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The Terra Cotta Industry has expressed its willingness to co-operate in this function to the extent of bearing whatever proportion of the expense University authorities consider proper.

We, the Terra Cotta Industry, feel that we should take an active part in a Conference of this description, in that our material is one whose history is interwoven throughout the ages with the story of art and industry, and we believe that in the field of art and architecture the artist of tomorrow will find an unrestricted area in the practice of his efforts.

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We feel confident of our ability to arrange for the presence of these individuals, and also to obtain the co-operation of the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the Architects Club of Chicago.

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September 29 1927

My dear Professor Woodward,

It was only after considerable thought that I sent you the night letter you received yesterday. For I appreciate very keenly being asked to come to Chicago this Autumn and Winter to give Mr. Sargent's courses, and I want to explain my position to you now.

My coming to Chicago now would make necessary the preparation of four new courses literally from one day to the next: two during the Autumn Quarter and two during the Winter Quarter. And Mr. Sargent's courses can hardly be done that way.

To me, Art 252 seems the most difficult to give that the Department of Art offers, and in many ways, also, the most important. For a large number of students in the Department, 252, "Introduction to Painting", is the beginning of what may be either a rich and profitable or a deadening acquaintance with art, according to the way the course is given. If 252 were a course in the history of art, the instructor could make a careful outline of his lectures, and then, if necessary, could get for himself the facts only shortly before passing them on to the class. But 252

(as Mr. Sargent gave it, and as he made it one of the great courses of the University) is not a historical course. It does demand of the instructor a full and sympathetic acquaintance with the history of art, but more than that, it demands that he shall have worked out for himself very clear ideas of what in art is fundamental, and that he shall at the same time have technical knowledge enough to demonstrate these fundamentals to his class. Neither simple (even though complete) knowledge of the history of art alone, now technical knowledge (acquired by actual practice) alone, is enough. It seems to me that the combination of the two in the same course (in 252 and in his other courses) was the very great, and very rare, contribution of Mr. Sargent, and was what opened for students the way to a deeper and more understanding knowledge of painting and art in general than can be had in any course that I know offered by an American college.

I do not think that my admiration for Mr. Sargent makes me exaggerate the importance of the tradition which he began. I realize, to be sure, that anyone now taking over Mr. Sargent's courses should make them his own, and not weak imitations of what has gone before, nbut I do not think that the tradition should be denied, for it is a bradition which makes the Chicago Department of Art

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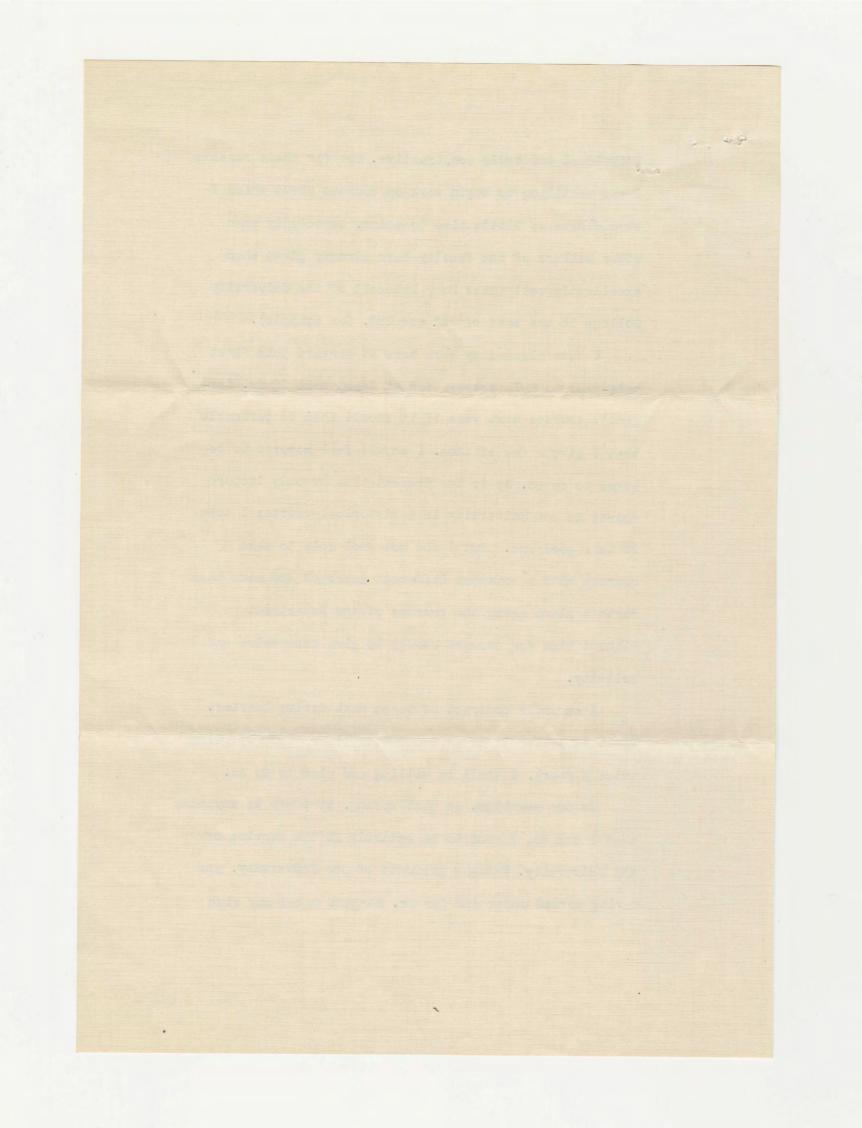
I was unwilling to begin work on courses about which I should have so little time to think, especially when other members of the faculty have already given them excellently well (Miss Lucy Driscoll of the University College in the case of 252 and 280, for example).

I have planned my work here at Harvard this first half-year to help prepare for at least some of Mr. Sargent's courses next year if it should then be desirable that I give a few of them. I should feel honored to be asked to do so. Up to the present time my only lecture course in the University is a historical course; I hope it is a good one. But I did not feel able to take courses with a somewhat different approach and make them worth a place among the courses of the Department without time for thought enough to give them value and solidity.

I am under contract to teach next Spring Quarter.

If it is desirable to give 252 then (it is usually given twice a year), I shall be willing and glad to do so.

In the meantime, as next spring, if there is anything that I can do, I want to be entirely at the service of the University. Being a graduate of the University, and having worked under and for Mr. Sargent makes any wish

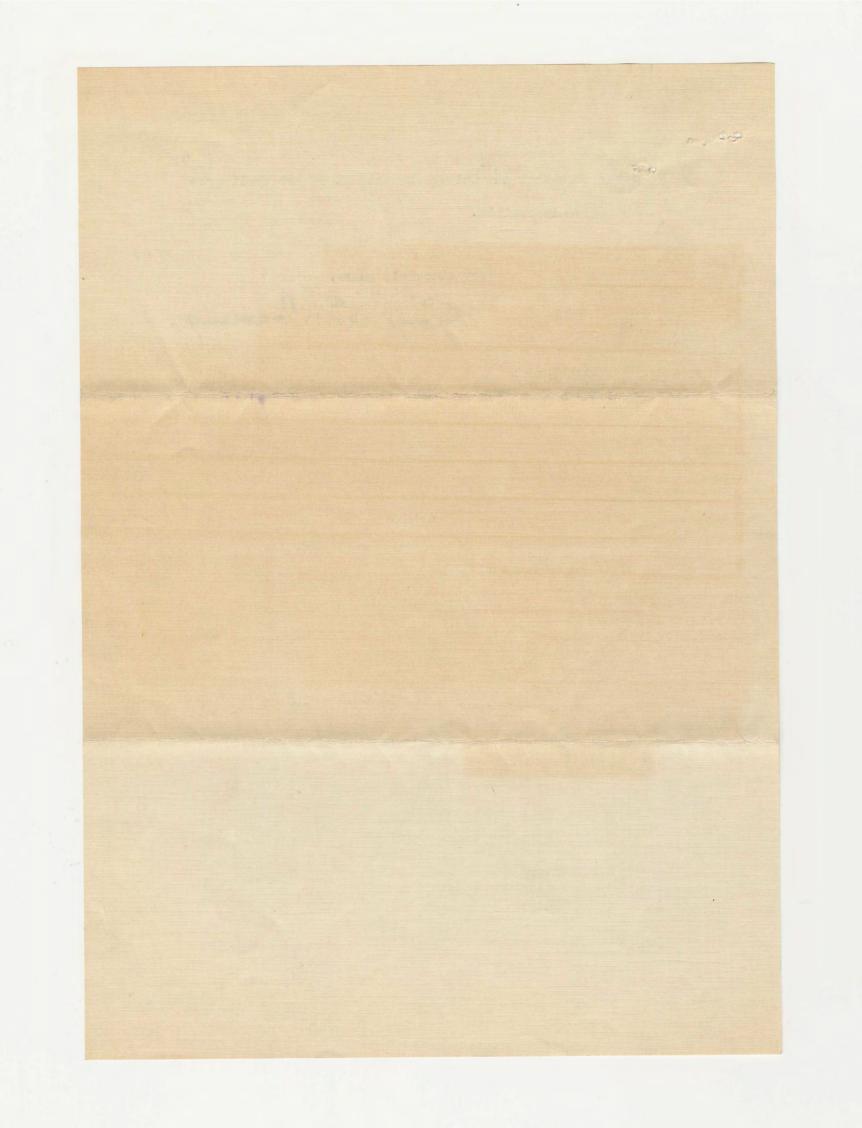


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Very sincerely yours,

Storge E. Downing.

38 Quincy Street Cambridge Mass.



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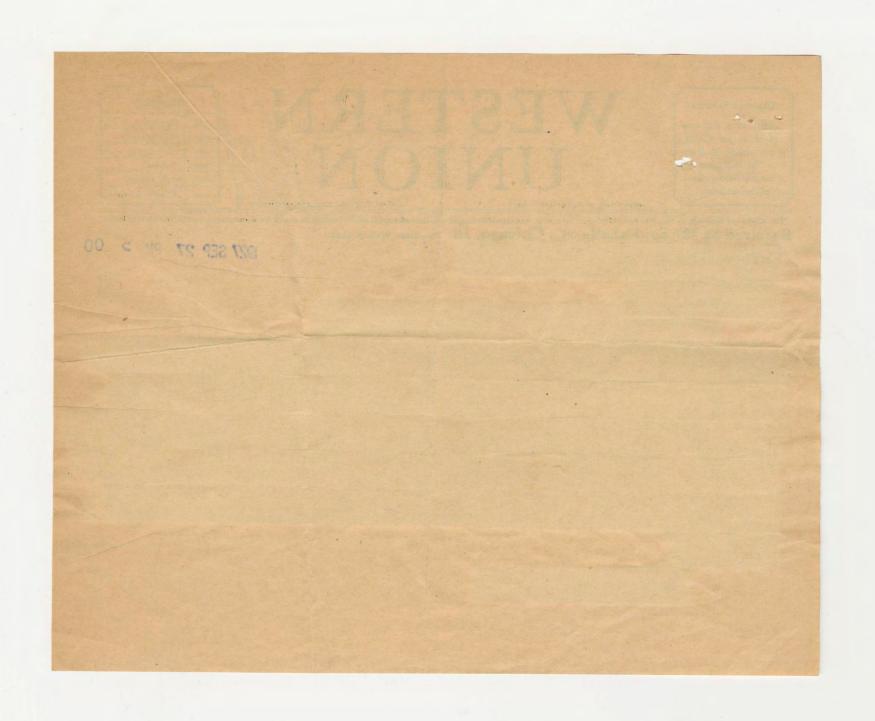
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F C WOODWARD.

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I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE CONFIDENCE WHICH PROMPTS YOU TO ASK ME TO COME FOR SARGENTS COURSES ON THIS SHORT NOTICE HOWEVER I DO NOT FEEL ABLE TO DO A GOOD PIECE OF WORK SINCE YOU SAY THERE ARE OTHER POSSIBILITIES I THINK IT WISEST TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL SPRING TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR LETTER FOLLOWS.

GEORGE E DOWNING.



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THEREFORE PREFER NOT TO COME NOW EXCEPT AS LAST RESORT
PLEASE CALL UPON ME ANY TIME FOR ANYTHING TO BE DONE HERE.
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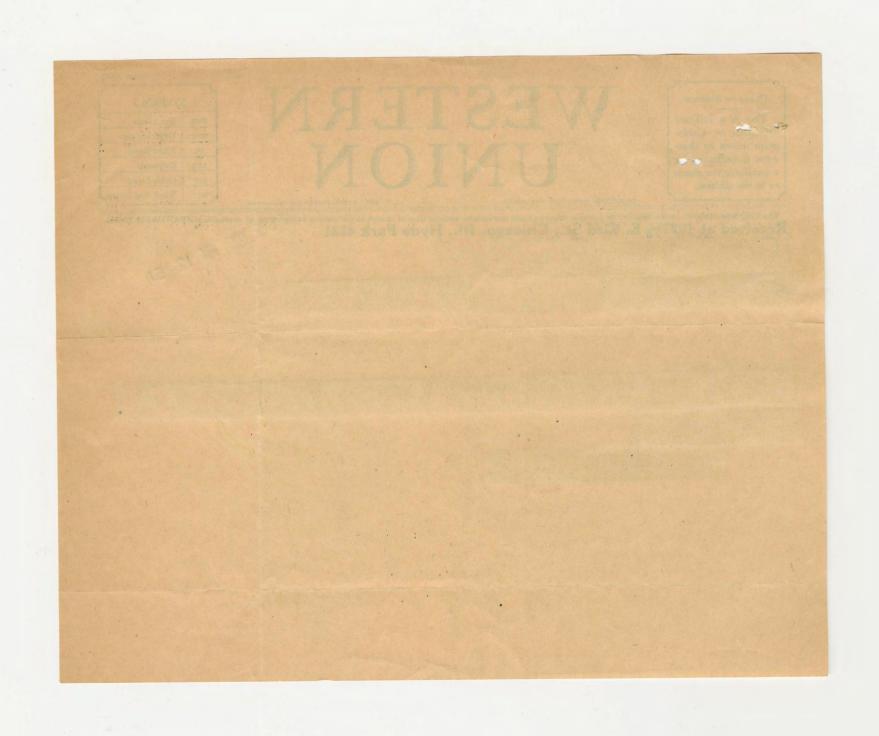
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DOWNING OFFERS SERVICES BELIEVE THATS BEST PLAN ARRIVING

CENTURY MONDAY.

EDWARD F ROTHSCHILD.



October 5, 1927

Dear Miss Bartlett:

I am very glad to have your note of September 28. Needless to say Mr. Sargent's death has been a bitter blow. We do not wish to select his successor hurrisely for we feel the great importance of the decision, since upon the new one selected will fall the burden for the continued development of the art work. I shall immediately take up the question of conferences with Mr. Adler, but I think that it will be perfectly possible to go shead with those even though we have not a definite choice of Mr. Sargent's successor, since plans were so well outlined previously.

It seems so strange not to have Miss Wallace at the University this year. Foster will never be quite the same again.

I shall let you know as soon as we are able to talk with Wr. Adler as to the outcome of our discussion.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Max Mason

President

Miss Florence D. Bartlett El Mirador Alcalde New Mexico

cc to Mr. Haynes Miss Bartlett's letter to Mr. Haynes

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Department of Art

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MEMORANDUM TO DEAN WOODWARD

In the event of Downing's continued reluctance to take over Mr. Sargent's courses the following suggestions might be investigated:

Art 214 (Advanced Drawing and Painting). Secure an Art Institute instructor. Miss Laura van Pappelendam and Mr. Howard Morse have already given either the same or similar work in this department. In the event that their Art Institute schedules would not allow them to enter this scheme it might be possible to call upon Professor Whitford, of the Department of Art Education. In the latter instance it would be necessary to change the hour of meeting to either 2:30 to 4:30 or 12:30 to 2:30. In any event, if absolutely necessary and with the concurrence of Dean Boucher, this time shift might be made without seriously disturbing the time schedule of the department but with probable affect on the registration figure in the course.

Art 252 (Introductory Course in Painting). A lecture course. Secure Miss Driscoll, Extension Ass't Professor who has already given similar work in University College or Rothschild. In the latter case it would be necessary to substitute another course in University College for the one announced for Rothschild (Art 264). The most obvious substitution would be Art 288 (Book Illustration) by Miss Hahn, which would papallel the same course on the campus.

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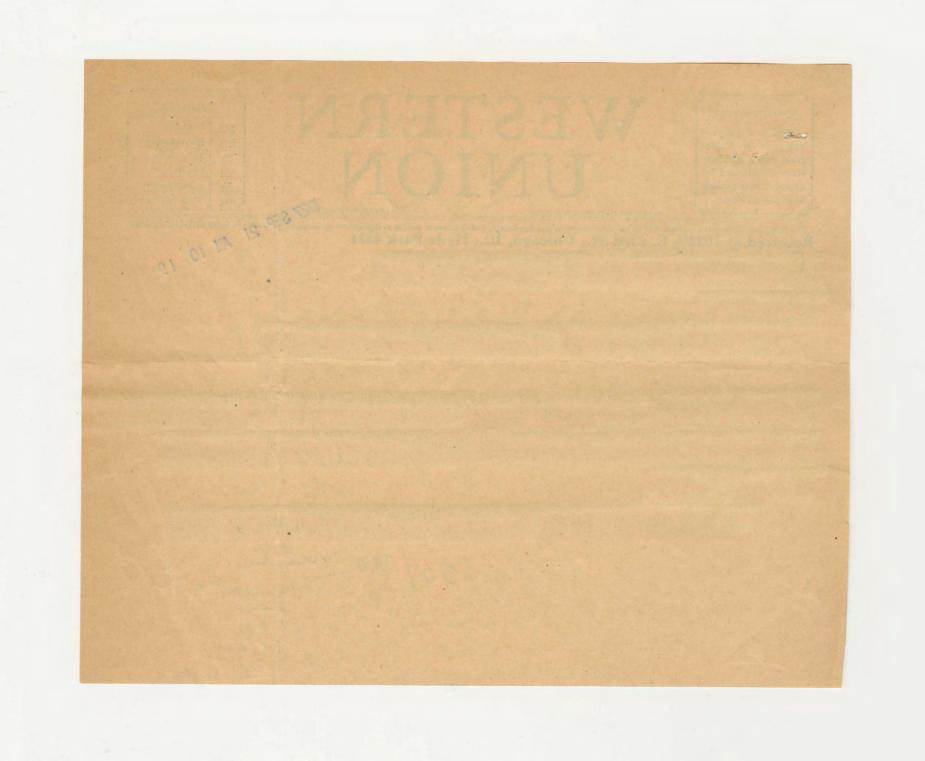
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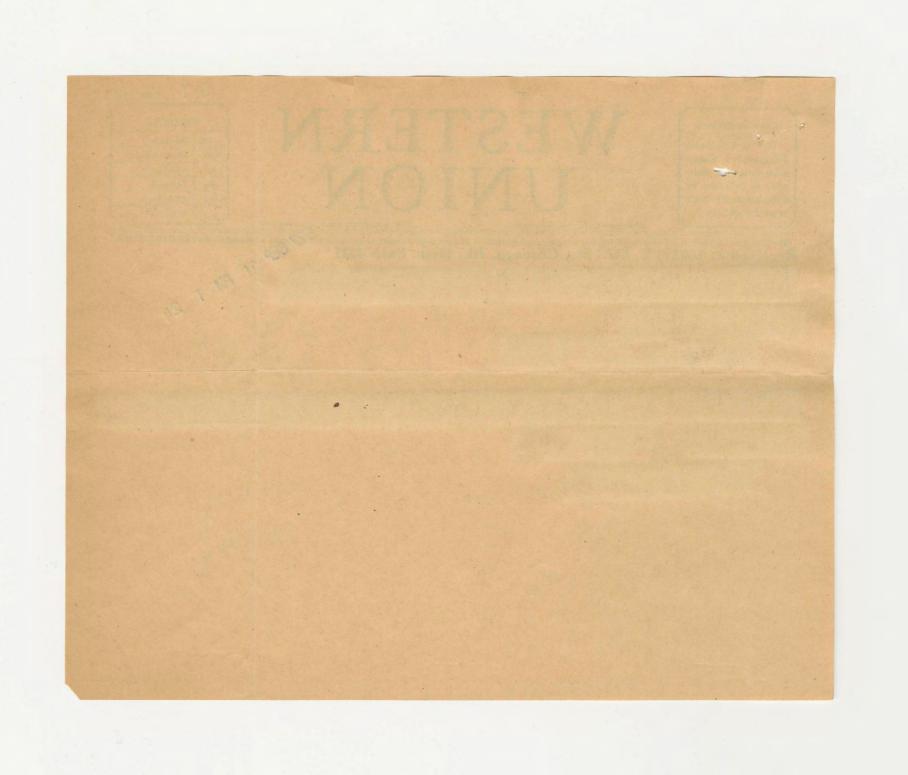
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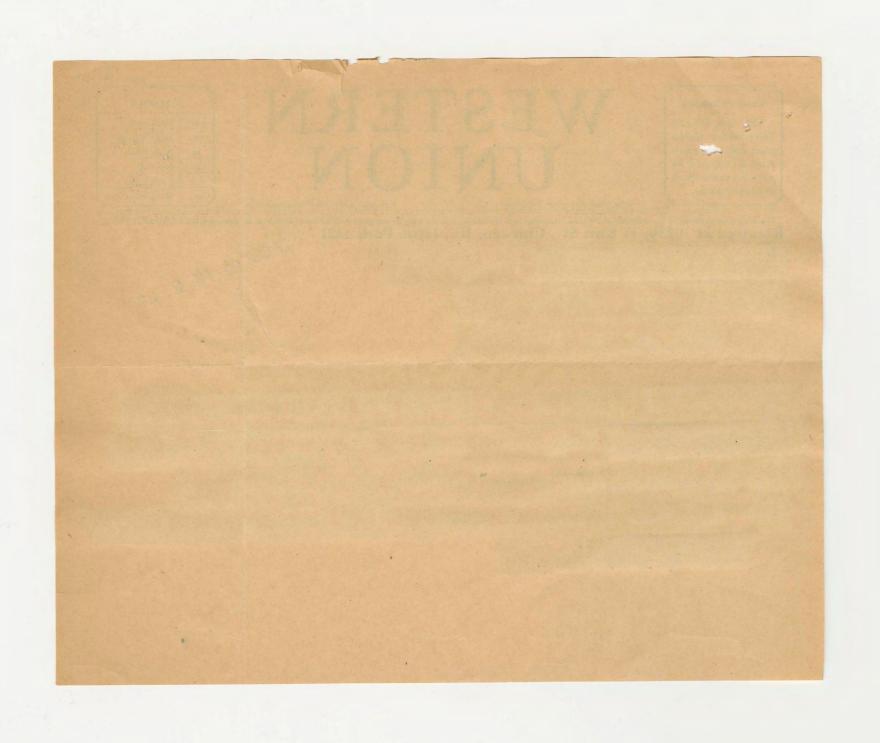
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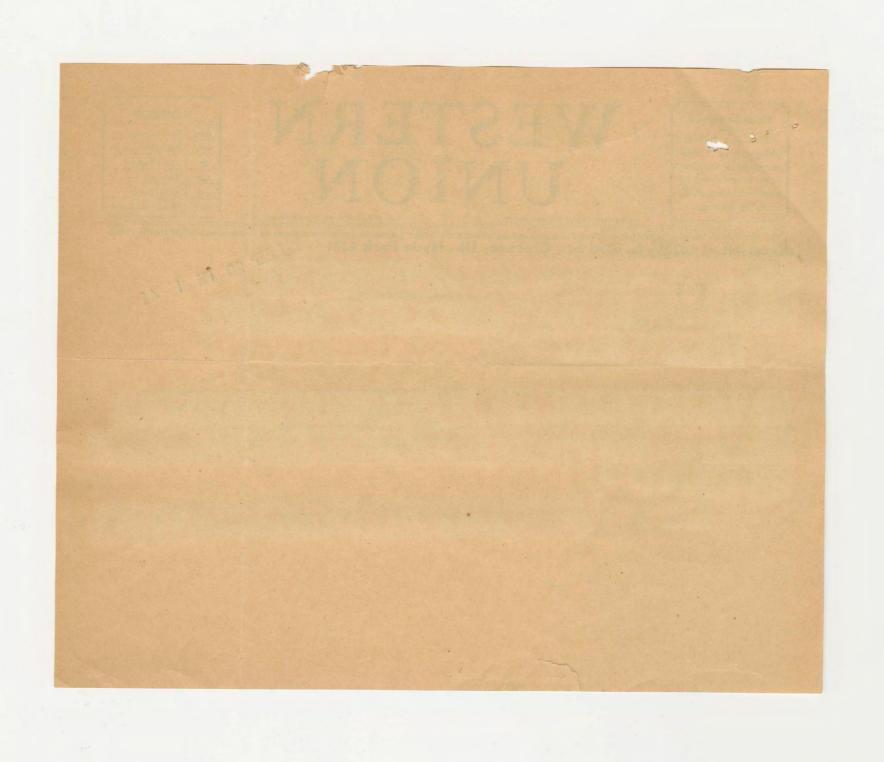
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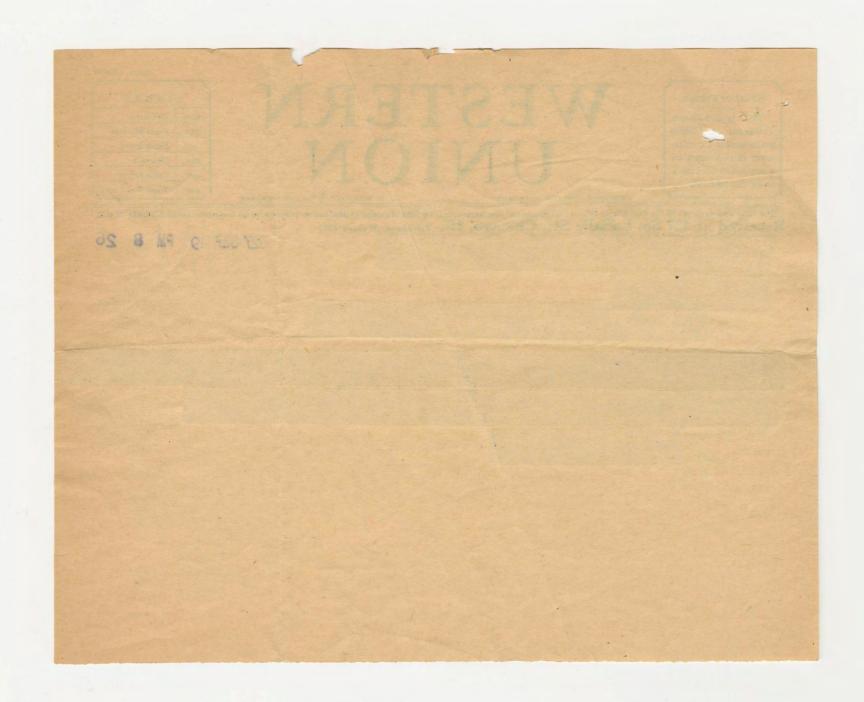
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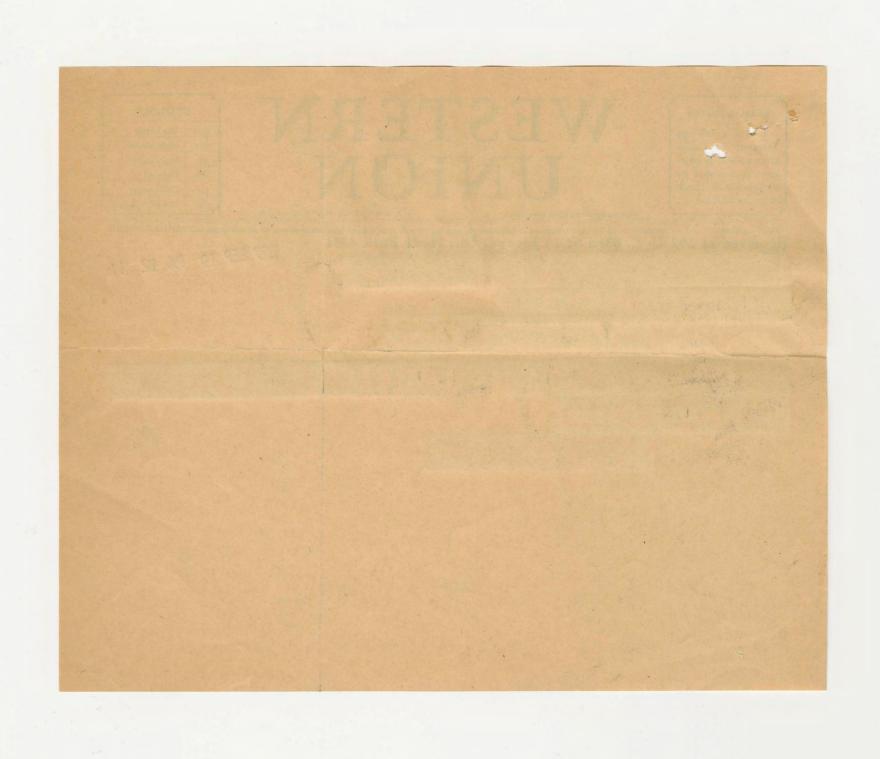
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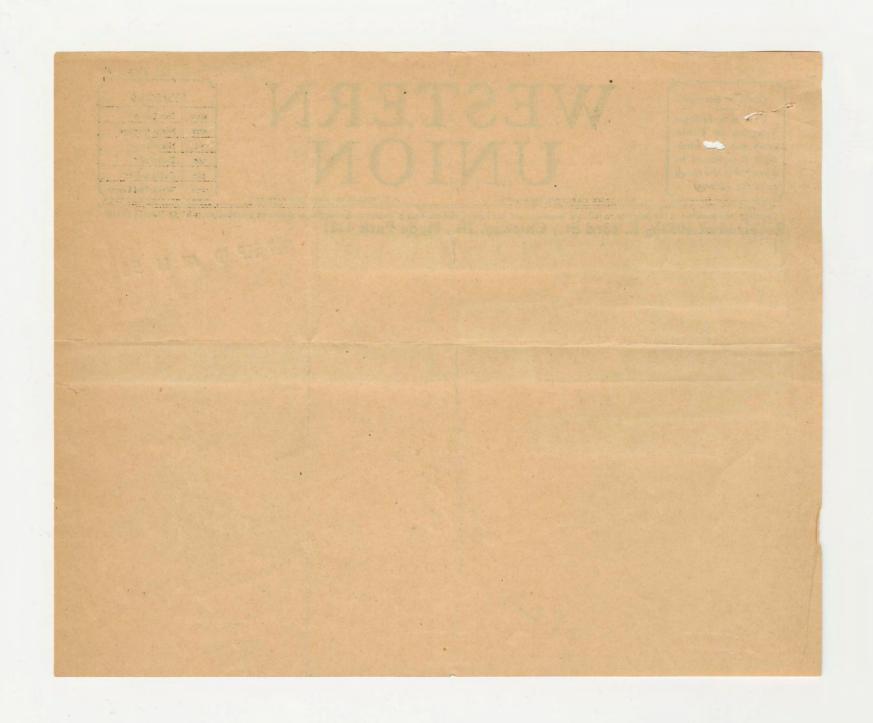
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PROFESSOR WALTER SARGENT DIED SUDDENLY THIS MORNING OF HEART

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GEORGE DOWNING.

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September 24, 1927

My dear Mrs. Vaile:

I am returning to you herewith the letter from Mr. Sargent of which I desired a copy. I was very glad to talk the matter over with you yesterday and I deeply appreciate your interest in the subject.

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North Scituate, Mass. July 24, 1927

My dear Mrs. Vaile:

Please accept my thanks for your very kind letter. I am returning Mr. Hasting's interesting letter, in case you may wish it for reference.

Whether what is continually in my mind is an argument which appeals to business men or not, I do not know. It is the fact that in the university is this large group of young people forming their attitudes towards life; that they have showed interest and responsiveness towards art; that they need a balance between scientific and commercial efficiency, and the culture which promotes serenity; a balance between the outgoing of activity and the enrichment from sources of renewal. The Department of Art believes that art is one of the forces which helps in this balance, and it is seeking facilities, in building and equipment, to forward an acquaintance with, and intelligent enjoyment of art. It hopes to do for the middle west what Harvard is doing for the East.

I think that your suggestion of making the group which you are getting together, the nucleus of an organization comparable to "The Friends of the Fogg Museum" at Harvard, and "Friends of the Hillyer Art Gallery" at Smith, is excellent. What would you think of, "Friends of University Art," as a name?

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North Scituate, Mass. July 24, 1927

My dear Mrs. Vaile:

Please accept my thanks for your very kind letter. I am returning Mr. Hasting's interesting letter, in case you may wish it for reference.

Whether what is continually in my mind is an argument which appeals to business men or not, I do not know. It is the fact that in the university is this large group of young people forming their attitudes towards life; that they have showed interest and responsiveness towards art; that they need a balance between scientific and commercial efficiency, and the culture which promotes serenity; a balance between the outgoing of activity and the enrichment from sources of renewal. The Department of Art believes that art is one of the forces which helps in this balance, and it is seeking facilities, in building and equipment, to forward an acquaintance with, and intelligent enjoyment of art. It hopes to do for the middle west what Harvard is doing for the East.

I think that your suggestion of making the group which you are getting together, the nucleus of an organization comparable to "The Friends of the Pogg
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Frederic Allen Whiting, Director

Cable Address: "Musart Cleveland"

February 15, 1927.

Mr. Rowland Haynes, c/o Hotel Del Prado, Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Haynes:

I was pleased to find your letter of the 8th on my desk on returning from a few days in New York.

Keppel's study of the development of the arts in America has been rather sidetracked, being replaced by the plan to train and teachers for universities and also to distribute standard sets of teaching material for colleges which would all use them and employ a competent teacher. I still hope that he may go further with the plan, but apparently the big scheme he had in mind is sidetracked for the present.

As one development, they have recently offered to give a grant to the American Federation of Arts if they would undertake an experiment in some town, sending a competent person there to establish an art store and over a period of three years see how in this way an interest in art could be developed. At present these three features are being concentrated upon and the rest of the program is being held in abeyance.

I wish that I could talk with you about the place of art in university work, and perhaps sometime within a few months I can get to Chicago to do so, but at present it does not seem likely.

Walter Sargent who is in the Art Department at the University is a remarkably human person and has approached his position there with a wunacademic viewpoint, being a normal school, and college, graduate. I think he has a healthy attitude and I know he has made a great impression on Mr. Keppel. If I were you, I would get in touch with him and find out what ideas he has.

In general I am in favor, in both art and music, of the Harvard approach which leads towards appreciation and understanding of the theory without definite instruction in the technique, which students get from outside. This is contrary to the practice at Yale, for instance, where they have a School of Music and a School of Art, neither of which

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# AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF ART

By WALTER SARGENT

Departments of art in several institutions owe their origin to professors of the classics who realized the aesthetic as well as the historical value of the classical heritage and therefore gave courses planned to develop intelligent enjoyment of works of art. This was true in the University of Chicago. The beginnings of its Department of the History of Art date from the appointment of Professor Frank B. Tarbell in 1894 as Professor of Classical Archaeology. Professor Tarbell later enlarged the Department to include modern art and also courses in color and pictorial composition which were being given in the School of Education.

After Professor Tarbell's retirement in 1918, the conduct of the Department of History of Art was in charge of an administrative committee until 1924. During that year Dr. Burton, who was then President, decided to form a Department of Art which should unite the various art interests on the campus. The work in Art thus became one of the recognized departments of the Schools of Arts, Literature, and Science.

#### THE FOUR OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT

In shaping its progress, the newly organized department attempted a somewhat comprehensive examination of the reasons for including art in University teaching. It took account of the traditional type of historical study of art, which had long since proved its great value. It was also concerned with the ways in which art enters into the current of contemporary life. As a result of this examination four main objectives were defined somewhat as follows:

First, to offer to all students an opportunity to gain the kind of acquaintance with the arts that every educated person should possess, whatever his future occupation is to be, and to develop an intelligent enjoyment of the world's artistic inheritance as a part of general culture. This implied a consideration of the arts, not only as historical documents, but also as embodiments of aesthetic experiences and ideals. The Department felt that capacity to participate in these experiences is not rare, but common to the normal person; that it may be readily awakened during that period of high receptivity which constitutes the college age, and that if

this intelligent appreciation of art is developed, it will prove to be a resource of increasing enjoyment throughout life and a constantly available source of spiritual renewal.

Second, to reach a community much wider than that of the University itself by training those who will be teachers in high schools and colleges. There is a marked and growing demand for teachers of history, theory, and practice of art who can present art in such a way that it will enter into the daily thinking of the students and will minister to their cultural life. The attitude of people toward art appears to be largely determined in high schools and colleges. These are the strategic points. It seems a statement of plain fact to say that by training teachers the Department has opportunity to go far toward shaping that attitude throughout a wide territory.

Third, to offer some practical experience with the materials of art. The department feels that in art, as in any other language, a certain intimate insight and interpretation are gained if students have some practice in actual use of the language. Therefore, courses have been planned in drawing, modeling, color, and composition. The principal purpose of these courses is interpretation. They are not to develop technical proficiency, but to furnish some direct experience in the use of typical forms of art expression.

While these courses are planned to furnish a practical experience with art which is of general value to all students, they are also a direct help to those who will later take up art as a profession. Although non-professional in character, they give to these students an experience with the materials of art comparable to that which laboratory courses in chemistry and physics and courses in English composition offer to students who will later specialize in those fields. It has been, in the past, a grave misfortune that those who plan to take up art professionally, and yet who realize the value of a broad general education, have seldom been able to carry on any laboratory work in art as part of their college course. They have been compelled either to postpone systematic studio work until after graduation or to go earlier than is wise to a professional school with its highly specialized interests. As a result of these courses, several students have discovered what they did not suspect: that art was to be one of their major interests.

Fourth, to forward appreciation of industrial art and to co-operate with the rapidly growing interest in giving to our possessions and surroundings greater charm and distinction. The department believes that, in a sense, there is no dividing line between fine and industrial art, but

rather that art flows into different channels and incarnates itself impartially in high visions and in things of common use, and that taste consists in capacity to discern beauty in whatever embodiment it appears.

At present the department is restricted in its attempts to meet its opportunities and responsibilities because it has no building or endowment. Therefore some of its classes must be limited and its plans for expansion held in abeyance. It hopes for greater resources in the near future because it believes that with the unprecedentedly rapid advance of science and efficiency, there must also be a corresponding development in the realms of tastes, preferences, and discriminations, if we are to maintain a balance of those elements which can make our civilization human in its highest sense. It believes that intelligent enjoyment of the arts is a positive force in preserving this balance.

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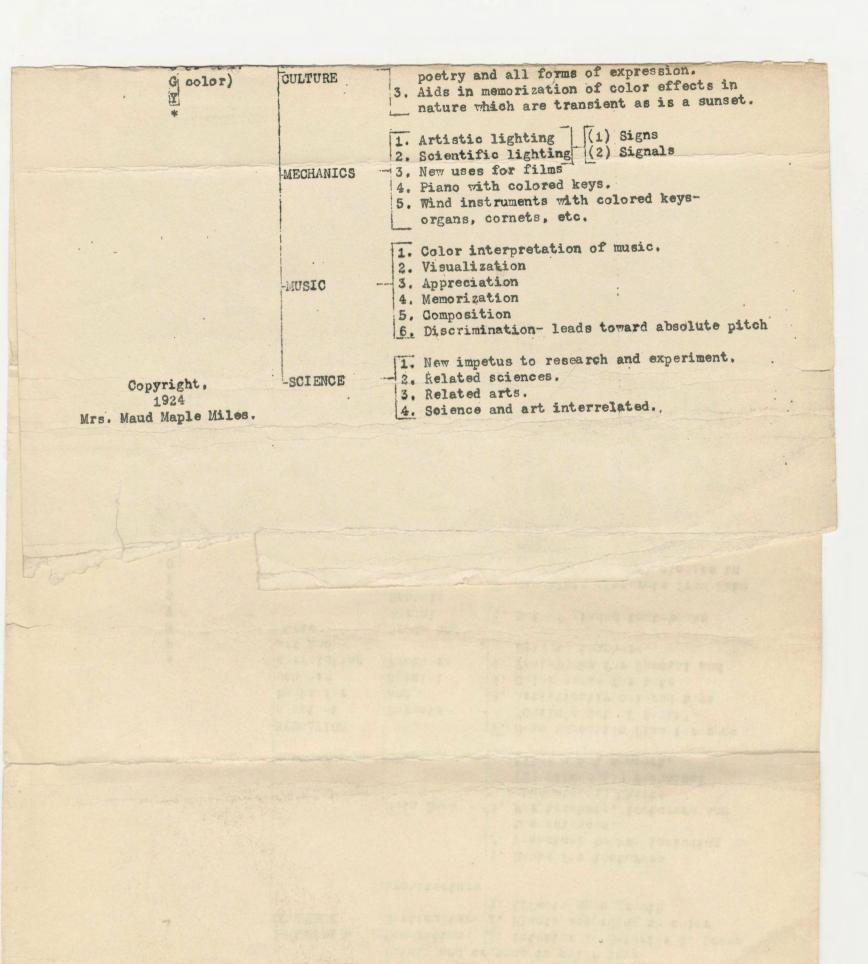
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If you wish me to take up the matter with our candidates and send to you reports that may be forwarded to the Carnegie Corporation, I shall be glad to do so. In that case, may I have for my guidance this letter or a copy of it.

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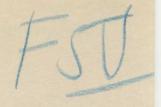
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January 12, 1926

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My dear President Mason:

The Art Department in attempting to meet its responsibilities to the University community and to the larger field of the Middle West with which it is coming into contact, finds so sharp a contrast between its opportunities and its facilities, that I am submitting a plan for meeting the situation more adequately.

Our general aims are;

to offer to all students, the kind of acquaintance with the arts which everyone should possess and to develop an intelligent enjoyment of the world's artistic inheritance, as a part of general culture.

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The University of Chicago

Office of Vice-President and Dean of Faculties

April 2, 1925

Memorandum to the President:

Concerning the Department of Art, Mr. Sargent tells me that certain developments in the field are coming to be so important that he wishes to present them for consideration. He had at first thought that our Department of Art would follow closely the lines already worked out at Harvard, Princeton, etc. He is now convinced that we are to have certain new problems which may well give rise to a distinct development here.

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  - 4. Central Italian Painters of the Renaissance.
  - 5. Venetian Painters of the Renaissance.
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- 4. Velasquez.
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