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Department of Medicine

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Dr. Louis W. Sauer  
636 Church Street  
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I should be very glad if you would find it possible to come out either for luncheon or dinner at the Quadrangle Club at an early date to meet with the committee. If agreeable to you, I would suggest that you telephone me, Fairfax 9800, so that we may arrange a mutually convenient time.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Franklin C. McLean

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Mr. F. C. Woodward, Acting President  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Your committee appointed to make recommendations concerning the appointment of a Professor of Pediatrics met on Monday, February 18, at 6:30 P.M. at the Quadrangle Club. The following members of the committee were present:- Drs. Phemister, Seem, Gale, and McLean. In addition, the following were present by invitation: Dr. Joseph L. Miller and Dr. Joseph A. Capps; Dr. McKim Marriott, Professor of Pediatrics, Washington University Medical School; and Dr. Wilburt C. Davison, Professor of Pediatrics and Dean of the School of Medicine, Duke University.

There was a full discussion with reference to possible candidates for the Professorship of Pediatrics with general agreement that the following were to be considered most seriously:

Dr. Oscar M. Schloss . . . . .	Cornell University Medical College
Dr. Thomas M. Rivers . . . . .	Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute
Dr. Frederic W. Schlutz . . . . .	University of Minnesota
Dr. Jean V. Cooke . . . . .	Washington University Medical School
Dr. J. C. Spence . . . . .	Newcastle on Tyne, England
Dr. Alexis F. Hartmann . . . . .	Washington University Medical School

It was stated that the committee recognized the desirability of the appointment of a man who had already a reputation in pediatrics sufficient to command the respect of the local profession. Dr. Marriott disagreed rather vigorously with this principle and stated his opinion that it was desirable to select a younger man on the basis of his ability. He stated that in general this plan had worked out better than the plan of selecting candidates who had already made their reputations.

There was detailed discussion of the relative merits of the individuals listed above as well as of various other possibilities. As a result Drs. Marriott and Davison agreed that Dr. Rivers should be the first choice in view of the apparent impossibility of securing Dr. Schloss. It was generally recognized by the committee that from the standpoint of ability and intellectual qualifications Dr. Rivers was much superior to any of the other candidates on the list. It is the opinion of Drs. Marriott and Davison that although Dr. Rivers has for the past few years worked exclusively in a very limited field of pediatrics, he has the ability to establish himself as a first-rate clinician in general pediatrics. Attention was called to the fact that Dr. Rivers is a member of the American Pediatrics Society and that he has a very sound basic training in the general field of pediatrics.







Mr. F. C. Woodward

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February 19, 1929

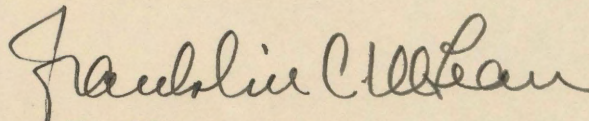
In view of the opinion of Drs. Marriott and Davison, the committee agreed to recommend to the Acting-President that Dr. Rivers be invited to Chicago for a conference with the committee.

With regard to the others on the list, Dr. Davison recommended Dr. Spence as the second choice. Dr. Spence is an Englishman of high personal and professional qualifications; he has spent some time in this country and is known to be favorably disposed towards a move. Dr. Phemister knows him well and regards him as extremely desirable from the personal standpoint.

Dr. Marriott, who does not know Dr. Spence, regards Dr. Alexis Hartmann as the second choice.

For the present it seems desirable to concentrate attention on Drs. Rivers, Spence, and Hartmann. At the first opportunity I shall have a conversation with Dr. Rivers to determine whether or not it will be desirable to invite him to the University for a visit.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Franklin C. McLean". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Franklin C. McLean.







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ALBERT MERRITT BILLINGS HOSPITAL  
MAX EPSTEIN CLINIC

December 7, 1928

Mr. Frederic Woodward  
Acting President  
The University of Chicago

My dear Mr. Woodward:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 6 informing me of my appointment to the committee to make a survey with a view to the appointment of a pediatrician to the staff of the Medical School, on which I shall be glad to serve.

Very truly yours,

*Ralph B. Seem*

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December 6, 1928

My dear Dr. McLean:

In accordance with your request I have added Mr. Gale and Dr. Seem to the Committee to make a survey with a view to the appointment of a pediatrician.

Yours cordially

FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

Dr. F. C. McLean  
University Clinics



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December 8, 1928

My dear Dr. McLean:

In accordance with your request I have asked Mr. Gale and Dr. Seem to the Committee to make a survey with a view to the appointment of a pediatrician.

Yours cordially

FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

Dr. F. C. McLean  
University Clinics



December 6, 1928

My dear Dr. Seem:

At the request of Dr. McLean  
I have appointed a committee to make a survey  
with a view to the appointment of a pediatrician  
to the staff of the Medical School. Dr. McLean  
now requests that you be added to the Committee  
and I am writing to notify you of your appointment.  
The Committee consists of the following members of  
the faculty: F. C. McLean, Chairman, Bensley,  
Carlson, Jordan, Phomister, Seem, and Wells.

Yours cordially

FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

Dr. Ralph B. Seem  
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December 8, 1928

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FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

Dr. Ralph B. Seem  
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December 6, 1923

My dear Mr. Gale:

At the request of Dr. McLean

I have appointed a committee to make a survey with a view to the appointment of a pediatrician to the staff of the Medical School. Dr. McLean now requests that you be added to the Committee and I am writing to notify you of your appointment. The Committee consists of the following members of the faculty: F. C. McLean, Chairman, Bensley, Carlson, Jordan, Phemister, Seem, and Wells.

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FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

Mr. Henry G. Gale  
Faculty Exchange



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Mr. F. C. Woodward, Acting-President  
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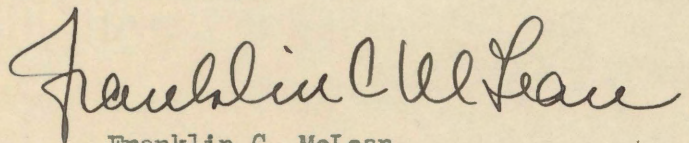
Your committee appointed to make a survey of the field of Pediatrics with reference to the appointment of a Pediatrician met yesterday. There was considerable discussion as to the procedure and the following actions were taken:

(1) The committee voted to recommend to the Acting-President that Mr. Gale and Dr. Seem be added to the committee.

(2) The committee voted to recommend that Dr. Oscar M. Schloss of New York City be invited to Chicago for a consultation with the committee on the general subject of the development of Pediatrics in the University.

Trusting that you will approve these recommendations, I am

Sincerely yours,



Franklin C. McLean







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November 16, 1928

Messrs. R. R. Bensley  
A. J. Carlson  
E. O. Jordan  
F. C. McLean  
D. B. Phenister  
H. G. Wells

Gentlemen:

It will be necessary in the near future to appoint a pediatrician to the staff of the medical School and I should like to appoint you a Committee to make a careful survey of the field to that end. I hope you will be willing to serve. Dr. McLean will please serve as Chairman of the Committee and call a meeting at his earliest opportunity.

Yours cordially

FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

copy to H. H. Swift



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Apr. 13. Wed.

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Harold H. Swift  
Union Stock Yards  
Chicago

April 8, 1927

President Max Mason,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Mason:

Messrs. Steere and Fairweather report that Mr. Shannon was not able to go to Springfield to fix up the charter of the Pediatrics Group this week, but that he and Mr. Fairweather are planning to spend Monday, April 11, there.

They estimate it will be feasible for us to sign the contract early next week and I recommend arranging for signatures without undue delay. In event of difficulty in securing Mr. and Mrs. Donnelley or Mr. and Mrs. Scott to come to an evening function for signing, it might be feasible for you to take the donor to luncheon with one of these gentlemen, having the contract signed then -- having a dinner at your house afterwards, but not requiring that the dinner be in connection with the signatures.

Yours cordially,

Harold H. Swift



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April 1, 1937

President Max Baer,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Baer:

Enclosed are two reports from  
Mr. Baer. He was not able to go to Springfield to fix up the  
chapter of the Federation Group this week, but that he and  
Mr. Baer are planning to spend some time in April 11, there.  
They estimate it will be feasible for us to sign  
the contract early next week and I recommend arranging for  
signatures without undue delay. In event of difficulty in

to arrange Baer for signing, it might be feasible for  
you to make the honor to Baer with one of these gentlemen.  
Having the contract signed soon -- having a dinner at your  
house at dinner, but not forgetting that the dinner be in  
connection with the signature.

Yours cordially,

Frank B. Rowell