

Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
Chicago

October 25,
1923

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

Dear President Burton:

Referring further to our talk last evening on the
matter of Haskell Oriental Museum:

~~I cannot find that there were provisions as to the~~ *still checking on this -*
use of the funds stipulated in the gift, but from the Decennial
Publications, First Series, Volume I, on pages 544 and 545, you
will find Dr. Harper's speech which ended up with --

"On behalf of the Trustees of the University
I accept from Mr. Goodspeed, whom she has chosen
to represent her on this occasion, the gift of
Haskell Oriental Museum and I promise on behalf
of the University that the building shall be
sacredly set apart for the purpose indicated."

This seems to be something for us to think about!

Yours cordially,

Harold H. Swift

First Presbyterian Church,
Chicago.
REV. JOHN HENRY BARROWS,
PASTOR.

2957 Indiana Avenue.

Barrows

My Dear Dr. Harper:

I enclose suggestions - as
requested, for inscriptions on the corner-
stone of the Haskell Oriental Museum.

The first, in the language of Universal
Scholarship - tells the story of Religion - It
has come from the East, all the great
religions here. It also describes the
Oriental character of the studies in
the Haskell Oriental Museum.

The second - in the language
which will be largely studied in the
building, tells the truth about Christ
which is really the basis of the
Christian science of Comparative Religion.

The third - in the language
of the greatest of races - a language

which, with its cognate languages - will be
ever closely linked with studies in
the Museum - tells a universal
truth - in regard to all divine
revelations.

All the inscriptions are about
Light. The East is the realm of
Light. Christ is Light. Divine
words give Light.

This is all the
light I can throw on the
Question.

Yours truly,

John Henry Bernard.

Ours is a Christian University - and
it is appropriate to place on this founda-
tion-stone - the three languages used
in the inscription on the Cross of Him
who is our Foundation Stone.

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The University of Chicago
Department of Oriental Languages and
Literatures

IRA MAURICE PRICE

January 19, 1924

My dear President Burton:

Word incidentally came to my ear the other day that Haskell Oriental Museum is to be "scrapped", nominaly "moved" to the East side of the Quadrangle.

Perhaps I should keep silent on the matter, but my interest in the University, and especially in the Divinity Sch. and the biblical departments, impels me to send you this word.

I am wondering whether such a plan has been carefully thought out in all its many phases, by the promoters, for it is not, by any means, a one-sided question.

1. The so-called lands of the Bible have been yielding much, and will yield vastly more material in the near future, that will greatly enlarge our knowledge of the life of the ancient Semites in general, and the Hebrew people in particular. Such material to be of most value to Bible students should be easily accessible, and not housed in another building more than a block away, even on the same campus. (Witness the geological and geographical bldgs). Such archaeological objects kept in another, and a block-distant building, could be more elaborately displayed for the benefit of a public museum, but would have an impaired value to Bible students who would

be doing their work on another section of the campus. (2)

2. I am wondering (a) whether the promoters of the plan have fully weighed the proposition of "scrapping" a building given and named after the donor for a specific purpose, in fact one of the best-built structures on the campus; (b) whether the "scrapping" of so prominent and personal a building - not yet thirty years old - would not have a deleterious effect on other would-be donors of buildings for the campus in the future; (c) whether such a plan carried ^{out} would not put ^{a new weapon} into the hands of those persons who already cherish suspicions that gifts to institutions are not always administered according to terms of the bequest, after the passing of the giver; (d) whether Haskell would not be amply sufficient to house all the best Semitic archaeological objects that we can secure for many years to come, and its private ^{museum} offices enough to accommodate the required staff and research rooms for advanced workers.

3. If the University wishes to erect a large general museum, that is quite another question, and Haskell should not be sacrificed to that idea. The geological and geography depts have their own museum, and I see no reason why the Divinity School and the Biblical depts should not do the same.

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Of course, to you and me personally, it may make little difference, as we are nearing our retiring periods, but for the Divinity School and Bible students it is a vital matter, that we cannot or should not overlook.

Trusting that the very best thing may be done, and begging pardon for this word I am

Very faithfully Yours

Ira M. Price

The University of Chicago
Department of Oriental Languages and
Literatures

IRA MAURICE PRICE

May 27th, 1901.

Mrs. Edward C. Mitchell,

Leland University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

My dear Mrs. Mitchell:

I desire, on behalf of the University, to express our very great appreciation of your kindness to us and the interest you have taken in the University of Chicago, in presenting your husband's collection of antiquities and curios. The terms which you suggest will be complied with. The collection will be placed in a fire-proof building, (Haskell Oriental Museum) and will be designated "The Edward C. Mitchell Collection."

We are not able to make suggestions in reference to packing, but feel quite sure that you will find some one in New Orleans who can do this work better than we can. If you will send the collection to "William R. Harper,
Haskell Oriental Museum,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois".

it will reach me safely.

At the next meeting of the Board of Trus-

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tees your letter will be placed before the Board and official acknowledgement will be sent to you.

Would it be asking too much of you to have a catalogue made of the items, with whatever data you have, in order that there may be no risk of mixing the articles involved?

Please allow me again to express my appreciation of the kindness you have shown to the University and to myself. With pleasant recollections of my visit, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

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Haskell Oriental
Museum

Art Institute of Chicago

10/11/16

Chicago, October 11, 1916

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Director of the Haskell Oriental Museum informs me that the Art Institute has presented to the University and delivered to Haskell Museum a clay tablet cuneiform letter which belongs to the famous Tell el Amarna collection. Please accept, on behalf of the University, cordial thanks for this very interesting addition to the resources of the Oriental Museum, which the University has.

Very truly yours.

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. C. L. Hutchinson
President of the Art Institute, Chicago

Chicago, October 11, 1916

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. G. L. Hutchinson
President of the Art Institute, Chicago

Chicago, October 11, 1916

Dear Mr. Breasted:

I have your note of the 10th inst.
and will write an official letter to the Art Institute
accordingly.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. J. H. Breasted
The University of Chicago

Chicago, October 11, 1916

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The University of Chicago

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Haskell Oriental Museum

October 10, 1916

Gift
President Harry Pratt Judson,

The University.

Dear President Judson:

May I hand you this memorandum of the fact that the Art Institute has presented to the University and delivered to Haskell Museum a clay tablet cuneiform letter which belongs to the famous ^{sp. OK} Tell el Amarna collection? I am making informal acknowledgment to Mr. Hutchinson, but I understand that formal acknowledgment will go to the Art Institute from your office.

Very truly yours,

James H. Breasted

JAMES HENRY BREASTED

DIRECTOR

(and Curator of Egyptology)

CURATORS

EMIL GUSTAV HINCH

Biblical Archaeology

IRA MAURICE

Assyriology

GEORGE STEPHEN

Comparative

Gifts

October 9th, 1902.

My dear Mr. Goodspeed:-

I am very much obliged to you for your
kind letter of October 6th and the information which it contains.

The material has been placed in the hands of the press.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

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Mr. Edgar Goodspeed

October 26th, 1903.

Q. J. J.

ALICE
W. S. GOODSPEED
Evangelical Religion

My dear Alice

My dear Mr. Goodspeed:-

I am very much obliged to you for your

kind letter of October 26th and the information which it contains.

The material has been placed in the hands of the press.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Harp

Goodspeed

Mr. Edgar Goodspeed

The University of Chicago

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ave Religion

CHICAGO Oct. 6. 1902

My dear President Harper

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Allow me to acknowledge your letter concerning the Museum headquarters in the Egyptological Seminar. I was evidently under a misapprehension as to my relation to the same. There will I think be no difficulty in the new arrangement so far as I am concerned.

Mr. Place's case of Palestinian objects has arrived, and I have deposited them provisionally in the North Museum, as suggested by Dr. Breasted. I enclose a statement for the press about them in case you are disposed to give it to the ^{reporters}. It seems to me advisable to give the matter that recognition.

Truly yours

Edgar J. Goodspeed

Acting Director

Done

OCT 8 1902

Francis W. Shepard
Secretary to the President

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 DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
 WASHINGTON
 JAN 10 1892

The Ministry of Agriculture

CHICAGO
 Feb 1892

My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed exchange of the collection of the Illinois Natural History Survey for the collection of the Illinois State Museum. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Museum.

The Illinois State Museum is now in the process of preparing a list of the contents of the collection of the Illinois Natural History Survey, and I have the pleasure to inform you that the same will be ready for the press in a few days. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same will be ready for the press in a few days.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. C. Galt

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CHICAGO

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The Haskell Oriental Museum has just received through the kindness of Alfred W. Place, a novel collection of Palestinian agricultural utensils and implements. While in the Holy Land with Prof. Shailer Mathews's travel class in the winter of 1902, Mr. Place collected these objects and shipped them to the Museum. They arrived last week and have just been unpacked and put in place in the North Museum. The principal object is a rude plough, with a heavy wooden bar-yoke, and the rough single handle usual in Palestinian ploughs. Two long ox-yokes accompany this curious and clumsy contrivance. Wooden pitch forks, winnowing forks, and clubs, and

GEORGE STEPHEN
Comptroller
ISA NAUPEL
Asst. Secy.
EMIL GUSTAV HIRS
Director
JERRY BREASTE
Director
CHICAGO
MUSEUM

The University of Chicago

CHICAGO

Handwritten signature or initials.

The Harrell Ostracod
occurs through the thickness of the
lower a small collection of
agglutinated tubular and unperforated. These
in the Harrell zone with Prof. St. John's
traces clear in the lower of 1902. This place
collected the object and stopped there to the
Ostracod; they arrived last week and have
just been unpacked and put in place in the
Harrell zone. The perforated object is a small
plate, with a heavy uneven surface, and
the rough single double rowed in
forages. Two large or good specimens found in
the zone and many others. No other
fossil facts, numerous fossils, etc.

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a modern Synagogue oil lamp are among Mr. Place's finds, but most interest attaches to a stone hand mill for grinding grain. A flat stone circular in shape is made to revolve upon another, the grain being poured in at ^{the centre of} the top stone, and drifting out in a coarse flour at the edges of the stones. Like the plough, the mill is in good working order. Just such mills were in use in the Holy Land in Jesus' day and for centuries before, and they are still seen everywhere among the people there, two women often grinding together at the same mill.

Mr. Place was well known at the University and throughout western athletic circles, playing left centre field on the University nine, half back on the eleven, and winning a "C" for his proficiency in various field events.



Professor in common field course
 left after field on the University, trap for
 one thousand western white rabbits, flying
 over the house, and containing a "C" for his
 after spending together at the same house
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 in use in the shop stand in front, and
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HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM

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CHICAGO September 18, 1902.

Dear President Harper:-

The Secretary of the Egypt Exploration Fund advises me of the donation to the Haskell Museum of above 60 antiquities from the recent excavations of Professor Petrie at Abydos, and of Drs. Grenfell and Hunt in the Fayûm. As the work of Professor Petrie at Abydos has proved of much importance in clearing up the earliest period of Egyptian History, these objects, some of which come from the First Dynasty, are of the highest interest. The collection includes plaques, palettes, vases, and jars of pottery, slate and alabaster, stelae and statuettes of granite, besides papyri, ushebtis, household utensils, and rings and amulets of ivory and gold.

With your permission I will at once make acknowledgement to the Secretary, of the goodness of the Committee of the Fund, in thus generously considering the interests of this Museum.

Truly yours,

Edgar J. Goodspeed

Ass't Director.

Press Statement Appended.

Accepted & Thank

Edgar Goodspeed

October 31, 1923.

My dear Mr. Dickerson:

Will you please find for me
if possible the precise terms of the
gift of Mrs. Haskell for the erection
of the Oriental Museum?

Very truly yours,

E. D. Burton

Mr. J. S. Dickerson,
Office of the Secretary.

EDB:CB

October 31, 1893.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

The Board of Trustees

November 1,

1923

President Ernest D. Burton,
University of Chicago.

Dear Mr. President:

On the accompanying sheet I am giving you all the pertinent actions of the Board of Trustees concerning Haskell Oriental Museum. Besides those which I have recorded, there are certain other actions with reference to various details which I presume you do not care for. If anything further is needed, I shall be glad to look through the musty correspondence filed away. No doubt that in the President's correspondence files for 1894 there is a rich mine, nuggets from which perhaps you could dig up if you could get at the files. Needless to say if there is anything else that I can do or any other place that I can search, I shall be only too glad to follow your suggestions.

Nothing of any consequence appears in the record of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Dickerson
Secretary.

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The University of Chicago

Department of Oriental Languages

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Very truly yours,

Secretary.

From the Minutes of the Board of Trustees

May 15, 1894:

The following letters were read from Mrs. Caroline E. Haskell:

Chicago, May 5, 1894.

President William R. Harper, D.D.,

My dear Sir:

I have been informed that Professor G.S. Goodspeed, and others, associated with the University of Chicago, have expressed the earnest hope that the friends of the University, recognizing the great interest aroused by the Parliament of Religions, would endow a Lectureship on the Relations of Christianity to the Other Faiths of the World. I take pleasure in now offering to the Trustees of the University of Chicago the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, to establish and perpetuate a Lectureship of Comparative Religion, by which at least six lectures shall be delivered annually, before the students, teachers and friends of the University, under such conditions and specifications as shall be determined by Professor G.S. Goodspeed and yourself.

I am in hearty agreement with the conviction that the immense interest awakened by the wonderful Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in September, 1893, makes it eminently desirable that the students in the University, and the people generally, shall be given wise instruction on the most important of all subjects; and I learn with satisfaction of your strong desire that this lectureship should be held first by Rev. John Henry Barrows, D.D., whose energy, tolerance and catholicity of spirit and prolonged laborious devotion gave the Parliament of Religions, in so large a measure, its remarkable success.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Caroline E. Haskell.

Pres. Wm. R. Harper,

My dear Sir:

I transmit herewith the note and stock to which I referred in my conversation with you last evening, with the understanding that the income from these properties up to January 1, 1895, shall be returned to me.

With much regard, I remain

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Caroline E. Haskell.

Chicago, May 4, 1894.

It being understood that the value of the securities was \$20,310 and that Mrs. Haskell desired to make her donation \$20,000 even. It was voted that there should be returned to her Jan. 1, 1895, \$310 and also the income from the fund up to that date, and President Harper was instructed to inform Mrs. Haskell that the trustees gratefully accept the contribution on these terms.

July 16, 1894:

That a special committee of five, consisting of the President of the University, Mr. Ryerson, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Shorey and Mr. Rust be appointed to report on plans and location of the Haskell Museum.

November 13, 1894:

Mr. Hutchinson reported that he and Dr. Harper had made the following arrangement with Mrs. C.E. Haskell for the payment of her subscription of \$100,000 for the building of the Haskell Museum. They had received from her the following securities:

Chickering Township Bonds	value	\$1,200.00
Township of St. Joseph Bonds	"	1,500.00
C.B. and Northern R.R. Co. "	"	1,560.00
125 shares C.B. & Q. R.R. Stock at 72½	value	9,062.50
330 shares C.R.I. & P. R.R. Stock at 60½	"	<u>19,882.50</u>
		33,205.00

Six months income as called for to be paid to Mrs. Haskell on above stock and bonds (\$734.00) Also note of Mrs. Haskell for balance dated Oct. 31, 1894, three years, secured by trust deed on premises 236 and 238 Monroe St., interest 4 per cent from May 1, 1895, payable semi-annually, provided the premises on Monroe St. are then rented.

The action was approved.

It was stated that since the arrangement was made the C.B. & Q. and C.R.I. & P. stock had been sold at an advance of \$1,840, less the commission \$56.87.

April 9, 1895:

For the committee on the Haskell Oriental Museum the Comptroller reported that the location had been fixed about 200 feet east of Middle Hall, submitted the final plans of the building, recommended that the construction be fireproof and submitted a synopsis of the bids and estimates for the work aggregating \$93,500. The report was received and ordered placed on file. The plans were approved as also the recommendation as to fireproof construction. The committee was continued with full power to act and authorized to let the contracts and erect the building on a fireproof basis, the limit of expense to be

\$92,000, including the grading about the building and walks leading to the entrance and the Board adjourned.

Sept. 10, 1895:

E.B. Felsenthal and W.R. Harper with the Comptroller cooperating, were appointed a Committee to report on the furnishing of the Haskell Oriental Museum with an estimate of the cost and to submit at the same time a statement of the balance that will remain in the Haskell Fund after the building is finished and furnished.

Nov. 12, 1895:

For the committee on electric plant for ventilation of Cobb, Kent and Ryerson, Mr. Rust reported progress. In the absence of Mr. Ryerson, Mr. McLeish was added to the committee. The committee was directed to take into consideration the needs of the Haskell Museum and was authorized to act in relation to electric lighting as well as ventilation.

January 2, 1896:

University of Chicago

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your action instructing us to report an estimate of the cost of furnishing the Haskell Oriental Museum as also a statement of balance that will remain in the Haskell Fund after the building is finished and furnished, we beg to submit the following:

Amount of Haskell Fund		\$103,017.49
Cost of building	\$94,000	
Furnishing	<u>4,000</u>	<u>98,000.00</u>
Unexpended balance		\$5,017.49

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) E.B. Felsenthal,
 Henry A. Rust,
 Committee.

President Harper brought before the Board the need of collections for the Museum, assuring the Trustees that Mrs. Haskell wished the balance of the fund expended in securing them.

The report was received. The committee was continued and authorized to expend for furniture and collections not to exceed \$8,000.

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09
January 10, 1924.

*Haskell
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2) Nothing has been decided about removing Haskell. There are two reasons for it. The oriental Museum will eventually need a larger building. The Libraries are sure to need the space for a larger building at this point.

3) If the plan that includes this feature is adopted, the actual removal of Haskell will hardly come in my life or yours.

4) If we can get the Theological Building, either Haskell thus relieved, or Theology itself might I should think provide space for the beginnings of a Museum of Religion.

5) The replacement of Haskell by a building of three times its capacity, and the removal of the Oriental Museum to another building is the surest way to provide space for a Museum of Religion. With Haskell where it is and the Oriental Museum in it, there will be only temporary and limited space for it.

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02
The Hollywood,
Southern Pines, N. C.,
February 2, 1924.

*Haskell
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Dr. J. M. P. Smith,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Smith:

May I acknowledge, tardily in each case, receipt of your letters of January eighth, January thirteenth, and January twenty-fourth.

As concerns the first of these, I shall await receipt from you of the recommendation of the Department respecting Dr. Mann.

As concerns the possible transfer of the Oriental Institute and the Museum material now in Haskell to another site and building, I do not wonder that you have some doubts and questions. There are manifest advantages in the retention of this work and material in immediate connection with the Theological Building. The reasons which led Dr. Breasted and myself to incline to the plan which he mentioned to you were twofold.

In the first place and from my point of view, the only way that I see to escape the entire abandonment of the plan of the Libraries approved in 1902 and the adoption of some radically different scheme such as that of Mr. Wilkins' is to provide considerable more space for books and readers within what we have been calling the Library Group, meaning by this phrase the buildings east, west and north of Harper as far as the proposed Theological Building. There are only three ways that I can discover to do this, and in the long run I suspect that it will be necessary to employ them all. These three ways are, first, to replace Haskell by a building of approximately three times its capacity; second, to build a building of approximately the capacity of Haskell or greater east and west between the north ends of the Law Building and the building which would occupy the present site of Haskell; and third, to devote the

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Law Building to Library purposes pure and simple, erecting a building for the Law School somewhere else.

That it is possible to erect in the place of Haskell a building of so much greater capacity will be clear I think if you reflect that this building is for practical purposes only thirty feet wide, whereas a building of twice that width of the same length could easily stand at that same spot without appreciably encroaching upon the court of the Divinity Dormitories; and if you will also consider that by constructing a basement of the same depth as that in Harper and by carrying the building up to the height of the Law School you would gain almost if not quite fifty percent in capacity as measured in height. In short, what I propose is to match the Law School with a building of equal or slightly greater size and certainly with greater basement capacity.

If you have any doubt of the feasibility of a building east and west, constituting the fourth side of Harper Court, this would, I think, be dispelled by seeing the architect's sketches and prospective which I have had prepared to test the matter, and by his opinion that the scheme is wholly feasible architecturally.

Mr. Breasted was influenced merely by his feeling that Haskell is wholly inadequate to the development that he has in mind and is not perfectly suited to the purposes of a museum. He therefore welcomed the suggestion that a different and much larger building might be erected east of Walker and connected with it.

Perhaps Mr. Breasted intimated to you the hope that we might secure at once the money for the new Haskell east of Walker. That hope we cherished but have been obliged to abandon. This fact puts the whole matter in a somewhat different light, since the precise solution of the problem is left to be determined later and will no doubt be influenced by conditions which we cannot now wholly foresee.

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building somewhat of the dimensions which I indicated above might be built on the site of Haskell, the upper half of it being given over to museum purposes and the lower half to library stacks. But I am rather inclined to feel that in the long run it will be seen that the space now occupied by Haskell is so imperatively needed for library purposes and so urgently calls for a much larger building than now stands there and that Haskell itself is so inadequate to the purposes of the Oriental Museum that aline in the interest of the Libraries and the Museum, a different site will have to be found for the Museum. If this proves to be the case, I doubt if a better site can be found than the one which we have discussed, and perhaps it may be discovered that the Museum in that position may be made so attractive, for classroom instruction may be given to such an extent in the Museum Building that the disadvantages of this site as compared with that of Haskell in its present position connected by bridge with the Theological Building will be largely overcome.

I think you will see, Dr. Smith, that I am rather hardpressed by various interests and conflicting points of view. I feel that the adoption of the plan of the libraries suggested and set forth in the Report of the Library Commission as Plan 1 is by all legitimate means to be averted. I am trying not to be influenced by any personal prejudice in favor of the plan adopted by a Commission of which I was the Chairman, but I do not get away from the feeling that the abandonment of our ideals which were embodied in that plan and the substitution of a central library building in the center of the Quadrangles would be little short of a disaster. With this conviction, however, I am obliged to consider how the undoubted limitations of the plan adopted twenty years ago can be obviated, and I see no way to do this except the one which I have outlined above, involving the ultimate transfer of the Oriental Museum to a site a little further removed from the site of the Theological Building than Haskell now is. But I have felt also that we ought to face at this time the ultimate inadequacy of Haskell and to try to find a solution which would satisfy both the Library and the Museum requirements. The fact is that Haskell was a stupendous blunder to

begin with and ought never to have been built. When over twenty years ago I worked for months over this problem, it was Haskell that was always in the way of any satisfactory solution. Not in anger or without appreciation of Mrs. Haskell's gift, one comes almost to feel "Carthago delenda est."

May I perhaps sum up the whole matter in this way. It will probably be somewhat more difficult to induce the Divinity students to walk from the Theological Building (whose front door, you will remember, will be on a line with that of Rosenwald) four hundred and fifty feet east to the Oriental Museum on the proposed site than to persuade them to go to the third floor of the Theological Building and cross a bridge to the Museum, but this difficulty can be probably to some extent overcome by holding certain lectures in the Museum Building. In any case (this is my main point) such a difficulty is almost infinitesimal compared with the total abandonment of our established plan of library development and the substitution of a central library building in the midst of the quadrangle, which change I fear cannot be averted without the devotion of the Haskell site to a library building.

To come at length to your letter of January twenty-fourth. The Chairman of the New Testament Department recently upbraided me for doing so much writing, referring chiefly to public addresses, and exhorted me hereafter to save my strength for more important tasks. I dislike extremely not to comply with your request for an address in the Divinity School course. In fact, I cannot today quite bring myself to do so unless as well may be the case you need an immediate answer. In that case, I shall have to say "No" with the result of course that is obedience to the Chairman's advice to me I leave the task to him. If however you can give me a little time, it may be that the matter will take such shape in my mind that I can outline the address and dictate it without severe encroachment on other duties. Please feel free to consider this letter as a reluctant declination, but at your convenience please let me know your decision.

Yours cordially,

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The University of Chicago

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EDITORIAL OFFICE

January 13, 1924

President E. D. Burton
Faculty Exchange

My dear President Burton:

Dr. Breasted some time before his departure informed me that it was on the administration slate to transfer the Haskell Museum from its present site to the vacant ground at the north end of the row of women's dormitories. He was enthusiastic about this proposition, as I was also at first thought. Not until after he had left did a very serious difficulty occur to me, which I take the liberty of laying before you.

Our University museums are, of course, intended primarily as educational organizations and not show places. The purpose of them primarily is to reinforce the instruction obtained in the classrooms and libraries. From that point of view, the museum should be in the closest possible proximity to the building in which the students interested in that subject do their work. Now if Haskell Museum is more than a block away from the new Divinity Building, it will interfere very seriously with the educational efficiency of the museum. It is hard enough to get our Divinity students into the museum as much as they ought to go there, even under present circumstances, when their classes are being carried on in the same building. If the museum is detached from the new building, its educational contribution to the work of the Divinity School will be almost nil. The two groups of students that make the most use of the museum at present are (1) Professor Breasted's class in Ancient History, and (2) the Old Testament and Semitic students in the Divinity School. The New Testament student likewise has some interest, though a minor one, in the contents of the museum. It is of course apparent that it will be still harder to get the great mass of Divinity students into the museum when it is a block or so away from the building in which they do all their work.

If the building plans of the administration could be worked out so as to maintain a close physical connection between the new Divinity Building and the Museum, it would be an advantage that we cannot afford to lose. Perhaps you have canvassed this aspect of the situation already, and have met the difficulties involved in some way. In this case, will you pardon my intrusion?

Yours sincerely

Joe Lewis Smith

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