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Dear Mr. Hutchinsan,

Concerning your circular about the Journal & the Transactions, may I ask how you can page the advance copies of papers so that it will be the same ultimately in the Transactions, when you do not know ^{then} how much if any discussion there will be. The paragraph top of p. 2 of your circular is not clear to me, tho perhaps that is my fault.

I am interested because I recommended a similar plan to the A. E. S. but they turned it down, which I think was a mistake. Dr. Fink succeeds Dr. Richards as secretary & I have suggested to him to come to see you about it. His new address is 101 Park Ave. N. Y.

I think if all your secretaries were to get together & exchange experiences of the past, some uniform plan might be reached, as we are all interested in the same way, economy in printing.

Yrs truly
Carl Hering

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SUBJECT: Transactions.

November 21, 1921

Dr. Carl Hering
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Dear Dr. Hering:-

I have your letter of the 19th instant, in which you ask for an explanation of the manner in which we propose to bring about the result mentioned in our recent circular, dated November 12, to the effect that in the future pages of the Transactions will be identical with certain pages previously published in the monthly Journal.

We purposely omitted going into details regarding this in the circular, in order to keep the latter within reasonable limits, and also because of the fact that large numbers of members are not interested in this detail of publishing.

First, let me explain that in the future, as in the past, many papers will be published in pamphlet form in advance of a meeting and for use at the meeting, without regard to the monthly Journal or the annual Transactions.

There are two main views in the Publication Committee regarding method of publication after the above-mentioned pamphlet copies have been printed. One of these views is that no paper should be printed in the monthly Journal until two or three months after the meeting at which it is presented; or, in other words, papers should not be printed until the discussion on them is ready for publication. Then each paper should be printed with its discussion.

The alternative plan is to print the papers in the Journal at the earliest possible date, preferably prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented; thus giving every member an opportunity to see the paper in the Journal in advance of presentation and without the trouble of writing to Institute headquarters for an advance pamphlet copy. (This is the plan that I favor.) It is obvious that if this plan is finally adopted, the discussion cannot follow immediately after the paper.

Now, coming to the printing of the Transactions, first let it be understood that there will be two classes of material published in the monthly Journal, namely, the material that will ultimately be included in the annual Transactions, and the non-Transactions

material. Prior to publication in the Journal of any paper or discussion, a decision will be reached by the proper committee or authority, as to whether or not that particular paper or discussion is to form a part of the final Transactions. Then all the material that is to be in the final Transactions will be published on consecutive pages of the monthly Journal for any given month, the other material to follow it or precede it. Either one of the following two methods may then be adopted for printing the Transactions:

(1) After the required number of impressions have been printed for use in the monthly Journal, the presses will be stopped and the pages of the Journal that are to form part of the annual Transactions will then be reimposed, that is, again placed on the printing press, and the required number of copies of the annual Transactions printed. Thus, the pages will be identical with the pages of the Journal, with the exception of the folio numbers.

By this method we do not run into the complication of having two series of page numbers for the monthly Journal. In other words, the Journal is a publication by itself; it stands on its own foundation, without regard to the Transactions; and the December number of each year will contain a complete index of the Journal; so that any member who so desires may bind up his Journal and he will then have not only everything that will finally appear in the Transactions, but also a large amount of other material, all properly indexed, and he need not purchase a copy of the bound volume of the Transactions unless he desires to do so.

The above plan can be used whether or not the papers are printed in advance of their presentation, or whether they are held for publication until the discussion is ready. In the latter case, however, the discussion will always follow the paper. If, however, the papers are printed prior to presentation, it is obvious that the discussion cannot follow immediately after each paper. Personally, I do not consider that this is a serious objection to the plan, because in any event the index will give reference to both paper and discussion by page numbers, and in fact it is identically the same plan that has been followed in the monthly Proceedings for the past twenty-five years - that is, we have seldom printed in the Proceedings any discussion immediately following the paper to which it refers.

(2) If, however, it should finally be decided that it is important that each discussion should immediately follow the paper to which it refers, in the final Transactions, this result can be accomplished as follows: print the papers in the Journal, either before or after presentation, as outlined above; print the discussions either immediately following each paper or several months after presentation; but after printing the pages of the monthly Journal in each case, lay the

type pages aside for possibly two or three months, until the discussion has been printed in the Journal, in this case being very careful that in no case shall the discussion printed on any one page relate to more than one paper (if the page is not full, leave it blank, or insert unrelated "fillers"). They, certainly not later than three months after the publication of the paper in the Journal, the papers may be reimposed and printed for the Transactions, as outlined above.

By either of the above-mentioned methods it is obvious that pages in the Journal will be identical with pages in the Transactions, except folio numbers. And it is also by this method that a very large amount of money that is now spent for rearranging all the material that is printed in the Journal in order to make it fit the size of the Transactions' page, can be saved; and the only serious objection that has been made to the plan up to the present time, is that the Transactions will have a larger size page. Of course, this is an objection; but this subject of the desirability of eliminating the expense of duplication of printing has been discussed every year for twenty years or more, and at last the time has arrived when whether we like it or not, we are forced to eliminate this duplication of expense. The effect of the plan is to increase the dues of members who desire to obtain the Transactions bound in separate form; but on the other hand, members who do not desire duplicate copies of the papers and discussions need not purchase the bound Transactions, but may use their monthly Journals instead.

I note your remarks about Dr. Fink and I shall be glad to meet and talk with him at any time. It occurs to me that possibly you may wish to send him a copy of this letter, and I am therefore enclosing a duplicate.

With best regards

Very truly yours

Secretary

