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But
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Friend Chicago, Feb 1893

Messrs W. R. Harper

" Maurice Bloomfield

" George F. Moore

Committee Oriental So.

to fins.

As a member of
the U.S. Oriental Society I have only
to say in reply to your circular that I
would suggest the University & Society
to collect all material possible of which
there is much scattered all over the country
as a branch of the great University Library
to be at the service of scholars & students.

Yours truly
C. F. Gunther

1892-3

Oriental Society

Letters of
Suggestion

The Penn. State College

State College, Centre Co., Pa.

Feb. 10th. ^{New} 1891

Dr Wm. R. Harper

Chairman, Committee Am. Oriental S.

Dear Sir,

In reply to a note of the 1st. inst. with reference to suggestions looking toward an increase in the "Efficiency of the Am. Or. Soc. sc.," let me ask; would it not be well to effect a closer union, in work and sympathy, with the native scholars of India, who are becoming a force in their own land?

As to ways & means, might not the Am. Or. Soc. detail

suitable person to visit Calcutta & the chief centres of Indian culture at the end of the rainy season (e.g. during Oct. Nov. & December 1893) to examine & report upon the present condition of Hindoo scholarship, make acquaintances & secure co-operation among learned natives, & collect if possible MSS.

To this might be not add, (with perhaps a necessary extension of time,) on the other half of the two-fold problem of Indian advancement, - a report on the persistence or modification of Vedic practices & ritual in the Hindoo village community.

These two suggestions are advanced, with some diffidence, merely in reply to the Committee's call for propositions; and may very well not have the weight which they represent to the mind of the writer.

I am, dear Sir

Yours obt. servant

Wm. C. Thayer

Prof. Modern Languages
in the U.S.C.

- that it is perhaps nearer
the S. W. shore of Lake Michigan
than it is possible to have one
meeting - the East another -
the West each year! I know there
are difficulties in the way of this
but I do not think the Society
can well spare the active co-
operation of its Western mem-
bers.

Yours most faithfully,
Charles Hale
Bishop of Cairo

Oriental



Cairo, Illinois

Feb. 6-93

Dear Dr. Harper

I have just received a cir-
cular asking for suggestion as
to increasing the efficiency of
the Oriental Society.

I think that, with Dr.
Harper at Chicago, the Soci-
ety will sometime come



West, and so smaller Western
men to attend. As things
are, almost all Western
men can do to show any
interest in the Society is to
pay the annual dues, & to
omit polite "regrets" when
the notice of a meeting comes.
If a meeting were held at

Chicago now & then, I should
be very glad to attend. But a
trip to the East, besides the ex-
pense, involves going up more
time than a busy man can
always give.

I know that some people
think the Hub of the Universe
is on the Eastern coast of New
England. Some very many think

M. A. Uedic Concordance 40 members
12. Recess etc.

III that a Committee to be
appointed who shall have the
right to examine papers. This
need not be enforced in every
case but will be very handy
for keeping out crank productions.

Respectfully Yours
Cyrus Adler

Dr. H. R. Harper

Chicago

Smithsonian Institution
Washington Feb 8/93

Dear Sir,

In reply to your circular letter
of the 1st inst. inviting suggestions for
increasing the efficiency of the American
Oriental Society I beg to offer the
following:

I that a catalogue (author and
subject) of the library be prepared and
distributed to the members.

II that the program for meetings
be so arranged that members will

know when papers are to be
read. Thus Tuesday Apr. 20 10 p. m.
Harper, Wm R. On

Assyrian Syntax (30 minutes); Bloomfield,

Dr. H. K. Kuper

My dear Sir,
I have a letter to you
about the matter of the
right to remove papers
and out to report a
case to the court in my
own hands in such
protection.

Respectfully,
Yours,
H. K. Kuper

Dr. H. K. Kuper
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Andover, Mass -
June 30. '93 -
President W. R. Harper.,

My dear Sir;

I have read the
enclosed letter & agree with it in the
main - I doubt very much whether
the end which Prof. Bloomfield has
in view, would be attained by enlarging
the publication Committee,

Yours Truly,

George F. Moore -
(M.)



JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
BALTIMORE.

Dec. 11/92

My dear President Harper,

With the scholarly activity of the A.O.S.
I am for my part well satisfied. I do not
feel that there is any need of stimulating production.
Oriental studies in this country seem to me to
be in a flourishing condition. Very good work
is produced, and the society has succeeded in its
discrete exclusion or suppression of second class
matter very well indeed.

We need quicker methods of publication, some-
what enlarged opportunities for bringing out good
work; and a less private, one might almost
say secretive, method of distribution. The price
of our publications is also somewhat exorbitant,
e.g. 75 cents for our last 'proceedings'.

The weakest point in the society's operations
are its meetings. The papers are read perfunctory,
there is little discussion, and little interest.
The presentation of the papers is largely a mechanical

JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
BALTIMORE

Dec. 11/72

My dear Mr. Rogers

After the enclosed notice of the 10th

I am for my part well satisfied of the

fact that this is my only literary friend

interested in the country now to be

it is a friendship which I hope

is mutual, and the wish to be

directed to the suppression of moral

evil is my only aim

The only question which I wish to

what editorial opinion for bringing out

and, and a few friends, or might

my intention, which of course

of our publication is also

e.g. 72 sent for our last

The enclosed part is the

are its contents. The paper is

and this is the

and this is the

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
BALTIMORE.

function, to be disposed of as peremptorily as possible.

This, I believe, is founded largely on the particular variety of human nature represented by our membership. You cannot compel interest where it is not awaited by the proper soil; one cannot even decently complain if a paper fails to elicit interest.

It seems to me that the difficulty just mentioned may be obviated by dividing the meetings. Each day should commence with a set of papers, either of fairly general interest, or so exotic that no special audience can be divided off for it from the membership at large. After the general session the members might properly divide into Semitic and Aryan sections. The reading of the technical papers would elicit discussion in the more intimate circle, a discussion which the members are generally too shy and shamefaced to the united body.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
BALTIMORE.

The quickening of our method of publication is a more delicate matter. There is a conservative tradition which has operated largely for ~~the~~ good. The society has obtained under it an eminent position; its publications are regarded among the first Oriental publications of the world. Still the difficulties alluded to above exist, and I think they might be obviated in some measure by an enlarged publication committee and ^(the) distinct consciousness that the small amount necessary for printing additional matter will not fail to be forthcoming when there is a pronounced need for it.

These are the points uppermost in my mind at present; others will suggest themselves doubtless to the remaining members of the committee, and will come to the front when we meet.

Yours very truly
Mauria Bloomfield

Johns Hopkins University,
BALTIMORE.

The question of an order of publication
is a more delicate matter than is a common
one. It is a question which has been raised for
the first time. The result has been a more
serious question, the publication of the order
and the first order of publication of the order
with the different order should be more
and I think they might be obtained in more
measure of an order of publication. The
different order of publication that the order
would be for publishing additional matter with
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preliminary order for it.
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will come to the first order of the order.
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I have not yet

Cherub

Yale University,
New Haven Conn.

Feb. 6, 1893.

Dear Sir;

In reply to
your note received
a day or two since, I
beg to say that I have
heretofore been
unable to be present at

so few of the meetings,
I add so little
to their value, that
I do not venture
to make any suggestions
in regard to the
future work of the
Society, though deeply
sympathizing with
its aims & studies. I
think it should
continue to do as it
has done, to draw
in earnest & vigorous

scholars, even if they
be young men. If it
should open out in
this direction still more
it could not be going
wrong.

respectfully yours

James M. Hopkin.

Wm. Ellis R. Harper
Maurice Blountfield
George F. Moore

Green Cove Springs Fla
Feb 10/93

Dear Dr Harper

The circular about
the Am. Oriental Society was
forwarded to me from New
Hampshire. Years ago at a
meeting in New Haven where Prof
Hadley was Pres^t we had a
talk about this very thing. It
was before the subject of Comparative
Religions had received so much
attention. Suppose said I you
take up the idea of the early
Greeks about God. And we got
Prof Whitney to take the views of
the Vedas on the same subject &
I will do what I can with the
early Chinese. He agreed. Prof
Whitney said we must first get a
correct text of the Vedas. And
besides he said we must give out

topics. Each member brings a paper on whatever subject he chooses. With his views & Prof Hedges' death which occurred soon after the scheme fell through. Since then technical linguistic study has increased & become even more prominent than at the period to which I refer. The last meeting which I attended was at Princeton when I read a paper on the Cosmogonies of India & China. I felt then that general Oriental Study was getting swamped by almost exclusive attention to technicalities of Sanscrit & I Martin of Pekin & myself began to think we were out of place. Formerly Sinitic scholars were largely represented. They were almost entirely absent. Such a change may be unavoidable but of course my interest suffered & must confess a decline.

I give you this bit of experience

without attempting to make any suggestions. ~~for the~~

Yours truly
J. K. Wright



Winter Park, Orange Co. Florida, Feb. 11. 1893.

President William R. Harper *W. R. H.*

Respected and Dear Sir:

The circular, prepared by yourself and Profs. Maurice Bloomfield and George F. Moore, asking for suggestions in regard to plans for increasing the efficiency of "The American Oriental Society," has been forwarded to me here from Morristown N.J., my former residence, but not my regular Post Office address now - that being given in the stamp above.

As respects the increase of the efficiency of the Am. Ori. Society, I feel myself somewhat at a disadvantage in making any suggestions, inasmuch as it is at least three years since it was my privilege to attend a meeting of the Society, I having been part of this time traveling abroad and so unable to attend.

It has struck me, however, that a little more latitude might to advantage be given to the scope of the Society, so as to admit of discussion of topics more closely in touch with the advancing movements of the age - topics relating to methods of research as well as to collecting the facts whether in Oriental or Occidental literature; for in one sense all literature is affiliated. Oriental literature admits of differentiations which ramify; and it seems to me that philology is too important in its bearings to render one department of it (i.e. Oriental) a satisfactory representative of it in its wider sphere of embracing languages cognate though not strictly Oriental in habitat. Perhaps my idea of enlargement of scope is among the plans contemplated in the increase of efficiency; if so you have my sanction in it. Yours with Respect Oliver Crane.

Original

Boston July 13 1893

Rev. W. R. Harper:

Chicago. Ill.

Dear Sir: I have little time
anxious to peruse circular of the
"and" I have attended very
few of the meetings of the Society.
Perhaps it will amount
to a suggestion of I state that
I have always felt that the
work of the Society - was too largely
occupied with its funds too
largely expended upon houses.
Perhaps it is partly my fault that
it has not been otherwise, could
not perhaps be found or the
time divided so as to give somewhat
a heavy sum to the

Yours truly

W. G. Anderson

Astor Library,
New York city, 13th Feb. 1893-

Dear Prof. Harper.

The request of your Committee seeking suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the Am. Oriental Soc. is received. Briefly permit me to propose the appointment of a Committee of one, on each department of Oriental Study. Whose duty it shall be to report at each meeting all information that may have been acquired during the interval between the meetings. Then Assyrian, Sanscrit - Hebrew, Greek - Coptic, etc etc news will not come before the Society at haphazard, or more probably, not

at all - but with some effort
at system - thoroughness. These
Committees should appreciate the
value of discoveries in Paleography,
and be qualified to give us instruc-
tion in Philology. Let us have
no superficial work. Light on
new texts is what we want
most - and in some cases our
corresponding members will be
able to render us the best service.

Sincerely Yours

Alexander Dickenson

Astor Library,
New York City.

COMMENDATORY NOTICES. . . .

Miss Amelia B. Edwards, in The Academy of January 16th, 1886, says; "Mr. Dickerman is an earnest and devoted student of Egyptology, perhaps the only Trans-Atlantic man of letters seriously qualifying himself for a position among the Egyptologists of Europe."

The New York Tribune, of February 17th, 1891, says: "Mr. Dickerman is one of the best informed Egyptologists in the United States. His hearers were charmed with the variety and freshness of his matter and style, his candor and freedom from dogmatism."

The New York Evangelist, of February 26th, 1891, says: "His lectures are embellished with a large number of stereopticon views of rare beauty. He is a recognized authority in Egyptology, and so combines information with felicity of method and diction as permanently to impress himself and his subject on the minds of those whom he addresses."

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MY DEAR SIR:

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❖ REFERENCES. ❖

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Chicago, Ills Feb. 1st, 1898.

Special

Dear Sir:--

At the last meeting of the American Oriental Society the undersigned were appointed a Committee "to receive suggestions and concert plans for increasing the efficiency of the Society", to report at the next annual meeting. The Committee will be happy to receive from you any suggestions or propositions to this end.

Communications should be addressed to William F. Harper
The University of Chicago, Chicago. not later than March 15th.

Yours Respectfully,

William F. Harper.

Maurice Bloomfield,

George F. Moore.

Committee.

I wrote to Prof. Moore long ago, last summer or early autumn, I don't quite remember when, and he doubtless has & can furnish my letter.

W. F. W.

Chicago, Illa Feb. 1st, 1888.

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Charles R. Beaman.

George F. Moore.

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W. F. H.

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9 FARRAR STREET,
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.

Jan. 9, 1893.

Dear Mr. Harper:

Herewith a clipping — to which I say Amen —
which you very likely have already.

Did Bloomfield send you my
letter about increasing the efficiency of
the Oriental Society and kindred subjects?
I would recommend the election of a
President for ^a four-year term & suggest
Mr. Gilman as an admirable officer to
start it with.

If there is to be a Congress, I
am strongly of opinion that the
management of it should be committed
to men of affairs, & would name

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9 FARRAR STREET,
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.

Jan 2, 1893

Dear Mr. Rogers

Herewith a clipping - it is what I had from -
which you say they have already.

Did Montpelier send you any
letter about receiving the clipping? I
the Oriental Society and trading societies?
I would recommend the letter to
President for four years - a subject
the Bulletin as an advocate of the

that it will.

At the time to be a copy, I
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Since Spring of 1891 - is tried:

Vol. XV. part 1.

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" " " 3 (soon ready).

" " Proceedings for May 1891-

" " " Apr 1892.

I doubt very much whether pressing things
to the rate of a (600-page) volume each
year would be distinctly in the direction
of an improvement.

With all good wishes,

Cordially Yours,

C. R. Lanman

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I doubt you have what a pretty thing
to the rest of a (book) volume and
you would be interested in the
for improvement.

With all good wishes
Cordell Jones
C. R. Johnson

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Gilman, Pepper, Low, Dwight (?), Eliot,
and yourself. Keep all of us
professors out of the pie and all
will be well and run as smooth as
can be.

As for the publications of the
Society - it is doing all that can
properly be desired, I think, - comparing
the number of active workers with those
in Germany, & the actual amount produced
in the two Reichs.

We pretend to issue a half-
volume a year - since the Spring meeting
of 1891, this has been done. Thus,

William Pepper, Jan. 21st, 1891,
 and yourself. Keep all your
 property out of the fire and all
 will be well and you are
 can be.

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 society - it is good all the
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Orestal
February 16, 1893.

Rev. Wm R Harper.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

The circular of
inquiry of the Am. Orestal
Society's committee is just
received.

Being only an interested
reader of portions of the Society's
publications, rather than an
active member in its deliber-
ations, I shall not think of
contributing to your suggestions.

With hearty good wishes for
the Assn of your University,

Very cordially Henry A. Todd.

Frederick

February 10, 1893.

Rev. Mr. R. H. Hays.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

The members of
the Com. Committed
to the cause of
the poor is first
respected.

Being only an interested
reader of portions of the Society's
publications, rather than an
active member in its work.
I shall not think of
containing a few suggestions
that have been written for
the cause of the poor.
Very cordially, Henry D. Hays

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Dear Dr. Harper.

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Yours truly
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Augusta, Ky., Feb. 17, 1893.

Original

Prof. William R. Harper,)
Maurice Bloomfield,) Com. Am. O. S.,
George F. Moore,)

DEAR SIRS:-

Referring to your favor

of the 1st inst., I respectfully submit this suggestion: That on some day of each annual meeting there be a discussion of a question or topic announced several months or a year before, the discussion to be opened with one or more papers by gentlemen before appointed.

The above is now my permanent address, and a meeting as far west as Cincinnati might accommodate others as well as myself; probably it would help to make the Society more truly national.

Most truly yours,

F. P. Ramsay.

Augusta, Ky., Feb. 17, 1893.

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Maurice Bloomfield, (Cor. A. O. S.,
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F. P. Ramsey.

Onewall

48-East 9th Street,

New York, N. Y.

Feb. 15th 1893.

William R. Harper, D.D. LL.D.

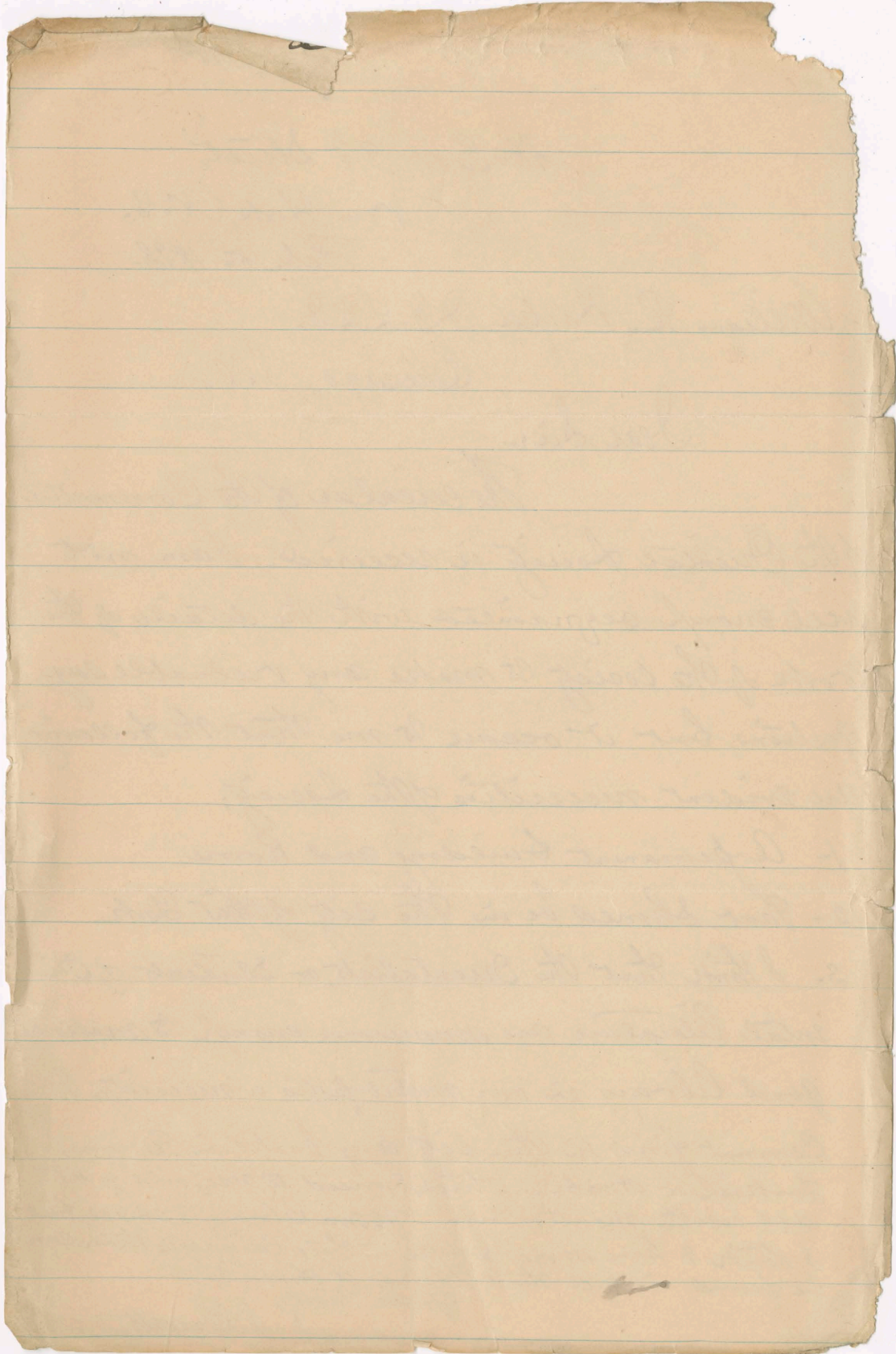
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The circular of the Committee of the Oriental Society is received. I am not well enough acquainted with the details of the work of the Society to make any valuable suggestions, but it seems to me that the following are evident necessities of the Society:

- 1- A permanent Building and Home.
- 2- That should be in the City of New York.
3. I think that the Orientalists, or Students of Oriental Literature are numerous enough to make a good library in our metropolis a necessity. I cannot find in this city any books in Persian, Turkish or Arabic which I need to use, or any at all worth mentioning. My own library is small, but I think I have more books in these languages than can be found in all the libraries of America.

Yours truly,
J. Bassett.



Oriental

Bryn Mawr. Pa.

Feb. 16th 1873.

President Harper,

My dear Sir:—

Your favor of Feb. 1st relative to the plans for increasing the efficiency of the Oriental Society has been received.

I hope your Committee will take into serious consideration a plan for having some of the sessions of the Society held in sections, so that Sanskritists may have an opportunity to carefully discuss papers on their subject, Assyriologists papers on their subject etc. etc.

This is I know not a new

suggestion, but it is a feature
which I should like to see put
into actual practice.

Sincerely yours
Geo. T. Barton.

9 FARRAR STREET,
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.

Feb. 20/1893.

Dear Mr. Harper:

I had already answered your inquiry as to ways of increasing the efficiency of the American Oriental Society before your inquiry arrived. However, I am glad to repeat that I should like very much that you recommend to the Society the transaction of its "business" after the scientific part of the meeting is over. We need have so little "business", that this is quite feasible, & it will tend to minimize "business." We are emphatically not a "business-body."

I recommend the adoption of a rule that all business be proposed ^{4 weeks} before the meeting, to the Secretary, so that it can be laid before the Society in print. This is the regular procedure of our Harvard Faculty, for all matters involving debate and careful consideration, and works admirably. It is folly to go to the great expense of time (& money) in attending meetings & then to fritter the time away over ill-

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9 FARRAR STREET,
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.
Feb. 20/1893.

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a lot to put the time away on ill-

digested business.

I recommend ~~that~~ the President of the Society be chosen for a term of four years. The rest may as well remain as they are, and be chosen each year.

As for the frequent criticisms of Dr. Gottheit on the Society's inefficiency in the matter of publication - I deny the facts. Since the Spring of 1891 we shall have published a good volume of really scholarly work and of over 600 pages 8°. We promise only an annual half-volume of 250 pages. We have done better than our promise: and considering that the membership of the German Oriental Society amounts to about 500 paying members, and to scores and scores of working members, and that they publish say 700 pages a year

Wm. W. Brown

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discredit.

take the Royal

Serial no

I have been thinking of the
series to appear for a few years.
The first may be well remain in the
and be shown last year.

As for the present edition of Dr. Gottlieb
or the series's sufficiency in the matter of
publication - I don't know. There
the spring of 1891 we shall have published
a good volume of nearly 1000 pages with
and of over 600 pages &c. The promise
and an enormous half-volume of 1200
pages. We have been better than we
promise: and considering that the number
of 1 to 2000. Original series, and
is about 200 pages, and do
now and some of working materials,
and that the present is 100 pages a year

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and the contrast is in no wise to our

take the Royal Asiatic's doings of the
last lustrum, I want to resign. They
are publishing in the neighborhood of a 1000
pages a year, and of what sort!

It seems to me that the objects of the Society are two: to give us a chance of getting really acquainted; and to give the proper instrumentality for publication. Both are well served?

Faithfully yours

Charles R. Lanman,

of material

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think the content is more wise to our

discovery, however, if we are to have

for the Royal Society's design of the
last illustration, I want to explain.

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pages or more, and quintessential!

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well represented; and to give the paper

an opportunity for publication. Not as

well served?

Franklin

Charles A. Lamm

JAMES ROBINSON BOISE

ERNEST DeWITT BURTON

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THEOPHILUS HUNTINGTON ROOT

CLYDE WEBER VOTAW

IRVING FRANCIS WOOD

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO Feb. 18, 1893

My dear Doctor Harper,

Mr. Hutchins's translation from Kübel's Matthew, part of which is already in type for the March number, and the rest of which is ready for the April number of the B.W. will make 16½ pages or very close to that on one side or the other. He was to receive \$1.00 a page. I know that he is greatly in need of money, and that it would be a favor to him if he could receive this sum at an early day. His address is Herbert B. Hutchins, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Very respectfully

Ernest D. Burton

JAMES BOWEN
ERNEST DAVITT BURTON
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS HOBBS
THEOPHILUS WASHINGTON ROOT
CLYDE WEBER YOUNG
IRVING FRANCIS WOOD

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 1893

My dear Mr. Chapman,

The University of Chicago has been
pleased to purchase a copy of your
book, "The History of the Church of
England," which is now in the
hands of the printer. The book
is a very valuable work, and
will be a great addition to the
library of the University. I am
very glad to hear that you are
interested in the history of the
Church of England, and I am
glad to hear that you are
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Very respectfully,

Ernest D. Burton

#16 Highland Place,

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 27/93.

Oriental

Prest. William R. Harper,

Chicago University,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have duly received your kind communication from the committee of The American Oriental Society, asking for suggestions toward concerting plans for promoting the efficiency of the Society

I beg leave to say that in one respect I think the usefulness of the Society might be increased, if, in some manner, its publications could have wider circulation in Europe. I have heard from a number of younger scholars in Germany that it is difficult for them regularly to procure our Proceedings; and this week comes a letter from a friend in Holland saying how difficult it is to obtain copies there unless one orders the whole set. Might not something be done toward extending its circulation much as in the case of the Z. D. M. G.? Could notices for example be sent to large numbers of Oriental scholars, explaining how the proceedings could be regularly obtained? I remember Prof. Geldner's several times saying to me that the usefulness of the Society would be much increased if its publications were more easily to be obtained.

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416 Highland Place,

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W. R. H. - 2.

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Northwestern University
Department of German

Oriental

Evanston, Illinois

9 Mar. 1893

Pres. Wm. R. Harper
Chicago.

Dear Sir:

In reference
to the request for suggestions as
to increasing efficiency of the
Amer. Oriental Society, I can
make only two (for what they
may be worth) as to adding to
its membership. Namely, by
inviting more members from the
following groups:

- a) Learned Hebrews, of which
there must be many in America
- b) Scholarly missionaries -

It would, I think, be well to
reduce the annual fee to, say,
three dollars. Very sincerely J J Hatfield

Department of Education

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. G. H. Thompson

Chicago

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed formation of a new organization for the purpose of promoting the interests of the colored people of Chicago. I am very glad to hear that you are taking such an interest in the welfare of your race, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I am, however, unable to give you any definite answer at this time, as I am not in a position to make any promises. I will, however, do my best to assist you in your efforts, and I will be glad to hear from you again in the future.

YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,

New Haven, Connecticut,

March 4 1893

My dear President Harper: -

We have of you Ph. 1 & 2
of Brünnow's list and shall be
glad to receive the rest and pay
for the whole -

The Student Review, vol. 3,
little stand against your name.
To replace as kind the volume will
cost us \$2.⁰⁰

Sincerely,

Addison Van Name

P. S.

As to the Oriental Society I cannot
see how my name is to be accomplished
except by its publications. I would propose
therefore that a good crop of Orientalists
should be raised and their money be

obtained to print their papers.
Or if / what I am not altogether sure of
there are already valuable papers
waiting for a publisher the order
these two measures might be
advised.

Oriental
490 Spadina Ave.
Toronto Mar. 1, 1933

My dear Dr. Harper:

In reply to your
note requesting suggestions as to
best means of promoting the use-
fulness of the Amer. Or. Soc.,
I have not much to offer except
what has probably been already
before you.

I think the price of
membership is too high to allow
the ordinary educated Prole or
general student to become and
remain a member. The return
for the money is not sufficient

even to the specialist. Perhaps it has already occurred to the Committee either to lower the general fee, or to create two classes of members, at different rates. If the former ^{plan} were to be adopted, I would suggest \$3 as the annual subscription. The increased revenue would probably pay the expenses of publications.

I would also venture to say that the Assyriologists of other countries are waiting with some impatience for the publication of results from the excavations made at Niffer etc; by American expeditions. I do not know how much is being prepared. I simply take the liberty of mentioning the fact.

and of expressing the hope that those American scholars who have the gift of deciphering and copying should be earnestly encouraged to unite in the task of bringing to the knowledge of the world the treasures they have won at their ^{immense} ~~disposal~~ ^{expense}. For example, cite merely the case of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~script~~ ^{scripture} of Sargon I., and Nabonidus, whose exact value has not been yet indicated; as far as I am aware.

Yours faithfully
J. T. McClellan

Jan
Austin, University of Texas, Feb. 22 '93

My dear Sir:

The only thing that occurs
to me as possibly conducive
to the efficiency of the Am.
As. Soc. is a division into
Aryan and Semitic sections
- and the formation of a
branch for Comp. Phil.
- which historically if not
logically has kept ^{the} pace with
Sanskrit studies heretofore.

I venture to add that
I am a candidate for a
consulship to Bombay,
Ceylon or Calcutta. If I
should receive the ap-
pointment I shall be
happy to further the in-
terests of the Assoc. from
that end of the line.

Perhaps you would be
willing to join with Pres.

Gilman in helping my
application - through the
intermediation of Dr. J. S.
M. Curry, Agt of the Pea-
body and Slater Funds.
Your Prof. Hale has also
kindly consented to do what
he can for my candidacy

Very truly yours,

Edwin W. Fay

Pres. Harper.

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United States of America

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Wm R. Harper, Ph.D., D.P.,
"University of Chicago",
Chicago, Ill.

Boston Mch 10/73

I think that pure
philology ~~has~~
altogether too dispropor-
tionate a place in our
meetings & our published
Proceedings. Efforts should
be made to elicit papers
on Oriental research &
exploration, i.e., in Egypt,
Assyria & Palestine. We
should be an "Orientalists
Congress", in a minor
but no less positive way.
It would biggen the
attendance wonderfully.
Wm Co. Winslow

Catholic University of America,

Washington, D.C. 9. III. 93.

Oreutal

Dear Sir,

I received duly your circular
dated Chicago Feb. 1. I have no one
this year I could propose as a
candidate to the Am. Or. Soc. But
I'll take the liberty to ask you
to let me know when our first
meeting will be held and where.
Hoping you are in good health &
spirits & wishing best success
for your University, I remain,
Dear Sir

yours sincerely

N. Heppesmat

Isaac Myers,
NO. 21 EAST 60th STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Oriental

Prof. William P. Harper
University of Chicago.

Chicago. Ill.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favour of the 1st ult as to my views for increasing the efficiency of the American Oriental Society - I would suggest that the publications of the Society be made more popular, few people, outside of a coterie of specialists care to study or read about, Sanskrit, Assyrian or Hebrew, verbs and their tenses. The Society of Biblical Archaeology in London, has become known throughout the world and its publications bring a high price. We ought to publish a Journal treating of Oriental subjects, in which many people can take an interest, to be conducted like many of the learned French periodicals, more up to the times, and tell people in synopsis what is the content of other journals on similar subjects to those we are interested in going into Egyptology and Eastern Archaeology. So far since I have joined the Society its publications have not been of any use to me.

Very Respectfully Isaac Myers
March 10/93.

nicht so bekannt sein, wie
sie es mir ist.

In vorzüglicher Hochachtung
Ihr
ad. Erman.

gut halten, wenn Sie diese
zu Vorträgen beriefen; sie
würden enthusiastische Vor-
stellungen über die Resulta-
te der Ägyptologie erwecken,
die nachher einem methodi-
schen Betreiben dieser Disci-
plin Schwierigkeiten bereiten
würden. Ich spreche aus ei-
gener Erfahrung; ich habe
wiederholt junge Leute gehabt,
die vorher bei Gümichen, Mar-
pero und Brugsch gehört hatten
— sie waren an so leichtes Ar-
beiten und an so reiche Erfolge
gewöhnt, dass ihnen nachher
schwerere Arbeit mit weniger
Erfolg nicht behagen wollte.

Für das grosse Publikum wäre
besonders Brugsch gefährlich,
seine Phantasie ist sehr lebhaft.

Wenn Mr. Wilbour über
diese Dinge anders urtheilt,
so darf Sie das nicht wun-
dern. Er ist ein alter Herr,
der aus Liebhaberei aegypti-
sche Alterthümer sammelt,
auf dem Nil fährt, Inschrif-
ten collationirt u.ä. Er hat
eine gewisse Kenntnis der Ae-
gyptischen, aber doch, wie es
ja nicht anders sein kann,
eine dilettantische. Es ist ein
sehr ehrenwerther Mann, aber
als Gelehrter ^{im engeren Sinne} wird er selbst
nicht gelten wollen.

Soweit die negative Hälfte die-
ses Briefs. Einen positiven Vor-
schlag brauche ich Ihnen
ja nicht erst zu machen. Wenn
Mr. Breasted sich so wis-

senschaftlich ^{so} weiter entwi-
ckelt, wie er ~~er~~ begonnen
hat, so werden Sie an ihm
einen Gelehrten haben, wie Sie
ihn brauchen. Er ist scharf-
sinnig und fleissig und die
sehr gute Vorbildung, mit
der er zu uns gekommen
ist, kommt ihm sehr zur Hil-
fe. Sie brauchen es ihm nicht
wiederzusagen, aber ich glau-
be, dass wir einmal unsere
Freude an ihm haben werden.
Auch für populäre Vorträge
wird er bei seinem Geschick-
lichkeit einmal wohl zu-
brauchen sein.

Verzeihen Sie den ungewünschten
Rath, er ist gut gemeint und
die Sachlage kann Ihnen ja

Unternehmen in Chicago erfüllt, dürfte Ihnen daher auch nicht mit den „beaux restes“ jener alten Richtung gedient sein, die Ihnen Mr. Wilbour vorschlägt. Keiner der von ihm genannten Herren ist als Philologe und Übersetzer ernst zu nehmen (ich bitte das nicht für Übertreibung zu halten); was sie für die Wissenschaft geleistet haben sind einerseits historische Untersuchungen u.ä., andererseits Veröffentlichungen von Texten. Die bedeutendsten unter diesen sind Brugsch und Maepers, der erstere kennt mehr ägyptische Texte als jeder andere, der Zweite hat sehr wichtiges für Religion und Geschichte geleistet. Und doch würde ich es für mehr

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Orientale

Studende bei Berlin
30/1. 93.

Erman

Sehr geehrter Herr College!

Mr. Breasted gab mir Mr. Wilbour's Brief zu lesen und ich darf mir wohl erlauben im Interesse der Sache einige Bemerkungen zu den Vorschlägen dieses Herrn zu machen. Zunächst eine allgemeine. Wir sind in der Ägyptologie viel länger in den dilettantischen Windeln stecken geblieben, als die meisten Orientalisten es ahnen. Die unglückliche Schrift, die in ihrer Vokallösigkeit die Unterscheidung der grammatischen Formen so sehr erschwert, hat es verursacht, dass wir unbe-

kümmert um die Gramma-
tik, nur nach dem zu er-
wartenden Sinne, darauf los
übersetzt haben — oft mehr
rathend als übersetzend. Auch
dieses Verfahren kann ja einem
sehr begabten Gelehrten oft
glücken, besonders wenn er eine
grosse Übung sich erwirbt,
aber bei der Mehrzahl der Fach-
genossen hat es schlechte Fol-
gen gehabt. Ein vorsichtiger
Gelehrter wie Lepsius hat daher
fast keine Übersetzung veröffent-
licht.

In den letzten 15 Jahren sind
wir wenigstens (auf den rich-
tigen Weg gekommen und be-
mühen uns die aegyptische
Sprache soweit kennen zu ler-
nen, dass wir in Zukunft ein-
mal ~~ohne~~ ohne rathen überset-

zen können. Zur Zeit sind
wir soweit, dass wir einen sehr
leichten Text ziemlich richtig
verstehen und dass wir bei den
anderen wenigstens erkennen,
wo die Schwierigkeiten liegen.
Aber der Weg ist noch sehr weit.

Es ist nicht zu erwarten, dass
diejenigen Herren, die an das al-
te Verfahren gewöhnt sind, dem-
selben auf ihre alten Tage noch
entsagen; wir müssen zufrieden
sein, wenn sie wie Ebers und
Brugsch zugeben, dass es richtig
ist. Aber wer nicht jener alten
Generation angehört, von dem
muss man heute erwarten, dass
er mit dem alten Dilettantenhumor,
das freilich sehr bequem war,
bricht.

Bei dem echt wissenschaftlichen
Geiste, der Ihr grossartiges

Orientals

Aberlin, March 13, 1893.

Pres. Wm. R. Harper,

Dear Sir; My only ideas concerning the "increasing the efficiency of the Society" (Amer. Orient.) may be stated as follows:—

1st Hold the meetings when the college and university men can readily attend; say, just before Jan. 1st or just after July 4th.

2^d. Encourage the presence of the lady members and increase their number.

Very truly yours
H. W. Magoun.

Wednesday 11/11/3

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you

that the same has been forwarded to you
by the same conveyance as the other
of the same date.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. Smith

Esq.

10, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4

Enclosed is a copy of the same

as before.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

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the plan of the proceedings in the earlier history of our Society, whereby the notices of the papers read would be confined to very brief abstracts. These abstracts, giving merely an indication of the general contents of the paper, an enumeration of the heads with a reference to the results reached or the new propositions maintained should be sent in for publication four weeks before the meeting for the purpose of being printed on "Galley" slips and distributed among the Members a week or if possible ten days before the time of the meeting. This procedure or a similar one is followed by the Modern Languages Association with the result of making the discussion on the papers more

Oriental

University of ^{Jastrow}Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Messrs. Harper, Bloomfield and Moore,
Committee, etc. —

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of February first, I beg leave to submit the following suggestions.

1. The creation within the Society of two sections (a) an Aryan (~~Asiatic~~ and Asiatic and (b) a Semitic.
2. At the Annual meeting of the society, sessions to be provided for as follows
(a) Opening session of both sections for the reading of reports and the transaction of business, such as elections

or perhaps instead of an election the appointment of a nominating committee to report at the close of the meeting.

(b) meeting of the sections ~~for~~ separately for the reading and discussion of papers

(c) meeting of both sections for the reading of papers which are of a general character or of interest to both sections.

(d) closing general meeting of both sections for announcements of elections and such other business as may have remained unfinished at the opening meeting.

3. The publication of the journal of the Society at regular intervals of three months or four months as may be deemed more advisable, the general plan and arrangement

of the journal to follow that of the Zeitschrift of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft or of the Journal of the Société Asiatique.

4. This plan, excluding from the journal, the publication of large texts, special provision to be made for the latter

(a) either by subventioning works of an important character as the sister societies of Europe are constantly doing or

(b) the publication of a special series corresponding to the "Abhandlungen" of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft or of the Royal Society of Göttingen.

5. In addition to the journal, the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting to be published, following

interesting and valuable.

6. An opportunity should be afforded the members of making slight corrections in the abstracts presented before the Proceedings (which should include a brief minute of the annual meeting) are sent to the Press.

7. Regarding size of "Proceedings" no limit should can be indicated except that they should be kept within as small a compass as possible; regarding the journal, each number need not and perhaps ^{ought} ~~might~~ not exceed 100 pages, the present admirable shape and general methods of printing being retained.

8. To make arrangements with some firm as e.g. Messrs. Ginn & Co. of Boston to act as publication

agents of the society and take charge of the business arrangements for all publications of the Society.

9. The appointment of a committee to cooperate with the publication agents in securing the support of libraries and educational institutions of this country and Europe as subscribers to the publications.

There is no reason why as a result of such efforts, at least three fourths of the expense connected with the printing should not be covered in this way.

10. The President of the Society to be elected annually and to serve for one term.

11. For each Annual Meeting, the President to prepare an address (a) either on some topic of general

interest or (b) a review of scientific investigations during the period past year within the general field of work of the Society or of a section of it.

12. If possible, the appointment of ~~some~~ ^{member or} members to serve for at least five years who will annually prepare a report reviewing the contributions of the members of the American Oriental Society to the advance of science, - somewhat after the manner of the Annual reports of the Secretary of the Société Asiatique.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

Monis Weston Jr.

February 22nd, 1893.

Baltimore, Md., March 8, 1893.

Neutral
Committee American Oriental Society to receive suggestions, etc.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of Feb. 1 ult. was duly received and in answer to your request to make suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the American Oriental Society I would suggest the following:-

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In the programme of every Meeting a place should be provided for voluntary papers or other voluntary contributions to the proceedings. The members of a group in charge who may be unable to attend the meeting may be expected to send a paper of his own to be read by the Secretary or send a personal substitute or a substitute paper by some other member of the Society.

These suggestions are made in the understanding of the phrase "efficiency of the Society" in the sense of efficiency to the members. If the phrase means to the Committee the efficiency of the Society to the world at large I can only suggest the printing of its proceedings and the distribution of copies to as many persons as the finances of the Society will allow.

Hoping the Committee may not think the above suggestions entirely useless, I am,

Respectfully,

Jacob Graps.

Baltimore, Md., March 8, 1898.

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Jacob Gifford

Manly