, so that the burden falls upon it. That this additional work in mathematics will displace quite a part of the excellent work that has hitherto been carried on by Messrs Laves and Moulton, may be seen from an

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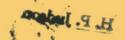
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Dear Mr. Judson:

Within the past month payments have been made of subscriptions to the special fund raised for the current expenses of the Observatory for the fiscal years 1905-6 and 1906-7:

Mr. Martin A. Ryerson \$250.00

Mr. N. W. Harris 250.00

Mr. C. L. Hutchinson 150.00

I think that acknowledgment has not been made in the President's Quarterly Statement for these three gifts, as I only sent in the names of those from whom cash was actually in hand. I presume you will wish to include these in your forthcoming statement.

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I shall hope to be able to attend any sessions of the committees concerned, if my presence is desired and if I receive sufficient notification in advance.

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It has been my plan to appropriate one evening this summer of the time of the large telescope for the use of friends of the University, particularly of some of the Trustees resident here or nearby. It has seemed to me that it might be of interest to other members of the board to visit the Observatory on this occasion, and Mr. Hutchinson agrees heartily with this view. Now it would be particularly desirable to have the pleasure of your company at this time. From the astronomical point of view, which means the age of the moon and position of celestial objects, the best date will be Wednesday, August fourteenth. I very much hope that this date will be convenient to you.

In going over the list of gentlemen on the board with Mr. Hutchinson, it seems possible that as many as eight might come, provided other engagements do not interfere. Arrangements will be made for their entertainment after they have been heard from. In case the evening should be cloudy we shall arrange to have various exhibits of the work in

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It would give much pleasure to Mrs. Frost and myself if you and Mrs. Judson could visit us at this time and become more closely acquainted with the Observatory and its workers.

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My dear President Judson: --

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Should you find it impossible to spend Sunday, we should be very much pleased if you could come and return with the party. I understand from Mrs. Judson's letter that you will not reach Chicago until about the 28th, so I shall not look for any earlier notice as to whether you can give us the pleasure of seeing you on the 30th.

Sincerely yours.

Edwin B. Frost

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July 28, 1917

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Dear Mr. Robertson:

- 1. I have written to Professor Strömgren at Copenhagen that authorization will probably be given for his lecture on "The Cosmogonic Position of the Comets" at the middle or end of October. This date is probably quite uncertain as travel from northern Europe is so much deranged.
- Referring to the proposed luncheon for the 2. members of the French Scientific Mission at the University. I hope that the invitation will also be extended to any members of the Italian Military Commission who may be able to be present. (Here, long distance call from Mr. Robertson intervened.) Confirming our telephonic conversation, I will say that Lieut, Giorgio Abetti of the Italian Military Commission, formerly for six months Research Assistant at this Observatory, has advised me that he expects to be in Chicago next week. He states: "I hope almost sure to be able to come to Williams Bay, which is one of my greatest wishes, but I must follow the orders of the Chief of the Commission, Major Fabry ***** It is thus evident that Professor Abetti will be with Professor Fabry, and I trust that you will be able to extend the invitation to any other Italian officials that are connected with the scientific

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or military missions, -- all of which you proposed to do through Major Fabry, in your conversation.

I am expecting that Major Fabry will also come to see us at Williams Bay, as he promised to do if in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

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February 19. 1924.

Dear Harold:

In pursuance of a suggestion made by you and approved by the President, I have been sending letters to all Heads of Departments asking to be kept informed of any emergency that might arise in the health or affairs of members of their departments. I have just learned that Professor Frost is about to face the long expected operation upon his eye, which it is hoped may restore his sight, and that this is likely to cost \$1500., quite apart from incidental expenses of travel and care. I believe the University made a grant of \$1000. to Dr. Frost when he was first overtaken with his eye trouble two years ago. This has been exhausted in examinations and the necessary travel incident to consulting them. I am suggesting to the President, that he might cenfer with you about the case of Professor Frost, to see whether something further cannot be done by the University, or by his friends, to help him in this great crisis.

Truly yours,

E. J. Goodspeed (signed)

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

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February 19, 1924.

My dear Dr. Burton:

I have a little talk with Professor and Mrs. Frost. on the basis of which I have written Mr. Swift the enclosed statement. I hope it will have your approval.

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