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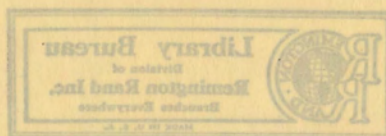
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FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

May 13, 1907.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

After the talk I had with you and Mr. Eicher with reference to the University exercising a larger control over the landladies in the neighborhood it occurred to me that it might be well to send out to those students who are living in buildings in the neighborhood not on our approved list a letter of inquiry asking how they had made their arrangements, whether their accommodations and treatment had proved satisfactory or not, and other questions as would be interesting in this connection. I think the value of the inquiry would be greatly increased if I enclose a card addressed to me by the Faculty Exchange, so as to make it as easy as possible for the student to reply. I think I should like to send out about 300 of these letters and there would be the expense of the postage, the printing the letters, and the printing the return card. Would you approve a requisition covering these expenses? If so I will go ahead on it at once.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Breckinridge
Dean.

B.

*Yes.
T.W.G.*

Dr. T. W. Goodspeed,
Faculty Exchange.

It is my desire to re-
turn to you a better
picture than you received
when it was first
finished.

Let me hear from
you on this point and
please make every effort
to help me.

Trusting you are well
and sending my regards
to Miss Talbot I am

Yours very truly
W. J. Goldbach

Painter of portrait in
Hatchinson Hall

Oct 19 1917

Dear Miss Breckenridge

I want you to bear
with me a little longer
in the matter of the portrait.

At last I have come to
a slight cessation in my
pressure of work and I
will go again at the
picture which some time
ago, in fact shortly after
it was shipped to me, I
started to revive and
had to drop again.

Now I find that in
order to really put it

in good shape I should have a photograph of Miss Talbot. This is very necessary so that in painting over I do not lose the likeness. No photograph of the painting itself will suffice because the tone values can not be preserved.

I would suggest if it is at all possible to find a practical photographer who will go to Miss Talbot (not one of those so-called "Artistic" photographers) but a man who will

render the likeness in a matter of fact detailed way. You have a photograph of the painting and by the aid of this Miss Talbot can be good precisely in the same manner, same costume, might back ground, same attitude of hands etc.

It I could get this Miss Prebenridge I hope to see you with the result.

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Dean
The University of Chicago
The Graduate School of Arts and Literature

January 26, 1920.

President Judson,
The University of Chicago.

My dear Chief:

My knowledge of the persons in the list which you have sent would not justify me in expressing an opinion at variance with that of the heads of the several departments --in case they are in the departments that have heads. I assume that you have their testimony. Without consulting them I submit my impressions for what they are worth:

Jernegan.

My impressions of him are less favorable than in the case of any one else in the list. On the other hand my means of information are so casual and fragmentary that they are worth nothing whatever except as a reason for asking questions of better informed persons. I have received from occasional accidental sources the idea that he has very contracted views of what a historian should try to do, that he confines himself to the practice of a finical technique upon material which may or may not have much importance on its own merits, and that he leaves upon students the impression that this sort of thing is history. It is quite possible that I am entirely in the wrong, and if Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Dodd testify to the contrary their opinion should outweigh mine several times over.

Allen.

I find myself giving a good deal of weight to his conduct during the war. He was certainly an example to the rest of his colleagues of the proper attitude of an American citizen --particularly if handicapped by the job of a teacher of German. Not for this alone, but taking it into account as of significance in connection with his long probation, I should vote for his promotion.

Howland.

I have for some time had the opinion that he has to a certain extent been the victim of circumstances. I remember that for some years Dr. Harper felt that he could save a little money on him, because his wife's income did not leave him as needy as others. Whether that unfortunate start has affected his subsequent fortunes I do not know. I think, however, that his failure to be fit in the Romance department, and then his failure to be more convincing than even Professor Moulton's personality could be in the General Literature department, are not severally or together decisive. I am of the opinion that one way to give his work the importance it deserves--even if I am not willing to apply Mr. Moulton's standard of measure to its importance,-- would be to give him the added prestige of advanced rank.

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Cross.

His specialty is not among those for which there is the widest demand, but his publications have given me solid respect for his scholarship. I do not think there can be any doubt about his title to promotion.

Breckinridge.

My opinion will be determined by the outcome of our next effort to reach a final understanding about permanent relations between the University and the School of Civics and Philanthropy. As I understand it, our entrance into the war tabled consideration of the problem which had been raised in its latest form partly at the suggestion of Mr. Rosenwald. I also understand that Mr. Marshall will recommend re-opening of that question in connection with the budget on which you are now working. A few weeks ago, at their request, I had a long talk with Miss Breckinridge and Miss Abbott about the whole situation. The only conclusion reached was that it was a mistake not to have asked Mr. Marshall and Mr. Burgess to be present, so that what they had to say could have been heard by all of us at once. We are expecting to have such a combined hearing shortly.

Meanwhile their approaches not only tended to convince me that they are in a better state of mind than ever before for judicial treatment of our inter-connected interests, but, as Mr. Marshall and I have agreed, if they could be removed from their present divided interest, they would be the most available workers in the country in the line of their special ambitions.

We very much need their type of work to supply a kind of training for which the demand is rapidly increasing. If we could reach a basis of co-operation in which there would be nothing equivocal in Miss Breckinridge's relations to our University, I should recommend the promotion.

Clark.

Blanchard.

Nelson.

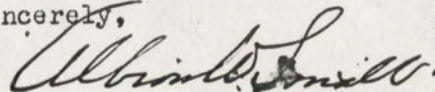
I suspect that my attitude toward the department of Public Speaking is a minority view. I agree that it cannot properly have Graduate School rating, but its importance in the undergraduate scheme seems to me to have been undervalued by the majority of our faculty. It seems to me imperative that promotion shall be open to every man whose specialty is recognized as of academic standing. If my judgment were decisive, no student would receive our Bachelor's degree unless he had done satisfactory work in two or three courses in Public Speaking. Whether the discipline is

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chiefly along the Clark or the Blanchard line, it contributes more directly and more permanently to an educated man's effectiveness than almost any single factor in our curriculum. I think each of these men has done a very high quality of work, and each seems to me to have earned promotion in the regular order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Albert S. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "A".

AWS:RY

To Miss
Breckinridge

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 22. 1936

Miba, dear,

Henry has just finished reading aloud to me the copy of More than Love which you were so good to send to me. How we have enjoyed it - and the memories which it has called up -

What a grand piece of work the dear Cate Dean has done for the University and for women -

Our traditions for women here
have been very fine too - and in a
way go back to Mrs. Palmer - through
Lucy Sprague Mitchell - the first Dean
of Women - and later for a long time now
through Miss Stebbins - Mrs. Davidson
and more recently Miss Hoyt have
given her fine support - too -

I am sorry that - Miss Lalbot feels
that - standards have been so lowered in
recent years - Of course I have more
or less looked on from the sidelines -
and the girls I have known best are
the Y. W. C. A. girls who are real

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Leaders on our campus, a fine
serious and attractive group interested
in Social Service, giving good volunteer
work in the local agencies -, Leading
in work among High School girls -
much interested in economic and
social questions with a fine balance
of judgment - I admire them
and feel that - on the whole they are a
more mature and able lot than the
College woman was in my day -

And the young married group of
College women - whom I know here

through my five daughters in law - and
in the League of Women Voters - and
among the young faculty wives - are
a grand lot -

At Christmas time I read and
enjoyed Teddy Lears Life of Miss
Aldams - and later we read his
novel which brought back a painful
episode in a way which I didn't
enjoy - The book didn't seem real to
either of us -

At Christmas time we planned to
make a real stay in Chicago on our
return from Huntclain where we had
Christmas with the eastern half of our
family - , Elizabeth and Charles with

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then Aunt Amy Lou - and baby
Henry Halford - and Roberts wife
Louise and then Betty Ann - But
while we were in New York, where Henry
was attending meetings and doing some
work, and I was visiting with Hubert in
the hospital - we both came down with
the flu - and were delayed - so that we had
to go straight back to Berkeley - But
sometime we are going to make a real
stay near the University - renew our youth
and see the few old friends who are
left there -

Emma Sherry - Charlotte Hillman and

Patty Chickering here tried to bring me
up to date - and now and then we
hear things through the papers and the
radio - But, as you say - the old
Kelly days are far away -

Much love to you and the dear Dean.
Tell her that, though I fell by the way-
side, I took joy in raising the percentage
of fellows who persevered long enough to
get their degrees - and in getting one
better than the average - And I think
if she saw my six grandchildren she
would think that - they made up for a
good deal - They are & been lot. if I do say so.
Yours very gratefully and loyally
Ethel Florence Holfield.