

that could not be done in one lifetime. There is no place in the whole world, the wilds of Africa not excepted, where there is so much room for a scientific expedition into the unknown, for with all my travelling I went but on the outskirts of a vast region never penetrated by civilized knowledge.

I want to take a scientific expedition to that country and it is to you I apply. You, with unlimited capital behind you, in the cause of science, can make a great name for your University in Scientific Exploration. of course I am selfishly interested in this matter, but I ask nothing that I will not repay a thousand times, I have seen some aboriginal collections, (noted ones) both in this country, and Europe, but in common every day use among these tribes, I have seen things that equal and surpass them.

I am 34 years old, educated in Cincinnati a graduate of the Law School there. Am an electrician, competent bookkeeper, and expert accountant, in robust health and with absolutely no bad habits, I am tough for I crossed the S. A. continent ascending the Amazon. not 1 in 5 do it that try, unless they have done it before, the route is strewn with graves of

Explorations

Hughesville, Tycoming co., Pa. Nov. 16th 1893
Mr. William R. Harper.

President of the University of Chicago.
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: - About a year ago I wrote to you - I enclose the answer I received, as an explanation for this intrusion, and, as a possible claim upon your attention -

Since receiving this answer I have had no further communication and, suppose, among the many other more importunate applicants, I was forgotten.

When the Exposition opened I did not write to remind Mr Hammond of my existence, for had he secured me an appointment, I had not the means to clothe me properly, take me to Chicago, and board me until first pay-day - I could not apply to him for the means of course and so one of the dreams of my life - to see the great Exposition, was dissipated by my poverty - three years ago I lost all my property and am in poverty.

Now if you will give me your attention for a few minutes neither you nor the world of science will

W. Chamberlin
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regret having done so -

The September Chautauquan gives an account of the Menage Scientific Expedition. They are doing good work but lack the material which, entirely unknown to the scientific world exists in the Amazon Valley - the head waters of its tributaries, and on the eastern slope of the Andes.

Thinking you may not have my letter of last year, I will here state - I spent more than two years right in the district before mentioned. I ascended the Amazon from its mouth to its source, with the exception of about 30 miles in its passage through the eastern range of the Andes, where no man has ever passed to report, though several have disappeared there.

I am acquainted with the head waters of some of its most wonderful tributaries among which the Purus is not the least, and, have crossed the Andes, from Jaen, by an unfrequented route, a wonder to the natives who had never seen a foreigner -

It is true that Agassiz described the Amazon, but his report is very superficial, how could it be otherwise. I knew many people with whom he had stopped and they say he did not see half. A man with little knowledge of the languages, manners, and customs, of an almost unknown country, on his first trip, could not in

five months, get more than a superficial knowledge of such a vast domain, so full of unknown animal and vegetable life. The many distinct species of the human race the white the brown the coppery colored and also the spotted, like a brown man turning white in spots, not a disease but a distinct characteristic of a whole tribe of cannibals at the Purus head waters - I compared my knuckle on my forefinger, right hand, with that of a boy of 16 or 20 and it was the same shade of white for a radius of an inch while the rest of his ~~hand~~ hand was brown with the exception of two smaller spots. His entire body showed the same diversity of color and he is but one of a tribe with the strangest manners, customs, &c. - There are also the yellowish tribes with slanting eyes, the tribe whose women dye their teeth black after marriage, and who use the blow gun, with poisoned arrows, called in their language the "Zarabataná" other tribes use bows 10 ft. long and arrows 6 ft. These tribes come from no one common source, for their weapons even, are of distinct nationalities. Their modes of life, so distinct, in some cases, partake of the Chinese, the Indian, the negro and the European, while in some there are characteristics of the N.A. Indian. There is one species of monkey about 3 feet high that stands erect and runs away on the ground - but why tell it all here - all?

President.

white men who have succumbed. I myself, narrowly escaped being buried alive, for they bury the same day a person dies, and I was as good as dead but for a devoted companion who would not believe it.

I guarantee I could take a party of 3 or 4 through with probably no loss, if they took the precautions I suggested, but, they would have to be picked men. I am not a naturalist but I could with the help of one or two good naturalists carry it through with success, either as a guide and supt. of transportation and board, or, as leader of same.

The best, safest, and cheapest trip would, for reasons I have not room to give, be from the Pacific to the Atlantic and the start should be made before Feb'y 1st. The trip to do it right, would take from a year to a year and a half. The cost would be instruments and all less than \$15,000⁰⁰ if you did not pay too much for your men, and the party to consist of not more than 5 persons.

I notice in the Chatauquan Sunday reading Sept 17th, a statement about marine shells found on the tops of mountains. I know of a place on the top of the central range of the Andes, where the ground is covered with the petrified

remains of fish, seaweed &c. petrified oystershells with the oysters adhering, sea nettles, coral, etc. The rocks show the action of the water being sculptured into various forms, all giving ample proof that it was once the bed of the ocean, though now thousands of feet above it, and in the indentations there is a strata of sea salt a very little below the surface. Within 40 leagues of this place and in the eastern range are mountains of rock salt - white red and blue the red has my preference for salting meat there is a small creek, near the hot spring 3 leagues from Moyobamba, so salt I have used the water to season food, yet I could find no sign of rock salt at its source I am thoroughly acquainted with the system of travelling on mules and in canoes, managing Peons, and guarding against piumes and savages.

It is not for me to suggest the ways and means, but I think, that, should the University not feel able to expend this sum, nor \$10,000⁰⁰ which be ample for 2 or even 3 if not expensive men, there are plenty of public spirited men in Chicago, and if the matter were advocated by you, one could be easily found, able and willing to become the promoter of a scientific expedition to this veritable terra incognita, which would bring back results beyond anything the scientific world has known for years.

I hope to hear from you soon, and favorably - this is no imaginary scheme. I am a practical man and I know, that although I take my life in my hand. I can, by taking the proper precautions, reduce the risks very much, and I know that if we come back alive, we will reap much honor and some profit from it.

If my ideas meet with your approval, the matter should be put under way at once, as there are some things necessary to comfort & health, that cannot be bought but must be made, while of small cost, they will be worth much.

Please do not throw this aside, but for the sake of Science, give it your earnest thought, and I am sure you will give me a favorable answer.

Very Respectfully,

Edwin A. Chamberlin,

Hughesville,

Sycoming Co.,
Pa.

a vast tract of country that.
3 miles from the river is entirely
unknown except to Savages and
a very few adventurous hunters
and what a country so full
of the new and curious - men,
beasts, birds, Now I am poor
and have people dependent upon
me were it not for this I would
willing give my services free, but
I will go for one year for \$60 a
month or \$720⁰⁰ in all and all
my expenses including outfit &c.
now if you could get one good
naturalist who was healthy fearless
and not afraid of some hardship
we could make the trip in a
year and send and bring home
enough information and new material
to pay for it twice over. the cost
of the Expedition not counting the
compensation of the Naturalist would
be about \$4220⁰⁰ I calculate

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Hugheville, Lycoming Co., Pa.
Dec. 9th 1893

President Harper.

Dear Sir:- Your kind favor of the
6th is at hand and I am pleased
to find you think so well of the idea
of an expedition to South America
although it is at present impossible.

I have now an abridged plan
to offer - While the ruins of Peru
and the Andes ~~they~~ are important
they have been scientifically visited
this has never been the case
with the "Purus" mentioned in
my other letter - Agassiz says very
little about this grand tributary, at
the time he visited the mouth of
the river it had only been explored
about 500 miles which in this creek

Chamberlin

-ed river) does not mean more than 150 miles direct distance, there is one place where there is an immense oxbow you can step off the steamer on one side of a building and 3 days after board the steamer from the other side, the fall of the river at this point is about 6 ft in one hundred miles, this is the largest crook I saw and the most wonderful. I went up to Bolivia or suppose so. it was about 1700 miles when I came down I stopped at a little town across the Amazon from the mouth of the ~~Amazon~~ Purus - I don't recall the name - one acquaintance I made there told me "Doatore" Agassiz stopped with him some time he did not go up the Purus at all but spent his time investigating a great natural wonder that exists here

There is an immense eddy in the Amazon and at one end of it a river about 100 ft wide (if I remember) flows inland to a lake whose shores abound in nuts and fruits of all kinds and the great variety of vegetable and animal life especially the fishes make it a wonderful spot for a naturalist. I was in this place about a week waiting for a boat to take me to Boary and we had a grand time hunting and fishing. Now to visit the Purus properly the right way to do is to go to its head waters when the river is high on some trading launch I know a captain of one who goes up as far as he can go and then fires off a cannon and the savages come out to trade with him they are sometimes hideous wretches the Araras for instance with their double mouth, now here is

The natives understand curing skins of animals but not birds yet - in a month or 6 weeks I could learn all necessary about Photography - curing + preserving skins etc - The air of the Amazon basin contains so much moisture everything moulds that is not well taken care of, but I had no trouble to keep things in airtight trunks

Well, have I said enough to warrant you to take the matter up again -

"The first Scientific Expedition to the vast wilds of the 'Alto Amazonas'"

If this thing is impossible at present do not put me out of your mind for the chance is sure to come sooner or later if you will it -

Yours Respectfully -

Edwin A Chamberlain,
Hughesville,
Lycoming Co.
Pa,

the outfit, including instruments, guns, ammunition, chemicals, medicines, etc. including many things mentioned hereafter - would cost \$1500⁰⁰.

The expenses of our trip, including travelling expenses, food, boats, freights, servants and attention would be \$2000⁰⁰.

This will seem a small amount for the expenses of two persons on such a long, dangerous and costly trip, consuming a year, but, much of the \$1500⁰⁰ included in the outfit would go toward it, and in many cases repay the outlay 50 times -

The natives of the Amazon basin have few of the conveniences supplied by science. Everything except the most primitive things are costly and rare. At every Indian settlement.

wharf or hut on the "Amazon^{as}"
the people have many wonderful
and rare pets - animals, birds,
and snakes and even the cow
fish - little Aliigators etc. many
of these are freaks, out of the course
of nature - they could not be bought
for money, yet, if you will trade
them some ingenious and useful
contrivance or take their photograph
for them they will trade.

I had a friend who had one of these
"Devil's Claws" a wonderful contrivance
for catching fish - it cost 35 cents in
the U.S. he traded it for a parrot who
could talk and sing a song words and
music correctly. We got short of money
afterwards and sold it to an Englishman
for 12£ gold a gain of more than
18,000 of. There are many little useful
things that entered into Brazil freight
and duties all paid would perhaps

cost \$500⁰⁰ and would bring us in
curiosities, food, attention etc
a thousand percent - without them
there would be little use to attempt
the trip on \$2000⁰⁰.

Now if desirous to take a third
person add \$500⁰⁰ for expenses.

It must be understood in selecting
the parties, they must be healthy, fearless
and reliable, for, on the acts of one
depends the life or lives of the rest -
the more danger we undergo the
greater will be the reward, of course,
and if I go, although I will be cautious,
I shall stop at no danger to get the
information and specimens obtainable -
I lost all the notes I took of my trip
infact I kept no diary I regret it
much for had I done so the trip
I wish to take would be undertaken
at once if it were possible for you
to accomplish it in any way.

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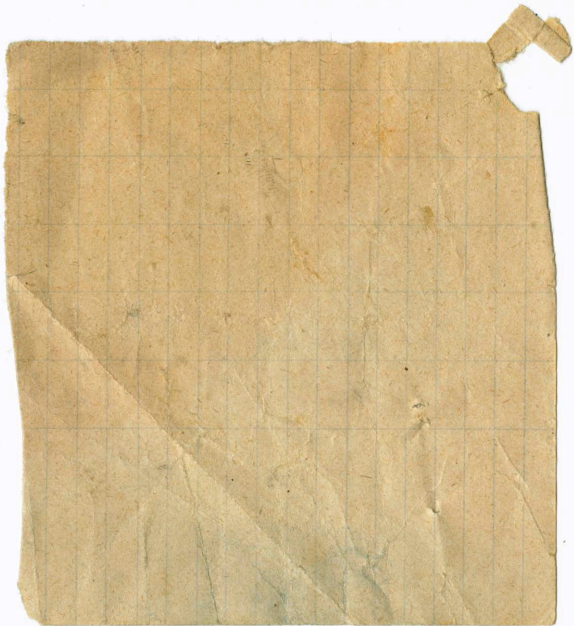
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Off Coast at Jaffa, Palestine, Nov. 18th 96.

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My dear Dr. Harper:

What do you think! I have spent four days in Palestine. Am for 6 weeks the guest of the U.P. mission in Egypt and ran up here for a week.

You ought by all means to spend some time in Palestine & Egypt. You must do it.

I enclose a prayer of a Jew taken from a hole in the wall at Hebron. I saw it taken out by one of our party. The custom of Jews is to go up ^{the steps} ~~bridge~~ the mosque which is built over the cave of Machpelah as far as the Moslems will permit (that is 5-steps) and push in prayers to Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob as they may fancy. I do not know to which this one is addressed. Perhaps you may have some one who can make it out.

I wish I had Rockefeller's ear. I would suggest to him that he buy up the portion of Jerusalem

Present
between the South Wall and the Valley of Hinnom
& Jehoshaphat to their junction and clear away
all the rubbish and leave all the remains for
inspection. See accompanying diagram.

I refer to the section a. b. c.
Bliss is digging at z just
above x (the pool of Siloam)
500 yards from the South
Wall and 2 or 3 hundred
feet below and has found
^{marble} steps 25 ft long running up
from the pool towards the Temple area
they run thus.

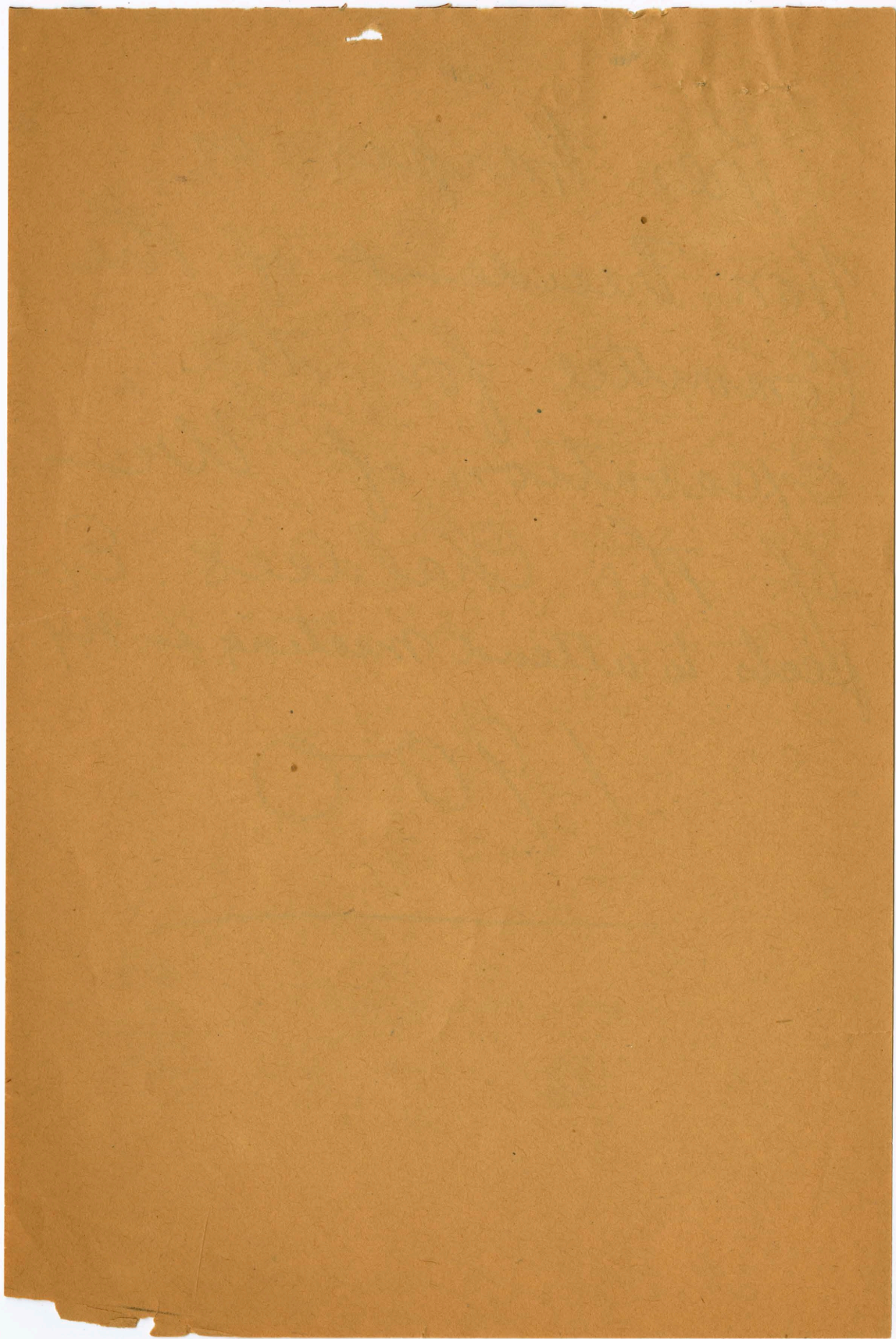


From these steps is
a pavement leading up toward
the Temple area.
Above these steps - just over them on 5 or more feet
of debris he has found a magnificent Church of
the 5th or 6th century. Mind you this is all under
candyflower patches. This whole section is terraced
and planted principally in garden truck. It is
owned by various small land owners.
If I were as rich as Rockefeller I sh^d do this if
it should cost millions. It probably would cost
a few to do all this. But what might be discovered!
and this ought to be preserved. It could be walled
in at a moderate price charged ^{for admittance} and the matter might be
made a paying investment.
I have in mind a way to get Jacob's body out of that cave at Hebron.
But you must not say anything about this to anybody. Very truly, W.W. White.

Pres. Harper is
Hon. President of the
Committee for the
Excavation of Ur
of the Chaldees. Ex-
pects to attend meeting in N.Y.

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GENERAL STATEMENT.

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Each of these institutions contributes one hundred dollars annually to its support.

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Reverend James B. Nies, Ph.D.

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Cambridge, Mass.

November 15, 1900.

For the Committee.

George F. Moore

J. Harry Hayes

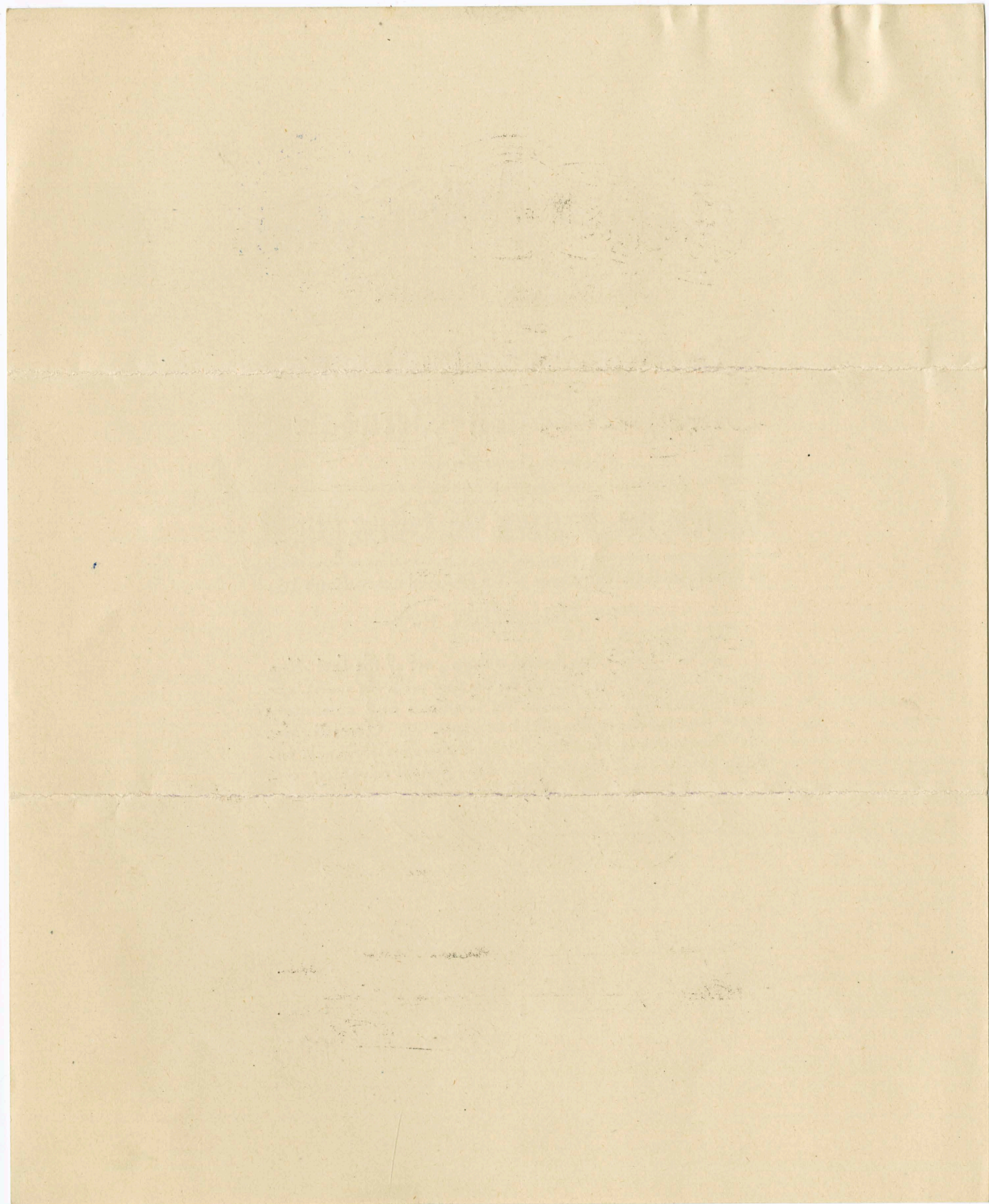
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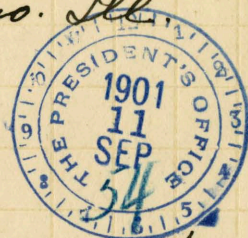
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THE MARGARET,
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS,
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

President W^m. R. Harper Ph.D.
Chicago. Ill.



Dear Sir:

The enclosures relate to an important movement in Semitic research with which, I take it for granted, you are acquainted.

My purpose in writing you is to enlist your sympathy to the extent of obtaining your signature to a paper exactly similar to the largest among those enclosed, but signed by educators only. Up to the present time

I have obtained subscriptions toward the endowment of the Research work of the School amounting to £27,100

I wish all American Oriental interests could be centred in the School at Jerusalem so far as field work is concerned. If the School has an adequate endowment this could I think be brought about -

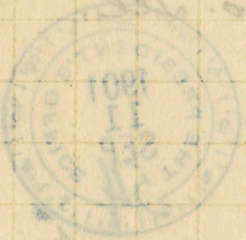
I am permitted to refer to any of those who have signed the papers I send you.

Faithfully yours
James B. Vies.

Sept. 8th 1901

P.S. The paper for which I would like your signature has already been signed by nine University Presidents, but as there are all from the East I am particularly anxious to have your name as representing the Middle-East. I will send the paper should you be willing to help me in this way.

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10 Appian Way,
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April 4. 1900.

President William R. Harper,

My Dear Sir:-

An effort is being made and a committee is being formed to excavate the Biblical Ur of the Chaldees, for the purpose of presenting whatever objects of archaeological value the ruin may yield and are brought to this country, to the Smithsonian Institution. The enclosed pamphlet describes the plan of the work. The advisory committee consists of the following well known scholars.

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W. F. Whitney Esq., and others to be chosen.

There yet remain to be secured a President and Treasurer. Will you kindly lend your approval to the undertaking by permitting the



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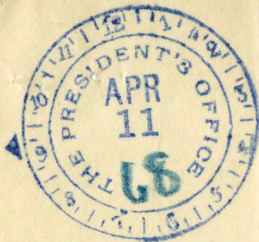
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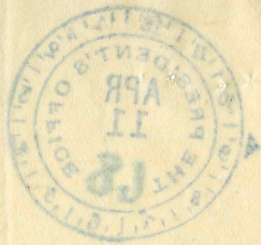
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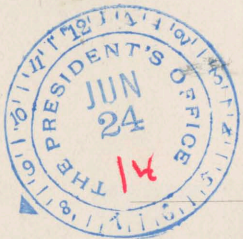
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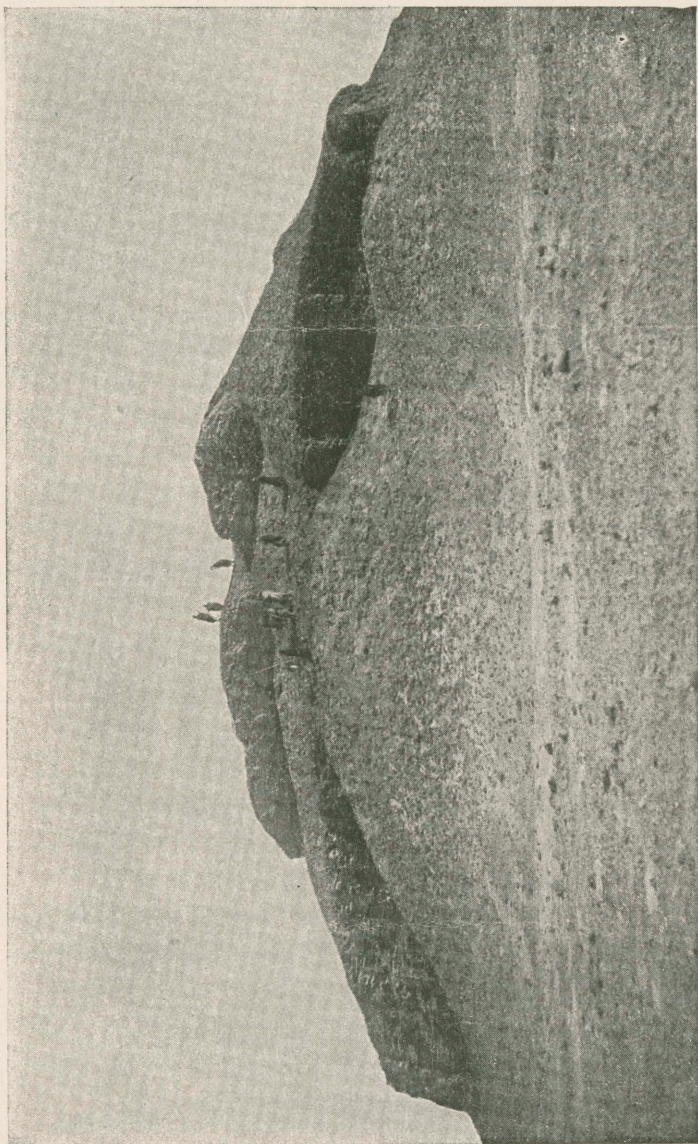
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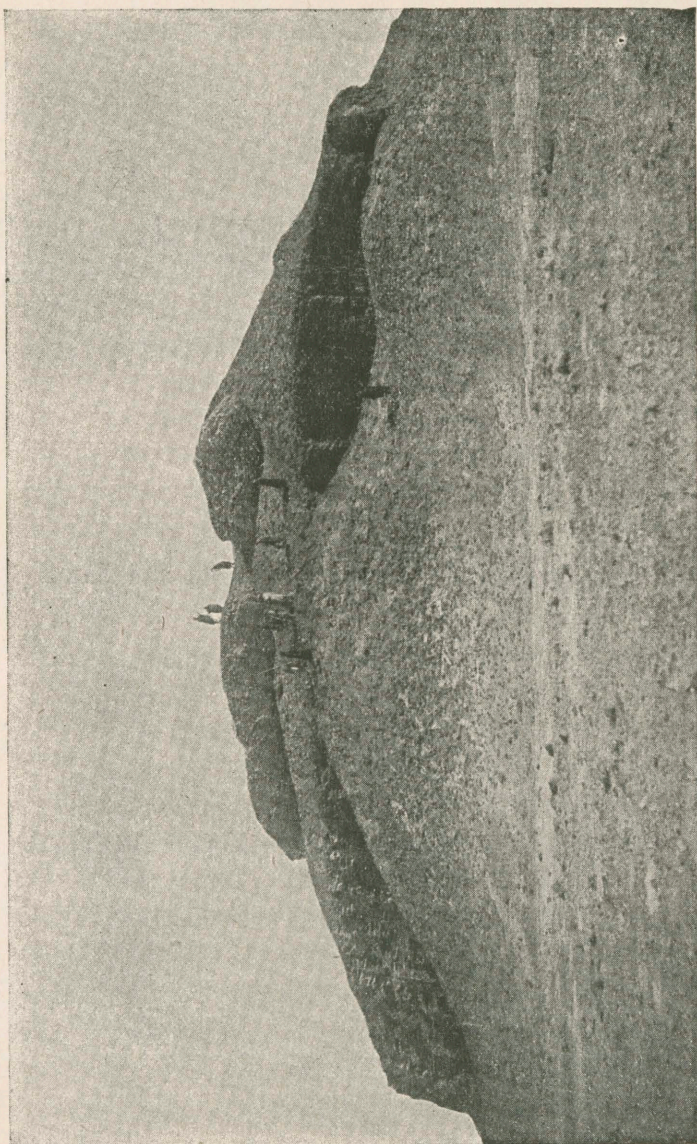
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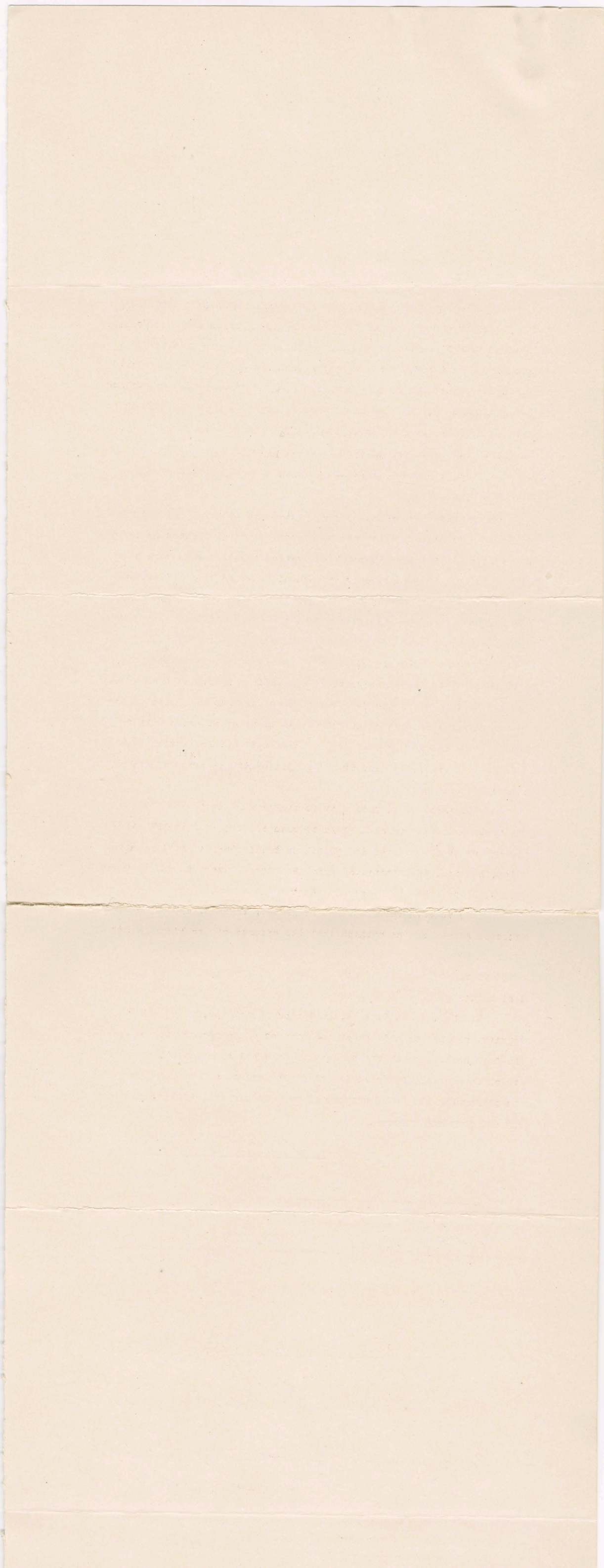
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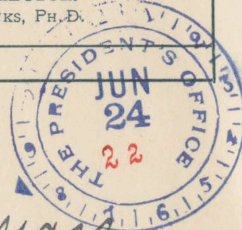
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June 24, 1900.

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Your letter of the 21st is just at hand. I am very sorry that there has been any misunderstanding regarding the presidency of the Committee, and was surprised at it. It was my impression that in my first letter to you I asked if you would kindly accept this position, at the same time naming over the members of the Committee. Your reply was that you did not see any objection to this use of your name. I then wrote to thank you for consenting to serve as the president of the Committee but I learned that in the meantime you had left the country.

I wrote you this morning and sent by the same mail the application for the firman, asking you to sign it if you would. I am quite embarrassed that I have made such a blunder if I am really at fault. If you are really unwilling to permit the use of your name as I had supposed you had consented to do, I will of course seek another president. But it would be of the greatest service if you would kindly consent to allow it to continue as it is until the meeting of the Committee in September and then should you desire I should be

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10 April 1928
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I am writing to you in regard to the Ur Expedition. I am very sorry that the trip
any arrangements regarding the expedition
the Committee and the University of Pennsylvania
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if you would kindly accept this position of the matter
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this use of your name. I then went to thank you for
consenting to serve as the president of the Committee
but I learned that in the meantime you had left the
country.
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and the application to the University, asking you to join
it if you could. I am quite confident that I have
made such a blunder if I am really or falsely told you
one really unwilling to prevent the use of your name
as I had supposed you had consented to it. I will of course
and another possibility but I want to be of the opinion
since I am sure that you consent to allow it to continue
as I had the feeling of the Committee in
Spartan and that should you have a chance to

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able to make the change without so great
embarrassment. Will you kindly permit this? and
in the meantime I will seek for another. I should
still hope to retain your name as one of the vice-
presidents or in any capacity you might desire.

I still hope for the sake of my work that you
will kindly allow the use of your name as president
until I may find another, or until the meeting
of the Committee in September, and that you may
assist the work by signing the application for the
firmam. I will then see that another president is
secured if you still desire it, but the interest which
your name will arouse would certainly be of the
greatest value.

I regret exceedingly that there has been
any misunderstanding.

Very Sincerely yours,

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156 West 100 St. New York,
Oct. 3, 1900.

President William R. Harper,

my Dear Sir:-

I regret that you are unable to be present at the meeting of the Committee of the Ur Expedition, which will be held in the office of Mr. Isidor Straus, Oct. 10 at 4 P.M. I shall take pleasure in reporting to you in detail the transactions at the meeting. Minister Straus, who is now in the city is strongly of the opinion that the firman will be granted at an early date and advises me to go to Constantinople as soon as possible. I shall probably take this course the moment that I can feel sure of reasonable financial support. At present about \$5000 are at hand.

To day, Rev. Dr. Bitting of this city, informed me that he had written to Mr. John D. Rockefeller to enlist his support. He received a reply from Mr. Rockefeller's son saying that he would consult with you in regard to the matter. At Dr. Bitting's suggestion I should enquire if it would be consistent or convenient for you to communicate with Mr. Rockefeller, expressing your approval of the work and ^{suggesting} that his support, which Dr. Bitting felt assured he would give, if its importance could be brought to his notice, would assure it of success and enable it to be begun almost at once. What course in the matter should be best to pursue you would know better than I. I do hope however to be able to double the sum now available before leaving for Constantinople.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks.

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156 West 100th St N.Y. Oct. 11/1900.

Mr. Edgar J. Banks, Ph. D.,

156 West 100th Street, New York City.

My dear Sir:

Yesterday, which was fairly well attended, I reported what progress I had made, in regard to the money pledged, the firmman etc. I was also pleased to be able to report that Mr. George Foster Peabody, 27 Pine St. N.Y. has accepted the trusteeship of the committee. The remainder of the money which was spent in the means to raise the money which was not yet available will be necessary to begin the work probably about 5000 more. It was then suggested that as soon as the amount is in the treasury I go to Constantinople to ask in person for the firmman.

Hoping that everything will move forward,

I remain

Very truly yours,

A new circular letter is being sent, Straus especially, who has become actively interested in the financial side, and I was requested to ask you if you would kindly send me a statement two or three lines in length as to the Educational value of an Expedition to Mr. Bishop Potter will say a word of the religious value, and then on the other side of the question. These statements would be incorporated in the circular are the signatures. Mr. Straus is confident that with them his friends will respond liberally. It would be desirable that the statement does not include over 30 words or so and I am desirous of having them in the printers hands as soon as convenient. Another meeting will be called as soon as the funds are raised and work will begin at once. I hope the meeting may be in December when you are here.

I thank you for your kind offer of presenting the needs of the work to Mr. Rockefeller. I fear however that the matter may have slipped his mind and that a reminder may be necessary to bring results. It seems that the only obstacle in the way of success is now the lack of money.

Most Sincerely yours,
Edgar James Banks

October 15th, 1900.

Mr. Robert T. Banks, Ph. D.,
156 West 100th Street, New York City.

My dear Sir:

I enclose a statement such as requested in your letter of the eleventh instant. I have received a letter from Mr. Rockefeller's son and have answered it, stating very fully my opinions. Hoping that everything will move forward,

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, Nov. 15, 1900.

Edgar James Banks,

Columbia University, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Banks:-

I shall be in New York City between the dates of November 29th and December 3rd or 4th. I shall be very glad to be present at a meeting. I am glad to know that Mr. Rockefeller is to help out.

Yours very truly,

POTTER, D. D., N. Y. HURST, Mass. HUBERT, D. D., N. Y. MCLEOD, ESC., N. Y. STRAUS, ESC. SIDOR R. R. HITT, Ill. HON.

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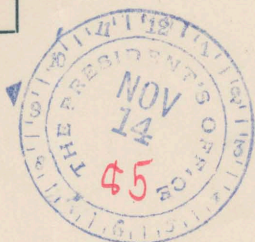
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Columbia University, New York City.
Nov. 12, 1900.

President William R. Harper,

My Dear Sir:-

I am delighted to inform you that I am just in receipt of a pledge from John D. Rockefeller, for \$3,000, given with the condition that the balance required be raised and that it be not paid until the firman is granted. I am also making progress in raising money from other sources. President Morton is about to approach Mr. Carnegie, who is a personal friend, and I hope the results will be favorable. Several of the committee are urging me to approach Mr. Charles T. Yerkes, but as yet I have found no way to do so. I believe that you are personally acquainted with him and I should be very glad if you might assist me in the matter. Of course the greatest results might be attained if you would mention the matter to him personally, but I hesitate to ask you, knowing of your many duties which occupy all of your time. However, I should be very thankful if you may find it your pleasure to ask him for a contribution or assist me in reaching him. I am enclosing under separate cover a little printed matter which I am using in raising funds.

I think that by the middle of December I shall be able to start for Turkey and ask for the firman in person. There should be another meeting of the committee before then and if you are to be in New York during December I should be very glad if the meeting might be held while you are here. If you will kindly inform me what date would be the most satisfactory to you I will arrange it for that time.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks

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Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
Nov. 12, 1922

President William B. Eerdmans
My Dear Sir:-

I am delighted to inform you that I am just in receipt
of a check for \$10,000.00, for the purpose of excavating the ruins
of Ur of the Chaldeans and other ancient Babylonian cities.
I am also in receipt of a letter from the President of the
University of Chicago, who is a personal friend, and I hope the
results will be favorable. Several of the committee are writing
me to suggest that I should go to the site, but as you have found me
way to do so, I believe that you are personally interested with
him and I should be very glad if you might assist me in this matter.
I consider the greatest results might be attained if you could
assist me in this matter to him personally, but I hesitate to ask you,
knowing of your many duties which occupy all of your time.
However, I should be very glad if you could find a few minutes
to see him for a consultation or assist me in reaching him. I
am enclosing under separate cover a letter to the President which
I am writing in this matter.
I think that by the middle of December I shall be able
to start for the site and as the site is in a remote place
it would be a great assistance if the committee could find it
and be in the field during December. I should be very glad if
the President could be with me at the site. I am still waiting
to hear from you and would be most anxious to hear from you
again in the near future.

Very sincerely,
James Henry Breasted

James Henry Breasted
Director of the Expedition

, Nov. 27, 1900.

Mr. Edgar James Banks,

Columbia University, New York City.

My Dear Dr. Banks:-

As matters now stand it is quite probable that I shall be able to meet with the Committee at the time you indicate, - namely Monday, December 3rd at 4 P.M. If I am not present, you will understand that matters of an important character detain me.

Yours very truly,

W. R. ~~_____~~

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Columbia University, New York City.
Nov. 24th 1900.

My Dear President Harper:-

Mr. Isidor Straus has invited the Ur Expedition Committee to meet in his office on the sixth floor of the R. H. Macy's store, at the corner of 6th Av. and 14th St. The date which I have suggested is Monday, December third at 4 P.M. Should this hour not be suitable, or should you be otherwise engaged will you kindly telegraph me at my expense that I may inform others of the Committee. Should I not hear from you I shall hope that you may be present at that time.

I am enclosing a list of the subscribers up to the present time. I hope that before the meeting the list will be somewhat increased so that the committee may be justified in concluding all of the arrangements necessary for the beginning of the work. I understand that the application for the firman is about to be granted, and I see no obstacle now in the way of perfect success.

I sincerely hope that you may continue to allow your name to stand at the head of the committee as at present, for I am sure that in the educated world no name in the place would bear greater weight. I am sure that no burdens will now or hereafter be placed upon you, or that you will at any time have occasion to regret its appearance as President. I sincerely hope that for the sake of the work no change may be made in the Committee. I am, however, expecting to add the names of a few gentlemen as Vice-Presidents.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks

P.S. Will you kindly suggest a day and hour which will be available, if the above is not. E. J. B.

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of the Chaldees and Other Ancient
Babylonian Cities

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Estimate of the cost for the second year,
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ויהי כי החל האדם לרבו על פני האדמה ובנות ילדו להם: ויראו בנֵי
האלהים את בנות האדם כי טבת הנה וקחו להם נשים מכל אשר בחרו:
ויאמר יהוה לא ידון רוּחַ בָּאָדָם לְעֹלָם כִּשְׁנֵים הוּא בָשָׂר וַהֲיֹו יָמָיו מֵאָה
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הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי נָחַמְתִּי כִי עָשִׂיתִם: וְנָח מֵצָא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה: אֱלֹהֵי תוֹלַדֶּת נֹחַ נֹחַ
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וְאֵל אַמָּה תְּכַלְכְּנָה מִלְמַעְלָה וּפֶתַח הַתֵּבָה בְּצִדָּהּ תִּשֶׂה תִּשֶׂה שְׁנֵים וּשְׁלֹשִׁים
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וְאַתָּה קַח לָךְ מִכָּל מֵאֻכֶּל אֲשֶׁר יֹאכֵל וְאִסַּפְתָּ אֵלֶיךָ וְהָיָה לָךְ וּלְחֵם לֹאֲכֹלָה:
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of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons
of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they
took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My
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yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. There were giants
in the earth in those days; *and also after that,* when the sons of
God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to
them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of
renown.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the
earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was*
only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made
man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD
said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the
earth: *both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls*
of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah
found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and*
perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God. And Noah
begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was
corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence. And
God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh
had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah,
The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with
violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the
earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make
in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And
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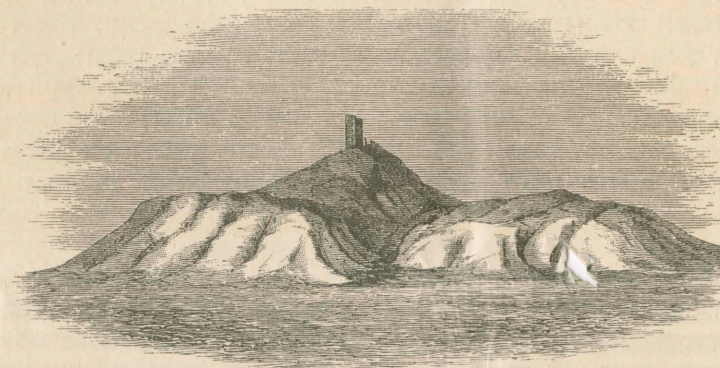
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 16 the height of it thirty cubits. A roof shalt thou make to the ark,
 and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark
 shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third
 17 *stories* shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood
 of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath
 of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth
 18 shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou
 shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy
 19 sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two
 of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with
 20 thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and
 of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after
 his kind; two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.
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ויהי כי החל האדם לרב על פני האדמה וקמו וילדו להם: ויראו בני האלהים את בנות האדם כי טובות הנה ויקחו להם נשים מכל אשר בחרו: ויאמר יהוה לא ידון רוحي באדם לעלם **בשנים הוא בשר** והיו ימיו מאה ועשרים שנה: הנפלים היו בארץ בימים ההם וגם אחרי כן אשר יבאו בני האלהים אל בנות האדם וילדו להם המה הגברים אשר מעולם אנשי השם: וירא יהוה כי רבה רעת האדם בארץ וכל יצר מחשבת לבו רק רע כל היום: וינחם יהוה כי עשה את האדם בארץ ויתעצב אל לבו: ויאמר יהוה אמתה את האדם אשר בראתי מעל פני האדמה **מאדם עד בהמה עד רמש ועד עוף השמים** כי נחמתי כי עשיתם: ונה מצא חן בעיני יהוה: אלה תולדת נח נח איש צדיק תמים היה בדרתיו את האלהים התהלך נח: ויולד נח שלשה בנים את שם את חם ואת יפת: ותשחת הארץ לפני האלהים ותמלא הארץ חמס: וירא אלהים את הארץ והנה נשחתה כי השחת כל בשר את דרכו על הארץ: ויאמר אלהים לנח קץ כל בשר בא לפני כי מלאה הארץ חמס מפניהם והנני משחתם מעל הארץ: עשה לך תבת עצי גפר קנים תעשה את התבה וכפרת אותה מבית ומחוץ בכפר: וזה אשר תעשה אתה שלש מאות אמה ארך התבה חמשים אמה רחבה ושלשים אמה קומתה: צהר תעשה לתבה ואל אמה תכלנה מלמעלה ופתח התבה בצדה תשים תחתים שנים ושלשים תעשה: ואני הנני מביא את המבול מים על הארץ לשחת כל בשר אשר בו רוח חיים מתחת השמים כל אשר בארץ יגוע: והקמתי את בריתי אתך ובאת אל התבה אתה ובניך ואשתך ונשי בניך אתך: ומכל הרוי מכל בשר שנים מכל תביא אל התבה לחיות אתך זכר ונקבה תהיו: מהעוף למינהו ומן הבהמה למינה מכל רמש האדמה למינהו שנים מכל יבאר אליך לחיות: ואתה קח לך מכל מאכל אשר יאכל ואספת אליך והיה לך ולהם לאכלה: ויעש נח ככל אשר צוה אתו אלהים כן עשה: ויאמר יהוה לנח בא אתה וכל ביתך אל התבה כי אתך ראיתי צדיק לפני בדור הזה: מכל הבהמה הטהורה תקח לך שבעה שבעה איש ואשתו ומן הבהמה אשר לא טהרה הוא שנים איש ואשתו: גם מעוף השמים שבעה שבעה **זכר ונקבה** לחיות זרע על פני כל הארץ: כי לימים עוד שבעה אנכי ממטיר על הארץ ארבעים יום וארבעים לילה ומחיתי את כל הקיום אשר עשיתי מעל פני האדמה: ויעש נח ככל אשר צוה יהוה: ונה בן שש מאות שנה והמבול היה מים על הארץ: ויבא נח ובניו ואשתו ונשי בניו אתו אל התבה מפני מי המבול: מן הבהמה הטהורה ומן הבהמה אשר איננה טהרה ומן העוף וכל אשר רמש על האדמה: שנים שנים באו אל נח אל התבה **זכר ונקבה** כאשר צוה אלהים את נח: ויהי לשבעת הימים ומי המבול הוה על הארץ: בשנת שש מאות שנה לחיו נח בחדש השני בשבעה עשר יום לחדש ביום הזה נבקעו כל מעינות תהום רבה וארפת השמים נפתחו: ויהי הגשם על הארץ ארבעים יום וארבעים לילה: בעצם היום הזה בא נח ושם וחס ויפת בני נח ואשת נח ושלשת נשי בניו אתם אל התבה: המה וכל החיה למינה וכל הבהמה למהם כל צפור כל חיה ויבאו אל נח אל התבה שנים שנים מכל הבשר אשר בו רוח חיים: והבאים זכר ונקבה מכל בשר באו כאשר צוה אתו אלהים ויסגר יהוה בעדו: ויהי המבול ארבעים יום על הארץ וירבו המים וישאו את התבה ותרם מעל הארץ: ויגברו המים וירבו מאד על הארץ ותלך התבה על פני המים: והמים גברו מאד מאד על הארץ ויכסו כל ההרים הגבהים אשר תחת כל השמים: חמש עשרה אמה מלמעלה גברו המים ויכסו ההרים: ויגוע כל בשר הרמש

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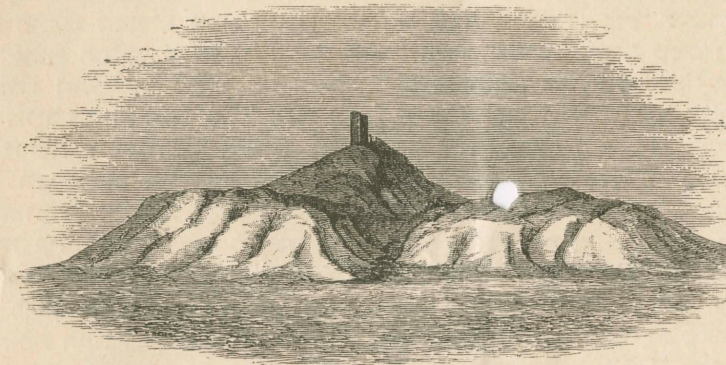
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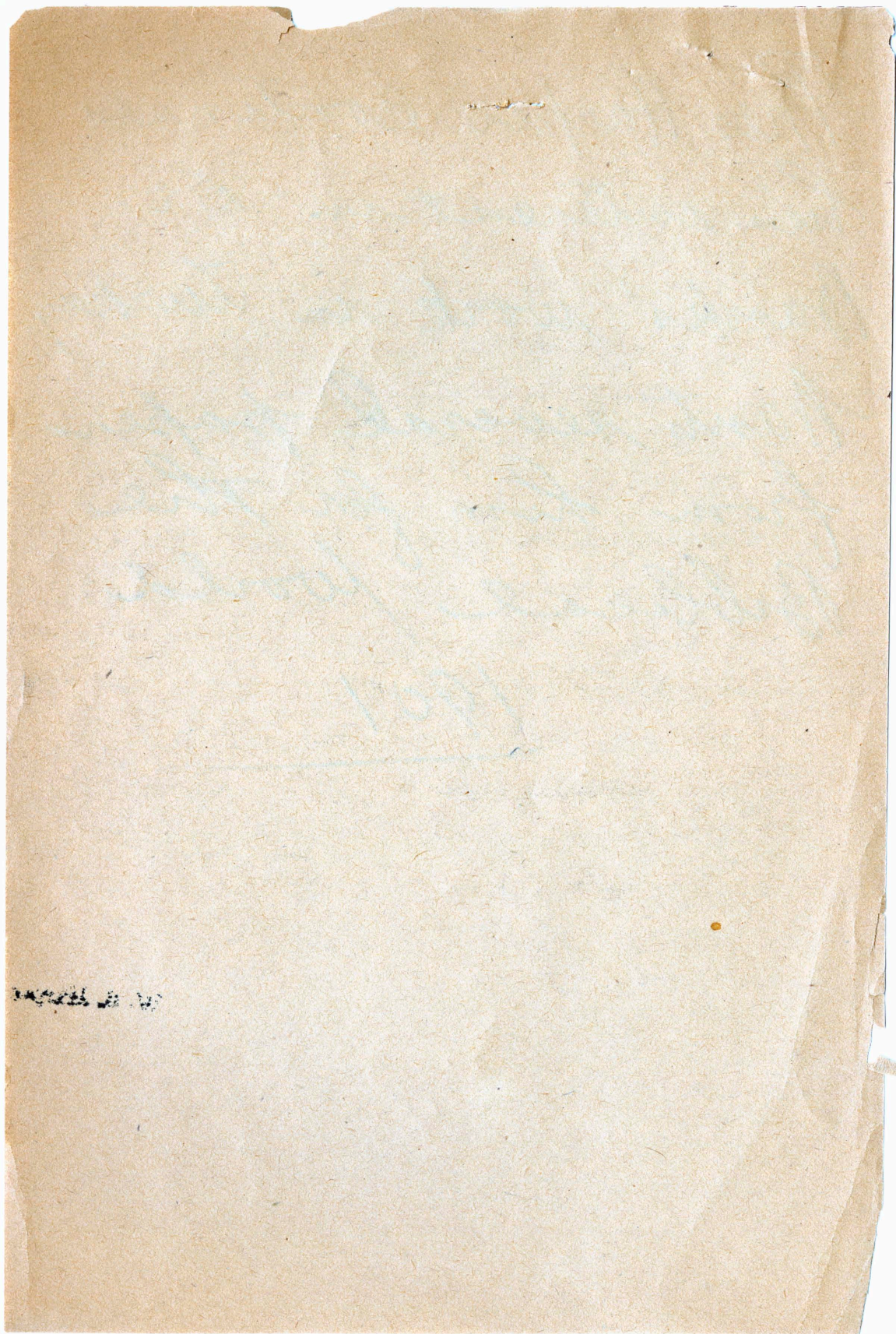
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President William R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Harper:

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A report from Bagdad seemingly trustworthy has just reached me through an acquaintance in this city that Mr. Edgar James Banks, who is the director of the so-called Expedition to Ur of the Chaldees, is not worthy to be in charge of such work. Severe criticism is made of his business methods as resulting in loss of public confidence. Have you an similar information, or reason to believe there is truth in such report? Those who may have given Mr. Banks financial backing ought surely to be protected from abuse of their money, and such of us as have allowed our names to be associated with the undertaking ought not to allow our names to cover any crookedness.

With high personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

John F. Hurst

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Resistant William R. Harper,
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September 23rd, 1903.

Dr. William Hayes Ward,

120 Fulton St., New York.

My dear Dr. Ward:-

Your letter of September 16th has been handed to me by my secretary upon my return from Europe. I have just come from Constantinople. Of course I went over the whole matter with Banks. It was from him that I learned that the American Committee of the Ur of Chaldees expedition had disbanded. The University of Chicago has received a very handsome gift which will be continued each year for ten years for exploration. We have made a request for permission to dig at Larsa (Senkereh). Banks' request to for permission to dig at Bismyeh is still in the hands of the Sultan. The American Minister thinks it will be granted. In view of the disbanding of the American Committee, the Minister or Banks will turn it over to the University if we wish it. I am hoping to have cable news within a short time.

Hoping that you are well, I remain

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Dear Sir -

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Will you be good enough to tell me whether there is truth in the press reports that President Harber has secured in Constantinople the right of excavation in Babylonia? If so where?

I am much interested in the report

Yours very truly
William Hayes Ward
Editor

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August 10, 1903
Francis W. Thompson

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Will you be good enough to tell me whether
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