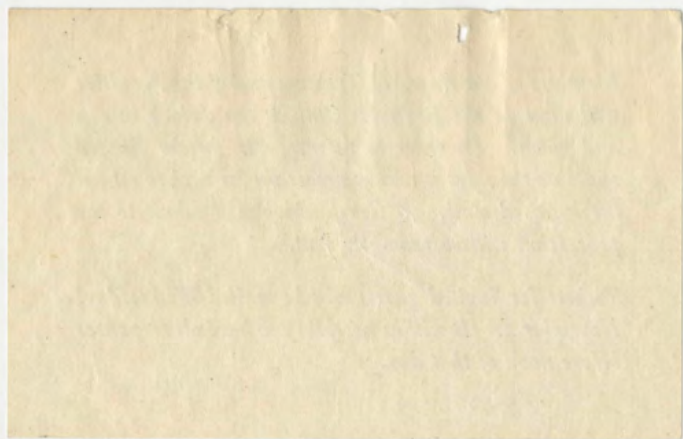


Members of the Board of Trustees and of the Faculties will meet in the Reynolds Club at ten o'clock in cap and gown. In order to reserve seats in the limited space on the stage it will be necessary for each to return the inclosed card. A ticket which will admit to the procession will be promptly sent.

Tickets for invited guests will be mailed Wednesday, November 2. It will be necessary to have all responses before noon of that day.



DEAN'S OFFICE
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENN.

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February 16, 1918.

*Degree
Curriculum*

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I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

H. C. Tolan

Dean.

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You, I remain

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THE CHICAGO DEGREE CEREMONY

Convocation, a term originally intended to apply to the general assemblage of the University of Chicago for any purpose whatever, has come to stand especially for the public University service for the conferring of degrees. Because degrees are regularly conferred at the conclusion of each quarter it happens that since the first Convocation held January 2, 1893, in the Central Music Hall until the occasion described in the present issue of the *University Record*, and including the special ones, ninety-six have been held.

From the very outset the Convocation program was determined:

- I. The Procession
- II. The Prayer
- III. The Convocation Address
- IV. The Award of Honors
- V. The Conferring of Degrees
- VI. The President's Statement
- VII. "Alma Mater"
- VIII. The Recession

The order of the procession is as follows:

The Marshal of the University
The Candidates for the Associate's Title and for the Certificate of the College of Education
The Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree
The Candidates for Higher Degrees
The Faculties of the University
The Official Guests of the University
The Trustees of the University
The President of the Board of Trustees and the Convocation Chaplain
The President of the University and the Convocation Orator

The position of each individual in each group is predetermined by the arrangement of the individuals for the degree ceremony. On the main floor candidates in the several groups are arranged alphabetically by marshals and aides: associates are seated at the back; candidates for higher degrees at the front. Upon the stage Trustees, Members of the Faculties, and Guests are seated. In the center of the front row is the President's chair. To his right are seated: the Convocation Orator, the Convocation Chaplain, the President of the Board of Trustees, the

Trustees, the Dean of Women. To his left are ranged: the Dean of the Faculties, the Deans of the Graduate Schools, the Dean of the Law School, the Dean of the Divinity School, the Dean of the Senior Colleges, the Dean of the Junior Colleges, the Recorder. Responsibility for these details, upon faithfulness to which depends in large part the ease and dignity of the exercises, rests upon the Marshal of the University, whose symbol is a black, gold-mounted baton. His assistants are the Head Marshal, who carries a mahogany, silver-mounted baton, and the marshals and aides, who wear mortarboards having maroon tassels.

All persons in the procession remain standing in their places until the President and the Convocation Orator reach their seats. When the President removes his cap and takes his seat, all do likewise. Immediately the President says: "Prayer will be offered by the Convocation Chaplain [announcing the name]." At the conclusion of the prayer the President again rises and says: "The Convocation address [announcing the subject] will be delivered by [announcing the name]."

At the conclusion of the Convocation Address, the President, during the musical interlude, seats himself in the Convocation Chair placed at the extreme right of the spectator. When the music is ended he dons his cap, as representing the authority of the University, rises, and says:

Attention is called to the Award of Honors:

Honorable Mention for excellence in the work of the Junior Colleges.

Honorable Mention for excellence in the work leading to the Certificate of the College of Education.

Scholarships in the Senior Colleges for excellence in the work of the Junior Colleges.

The Conferring of the Bachelor's Degree with Honors.

Honors for excellence in particular departments of the Senior Colleges.

Scholarships in the Graduate Schools for excellence in the work of the Senior Colleges.

Election to the Chicago Chapter of the Order of the Coif for high distinction in the professional work of the Law School.

Election to Sigma Xi on nomination of the Departments of Science for evidence of ability in research work in general.

Election to membership in the Beta of Illinois Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on nomination by the University for especial distinction in general scholarship in the University.

Degrees and titles will now be conferred.

The President, still wearing his cap, seats himself in the Convocation Chair.

Candidates for titles and degrees are presented by their Deans in the following order:

Candidates for the title of Associate and for the Certificate of the College of Education by the Dean of the Junior Colleges.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, or Science by the Dean of the Senior Colleges.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the Dean of the Law School.

Candidates for the degree of Master of Arts or Science by the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Literature or by the Dean of the Ogden Graduate School of Science.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity by the Dean of the Divinity School.

Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.) by the Dean of the Law School.

Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Literature or by the Dean of the Ogden Graduate School of Science.

When a Dean rises in his place on the platform, candidates to be presented by him rise in their places and proceed in previously arranged alphabetical order to the platform, escorted by marshals and aides who range the candidates in files facing the President. When all candidates are in place upon the platform the Dean presents the candidates and the President addresses them. The Dean then reads the name of each candidate as he approaches the President to receive from him the diploma which the Recorder passes to the President. In the case of Doctors the hood is placed upon each candidate by the University Marshal before the diploma is presented. The formulae for the Deans and the President are as follows:

TITLE OF ASSOCIATE

THE DEAN: Mr. President: These students have completed the work of the Junior Colleges and are presented for the title of Associate.

THE PRESIDENT: Young men and women: You have finished the work prescribed in the curriculum of the Junior Colleges of the University of Chicago, and you have attained that degree of maturity and accomplishment which will enable you to pursue with advantage studies of a University character conducted in accordance with University methods. You are therefore admitted to the rank of Associate in the University, and in testimony of this fact I present you these diplomas.

THE CERTIFICATE OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

THE DEAN: Mr. President: These students have completed the two years' course under the regulations of the School of Education and are presented for the Certificate.

THE PRESIDENT: Young women: You have finished the work prescribed in the curriculum of the two years' course of the School of Education of the University of Chicago. You have attained that degree of training and scholarship which will enable you to discharge with credit to yourselves and to the University the duties of the honorable profession which you have chosen. In testimony of this fact I present you with these diplomas.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, PHILOSOPHY, OR SCIENCE

THE DEAN: Hi, praeses, juvenes, ex collegii disciplina evadentes, gradum Baccalaurei petunt.

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, iuvenes, qui per tempus debitum in studia feliciter incubuistis, Curatores Universitatis Chicaginiensis ad gradum Baccalaurei admiserunt. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite, piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

RE-ENACTED DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, ad gradum Baccalaurei redintegratum admissi estis. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite, piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

BACHELOR OF LAWS

THE DEAN: Hi, praeses, juvenes, ex disciplina juris ac legum evadentes, gradum Baccalaurei in Legibus petunt.

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, iuvenes, qui per tempus debitum in studia feliciter incubuistis, Curatores Universitatis Chicaginiensis ad gradum Baccalaurei in Legibus admiserunt. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite, piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

MASTER OF ARTS OR SCIENCE

THE DEAN: Hi, praeses, juvenes, ex scholae baccalaureorum disciplina evadentes, gradum Magistri petunt.

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, iuvenes, qui per tempus debitum in studia feliciter incubuistis, Curatores Universitatis Chicaginiensis suadente Professorum ordine idoneo, Senatuque approbante, ad gradum Magistri admiserunt. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite, piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

THE DEAN: Hi, praeses, juvenes, ex sacrae theologiae disciplina evadentes, gradum Baccalaurei petunt.

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, iuvenes, qui per tempus debitum in studia feliciter incubuistis, Curatores Universitatis Chicaginiensis ad gradum Baccalaurei in Sacra Theologia admiserunt. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite, piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

RE-ENACTED DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIVINITY FROM THE OLD UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE DEAN: Hi, praeses, juvenes, ad gradum Baccalaurei in Sacra Theologia ex Priori Universitate olim admissi eundum gradum redintegratum petunt.

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, ad gradum Baccalaurei in Sacra Theologia redintegratum admissi estis. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

DOCTOR OF LAW

THE DEAN: Hi, praeses, juvenes, baccalaurei, ex disciplina juris ac legum evadentes, gradum Juris Doctoris petunt.

THE PRESIDENT: Vos, iuvenes optimi, qui, per tempus debitum omni cogitatione curaue studiis dediti, eximiae esse spei vos probastis, Curatores Universitatis, suadente Professorum ordine idoneo, Senatuque approbante, ad gradum Juris Doctoris admiserunt. In cuius rei testimonium haec diplomata vobis trado. Quae accipite piisque animis Matrem Almam colite.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Honorary degrees, the first of which was conferred in 1899 upon William McKinley, President of the United States, are given at a regular Convocation after the conferring of the degrees in course, or at a special Convocation called for the purpose, as in 1899 for President McKinley or in 1903 for President Roosevelt. The candidate is presented by the head or chairman of the appropriate department, and the President in conferring the degree uses a special formula for each candidate. President McKinley was presented by the Professor of International Law and Diplomacy, Head of the Department of Political Science, and Dean of the Faculties of Arts, Literature, and Science, who, escorting the candidate to the Convocation chair, addressed the President of the University.

The President of the University then said:

You, William McKinley—a man endowed with all advantages of education and experience, who, at the time of gravest crisis, when the weal not only of this Republic, but of foreign states, was put in deepest peril, and the path of wisdom lay dark before

the people, served each highest interest, and, by your wisdom and your foresight, out of confusion brought a happy ending—the Trustees of the University of Chicago, on nomination by the University Senate, have admitted to the degree of Doctor of Laws now for the first time given by them, and have granted and bestowed upon you all honors, rights, and privileges here or elsewhere pertaining to the same. In testimony whereof, I now present you with the Doctor's hood of the University of Chicago, which, in virtue of this degree, you have the right to wear, and with the diploma of the University. And may you increase in wisdom and virtue, and, in days to come, as in the past, cherish the Republic and defend her.

The normal form is that used in conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Basil Lanneau Gildersleeve, Professor of Greek in Johns Hopkins University:

Professor of Greek in the Johns Hopkins University; founder and editor of the *American Journal of Philology*; at once lover of letters and student of linguistic science; commentator, in noteworthy editions, upon Pindar and Persius; author of a Latin Grammar based on scientific principles; investigator, and stimulator of the investigations of others; author of a work now appearing in which the results of many years of study of the Syntax of Classical Greek are summarized: for these distinguished services, and especially for the last named, by the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago, upon the nomination of the University Senate, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws of this University, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereunto.

The President's Statement generally consists of four parts. He first expresses to the Convocation Orator the thanks of the University. He then refers to the death of any member of the University, if there has been any such since the last Convocation, and requests all to stand in silence in memory of the deceased. When the audience has risen, Pleyel's Hymn is played on the Alice Freeman Palmer chimes. When the people are again seated, the President reviews the condition of the University and announces gifts or plans, concluding with an invitation to join in the singing of the "Alma Mater," and with the announcement: "After the benediction the audience is requested to remain seated until after the recessional."

The Recession is conducted in an order exactly the reverse of the Procession.

Answered APR 15 1902

Francis W. Shepard

Secretary

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April 16th, 1902.

Honorable Robert S. McCormick,

United States Minister, Vienna, Austria.

My dear Sir:

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Legation of the United States of America

Vienna, Austria.

April 14 1902.



Mr. William R. Harper,
President of the University of
Chicago.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo and to state that I showed both it and its enclosure to a representative of the Neue Wiener Tagblatt and requested him to act on your suggestion and publish the letter of Dr. Komzák.

This he did not think wise to do, apparently, but printed the enclosed statement which I think should do away effectually, in the mind of the readers of that paper at least, with the idea that the University of Chicago issues degrees in absentia. This article will also place the institution which is not over careful in removing an impression that

Received of the
Francis & Co.
London

Department of the United States of America
Treasury Department
Washington

1862
No. 1000
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed issue of the United States Treasury Notes, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, very obediently,
J. M. Smith

Legation of the United States of America

Vienna, Austria.

"that it is the University of Chicago" in its proper place, both in the eyes of those who have purchased degrees and of any who would avail themselves of such empty honors with the hope of defrauding an unsuspecting public, as does the institution which sells its degrees by the use of the name of another institution, the character and standing of which is known throughout the world.

Please Command me when I can be of service to you or to the institution of which I, as a Chicagoan, am most proud.

I am, Sir,
very truly, Yours,
Robert S. McCormick
United States Minister.

Enclosure;
1. Statement as above.

Legation of the United States of America

Vienna, Austria

That it is the intention of the United States of America
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Richard
Statement of above

Neues Wiener Tagblatt.

Demokratisches Organ.

Sonntag, den 23. März 1902.

* (Von der Chicagoer Universität.) Seit einiger Zeit gelangen an das Rectorat der als Hochschule ersten Ranges wohl auch in der alten Welt bekannten Universität von Chicago Zuschriften auch aus Wien, worin um Ertheilung des Doctorgrades in absentia (1) für Philosophie, Jurisprudenz und sogar für Medicin ersucht wird. Der Präsident der Universität von Chicago Professor William R. Harper hat sich in einem Schreiben an die hiesige amerikanische Gesandtschaft gewendet, mit der Bitte, im geeigneten Wege die Oeffentlichkeit darüber aufzuklären, daß solchem absurden Ansinnen seitens der von John D. Rockefeller gegründeten Universität von Chicago, die eine ernste moderne Hochschule ist, selbstverständlich unter keinen Umständen entsprochen wird. Es gibt in Chicago wohl eine obscure, den Titel einer Universität mißbrauchende Firma, welche Doctor-diplome in der ganzen Welt an Solche, die nicht „alle“ werden, verkauft, und um mit diesem „Institut“ künftighin nicht mehr verwechselt zu werden, begibt sich die Universität von Chicago in den Schutz der Oeffentlichkeit, indem sie feststellt, daß sie in keiner Form Promotionen in absentia vornimmt.

Department of the Interior
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Professor C. Judson Herrick,
Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Herrick:

I am interested in your letter of recent date regarding the bachelor's degree at Shepardson College. I think it is a good thing to try to break up the practice of granting a two-year-degree, if you can do so.

The title of "Associate" in Arts, Literature or Science, is conferred by the University of Chicago upon those persons who complete with credit the first two years of college work. This title was adopted after much discussion, it being discovered that many persons take only two years of work in college and that it is desirable to give them some certificate of completion of this work. It was also found that the first two years of work is mostly required work, the period of election usually beginning with the third year as at Denison. The completion of the first two years seems to mark the completion of a definite stage in college work.

June 3rd, 1902.

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Furthermore, it was found, on the one hand, that some academies offer opportunity for more study than is required for admission to Freshman classes, and on the other hand that some colleges think seriously of giving up the work of the Senior year, because of lack of funds. All of these reasons were influential with the University in the adoption of the title of Associate.

This title is now conferred by Lewis Institute, in the city of Chicago, upon completion of the first two years of work, and by Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria.

The certificate is on parchment. I hoped that I might secure a soiled copy for you, but as that failed I send you a copy of the wording.

Hoping that these facts may be of advantage to you and that you may be able to lead the Trustees to think seriously of the question, I remain

Very truly yours,

N. E.:

I regret that I shall not be able to come to Commencement.

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and on the other hand that some colleges think ser-

than is required for admission to Freshman classes,

some ~~colleges~~ offer opportunity for more study

Furthermore, it was found, on the one hand, that

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Received JUN 2 1902
Francis W. Shepardson
Secretary to the President



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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Approved JUN 2 1902
Francis W. Shephardson,
Secretary to the President

MAY 31, 1902.

My dear Dr. Shephardson,

At the last meeting of the faculty of
Denton University it developed that every member of this faculty
is bitterly opposed to the present distasteful practice of Shephardson
College in conferring a bachelor's degree for two years of college
work. A recommendation was unanimously passed urging the Board of
Trustees of Shephardson College to grant some other form of diploma
in recognition of that two year's course than a bachelor's degree.
We are very anxious that this be favorably acted upon by the board.
The fact that nothing will come of it unless the board has very
definite information and something very specific before them.
Will you therefore kindly have sent to me or to President Hunt a
copy of the certificate given by Chicago University upon completion
of the Junior College work ("Associate" in Arts, Letters, etc. I believe)
and any other information which would be of value in giving our
board a knowledge of what is being done in this line in other
institutions. For instance, is a similar certificate given by any
other institutions under similar conditions, that you know of?
Any information along these lines would, I think, materially
assist in a very important reform.
With best regards,
Very sincerely yours,
C. Johnston

Aug. 20th, 1902.

My dear Mr. Freund:-

I found the trustees yesterday very much opposed to the regulation proposed to allow unclassified students to become candidates for the L.L.B. degree. They were ready to vote it down. I finally got it turned over to a committee of which Mr. Baldwin is chairman. I think it would be a good idea for you to prepare a defence of the position. I have asked him to write you to meet the committee and place before them the consideration which led the faculty to adopt the action.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

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24
December 30, 1902.

Mr. W. Stairs,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to President Harper is received during his absence. I do not find his letter to Doctor Lockhart which you mentioned. I cannot think however that he said that the degree of Ph. D. would be conferred after six months residence, since a minimum residence requirement of the University is three quarters or nine months.

The work of the winter quarter will not begin until Monday January 5th.

Yours truly,

W. B. Harper

11 Rutledge
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W. E. Harper

21 Rutland Ave. Answered DEC 29 1902

Francis W. Shepardson, Jr.

Secretary to the President.

(5)

Des Moines, Ia.,

Dec. 27th 1902.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

I had intended to visit - you on the 29th of this month to confer with you in reference to the Ph.D. degree in the University of Chicago, but having word from Bro. Ames that you left Chicago on the 24th for a trip eastward & that he did not know the date of your return, I have decided to

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241 Putnam Ave.
Francis W. St.
Secretary to the
Mrs. Mowbray
Dec. 27



Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I had intended to
visit you on the 24th
of this month to confer
with you in reference
to a short course looking
to the O.D. before in the
University of Chicago, but
having word from Bro.
Storrs that you left Chi-
cago on the 24th for a
trip Eastward & that he did
not know the date of your
return, I have decided to

write you.

I have your letter to Dr. Lockwood, which you state that the consideration of granting the desired degree will require 6 months residence work on my part. I accordingly hope to arrange to begin with you Jan. '13.

I trust that it will be unnecessary for me to visit you ~~next~~ ^{next} week, but ^{that} the course can be arranged on Monday Jan. 5th, if I can consummate my plans to be with you.

Otherwise, or in any case, please write me. Sincerely, W. Stairs.

DEC 30 1895

ALBANY
FRANCIS
DEC 30 1895

write you.
I have your letter to Dr. Jackson in
which you state that
the subscription of front
ing the desired degree
will require 6 months
or more work on my
part. I am obliged to
begin to work at
first for Jan. '96.
I trust that it will be
unnecessary for me to visit
you ~~that~~ ^{but} the course
can be arranged at Albany
for \$5, if I can communicate
my plans to be with you.
I remain, in and ever, please
write me. Sincerely, W. B. Davis.

Degrees

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March 28th, 1903.

Mr. D. J. Fleming,

41 East 69th Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

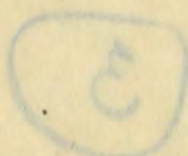
There are two kinds of Master's degrees: The one called the specialist degree and the second the non-specialist. Our edition of the Graduate Circular is now temporarily out of print but I send you a copy of the requirements for this degree.

"The Specialist Degree. (1) At least seven Majors of resident graduate work, all falling in one department (or nine Majors, six in the one department and three in another); (2) the presentation of a satisfactory dissertation on a subject approved by the department; (3) The delivery of five printed or typewritten copies of this dissertation to the University Librarian."

"The Non-Specialist Degree. Nine Majors of resident graduate work distributed among three departments, not more than six Majors falling in any one group of departments. No dissertation is required."

As a minimum residence of nine months is required for the Master's degree no credit is allowed by the University toward this degree for work done in any other institution.

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We shall be glad to have you return to the University.

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W. R. Harper

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W. R. Harper

Answered MAR 26 1903

Dear Sir Francis W. Shepardson,

Secretary to the President.

I should like to

ask two questions.

Answered MAR 27 1903
Francis W. Shepardson
Secretary to the President.

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(1) I understand that for
majors are required for
the degree of Master of
Science. If six of

these are in Science and
Math., would any Majors
in Philosophy or Theology
be accepted for the re-
mainder?

Limited
time, a need for some
philosophy, and a desire
for the degree of M.Sc., suggest
this question.

(2) I have been doing four
hours a week graduate
work in Mathematics at

Columbia University
this winter. If this
is duly certified, will
any credit be given for
it in Chicago University?
I do not care to know
how much credit, for
you need not say, with-
out more detail, but
simply whether it would
be recognized in partial
fulfilment of requirements
for M. Sc.

Please find stamp
inclosed for reply.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,
D. J. Fleming

41 E. 69

New York.

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]

June 7th, 1906.

Degree

My dear Mr. Butler:

Dr. Henry Clay Mable, the Convocation Chaplain, will have his degree of Bachelor from the Old University reinacted at the coming Convocation, and Mr. Judson desires me to ask you whether you will present him to candidacy. The form used is as follows:

"Qui ad gradum Baccalaurei ex Priori Universitate Chicaginiensi admissi sunt, accedant."

(Introducing to the President)

"Hi, Praeses, ad gradum Baccalaurei ex Priori Universitate olim admissi, eundem gradum redintegratum petunt."

Yours very truly,

H. P. Chandler
Secretary to the President

Secretary to the President.

June 2th, 1906.

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Degrees

April 6, 1907.

My dear Sir:

I am informed that a bill is pending in the House authorizing the state normal schools to grant degrees. If the bill authorizes the granting of degrees which are purely professional, there is certainly no objection. I should certainly hope that the measure might not be so broad in its scope as to warrant the granting of academic degrees. I hope that careful consideration will be given to the matter from this point of view. No one is a stronger friend of the normal schools than I am. In some states an unfortunate laxity has made the granting of academic degrees possible in such a way as to produce very unfortunate results. Illinois laws are already too loose on this subject in the opinion of most college and university men. It is for this reason that I take the liberty of writing you on this subject.

Very truly yours,

*Mr. J. P. McGowen
Springfield, Ill*

H. P. Judson
H. P. Judson

April 6, 1907.

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July 1, 1908.

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"Upon the recommendation of the Faculty of the Junior Colleges and of the Senate, and upon the approval of the University Congregation, the Trustees have voted to confer the title or degree of Associate upon those students who finish the work of the Junior Colleges. The action in the Faculty of the Junior Colleges and in the Senate was practically unanimous-- the action of the Board of Trustees was entirely unanimous. "

Sincerely yours,

D. A. Robertson
Secretary to the President
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Answered

David A. Robertson,

Secretary to the President.

JOHN CALVIN JUNIOR-COLLEGE

JUL 1 1908

443 S. UNION ST., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

June 15, 1908

(10)
Mr. D. A. Robertson
Secretary to The President
of Chicago University.

My dear Sir,

Kindly inform me
whether the title of "Associate",
the degree conferred upon your
graduates from your Junior
College, is given in accordance
with an article in the Act of
Incorporation of your Institu-
tion and secondly is "B. E."
the abbreviation for the title
"Associate".

In advance my thanks
for your information.

Yours Truly,
Albert J. Rookes.

JOHN CALVIN JUNIOR-COLLAGE

My. A. A. Robertson

Secretary to the President

My dear Sir

Kindly acknowledge

The above is a copy of the original.

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Examiner

Regent

President Harry Pratt Judson,
Faculty Exchange.

11/14/14

Dear President Judson;

So far as I am aware, nothing has been done looking to the disposition of this matter since the death of Dr. Draper. If I remember correctly, you told me that you expected to be present at the inauguration of President Finley and would personally confer with him about the matter. Meanwhile we asked Mr. Downing to send, as he had expressed willingness to do, a representative of his department to investigate the conditions under which the correspondence study work of the University is done.

Yours very truly,

Walter A. Payne_{II}

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Office of the Examiner

The University of Chicago

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STATE OF NEW YORK
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS ROOM

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Albany, April 21, 1913

President Harry Pratt Judson

University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sir:

Your favor of the 15th instant is received in the absence of Commissioner Draper, who is confined to his home by illness. As he is hardly able to consider such questions now, I have taken the liberty of holding your letter for his later attention, and have acquainted Dr Downing with its contents, asking that in the meantime he write you explaining more fully the thought of the Regents of the University of the State of New York in relation to registration of baccalaureate degrees.

Very sincerely yours

(Mrs) Florence H. Guene

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Secretary to the Commissioner

Chicago, April 23, 1913

Dear Mrs. Greene:-

Your favor of the
21st inst. received. I am very
sorry to hear that Commissioner
Draper is ill, and trust that he
will have an early and complete
recovery. When he is able to
consider business I shall be
gladly gratified to hear from him.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mrs. Honore H. Greene,
Education Department,
Albany, New York.

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Mrs. Honore H. Greene,
Education Department,
Albany, New York.

April 22, 1913

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President Harry Pratt Judson
University of Chicago
Chicago,
Ill.

My dear President Judson:

The Secretary to the Commissioner has handed me your letter of the 15th instant together with copy of her acknowledgment and my letter of April 10.

In explanation of my letter of the 10th I have to say that from time to time during the past four years there have come to the Department cases involving the baccalaureate degrees of Chicago University, that is, whether these degrees had been conferred after the completion of a four years' course in residence or whether they had been conferred after a part of the work (at least) had been done in absentia or by correspondence. These questions have come from different officers of the University, and they have been informed that it is not the policy of the Board of Regents to register institutions that confer degrees upon the basis of work done in absentia or by correspondence.

Under date of April 4, 1913, an examiner of the University of Chicago, Mr Walter A. Payne, raised the question as to why the University of Chicago was not registered under section 401, that is, why it was not accorded the same recognition that is given to Princeton, Yale, Harvard, and other institutions not in this State. Under date of April 10 I wrote him that the reason the institution was not given a higher rating was because of its conferment of degrees for non-resident work. Then with a view to bringing the matter to your attention I wrote the letter of April 10 saying "I am preparing to bring the matter to the attention of the Regents with a view to rescinding the registration of these degrees." I had it in mind to raise the question with you directly rather than to continue the correspondence in the matter with those who were in a position only to discuss the question academically and without authority.

April 12, 1915

President Harry Pratt Johnson
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

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The catalog of Chicago University states that a candidate for the baccalaureate degree may do 18 of the required 36 majors of college work by correspondence, or, in other words, about half of the work required for the degree.

To the best of my knowledge, no institution has been registered by the Regents (save Chicago University) that gives credit for correspondence work towards the B.A. or B.S. degrees, and the registration of Chicago University carries over from a time antedating the reorganization of the Department in 1904.

When the question was raised by Mr Payne as to why the University was not given a higher rating , in studying the matter the whole question of the registration of the University came up and it was with a view to finding out authoritatively what the facts are in regard to correspondence work that my letter of April 10 was written direct to you.

Since the reorganization of the Department in 1904, the Regents have steadfastly declined to accept for registration institutions which confer the baccalaureate degrees upon the basis of correspondence work, and if the policy is to be changed, I would gladly have the procedure of Chicago University as to correspondence work, clearly outlined in order that the present policy of the Department regarding the recognition of degrees may be justified or modified.

Yours very respectfully

Augustus S. Downing
First Assistant Commissioner of Education

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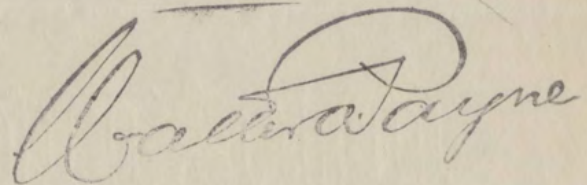
My dear President Judson:

I enclose herewith the letter from the Assistant Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, which I showed you Saturday morning; also the "Hand Book," in which you will find on page 24 the University of Chicago classified with "schools maintaining lower requirements than those enumerated in Section 401."

I am forwarding this to you for such light as it may throw upon the correspondence which you have received from Mr. Downing.

I know of no other officer of the University who has had correspondence with the Commissioner of Education of New York on this subject; Dean Angell knows nothing about it.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter D. Payne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Examiner.

Examiner

The University of Chicago

Office of the Registrar

4/17/13

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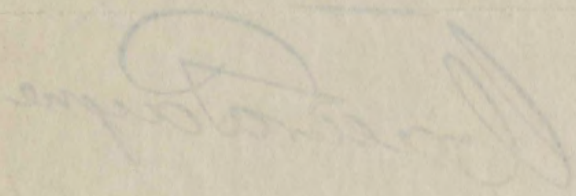
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Registrar

STATE OF NEW YORK
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ALBANY

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April 10, 1913

Waller A. Payne, Examiner
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 4th regarding the recognition accorded the degrees of the University of Chicago. The degrees of Chicago University in arts and science have not been recommended to the Regents for registration under higher sections than those given in our Handbook, because of their conferment on non-resident work.

We are in correspondence with President Judson regarding the recommendation to the Regents of the rescinding of the registration of the courses under the sections enumerated and the recommendation will probably be referred to the Regents for action at the next meeting of the Board.

Very respectfully yours

Augustus S. Downing
First Assistant Commissioner of Education

April 1, 1912

Miss J. B. Jones, Examiner
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 1st

concerning the request for registration of the
University of Chicago. The request of Chicago
is in line with action taken and has been
the request for registration under higher education
which took in the past, and of their
on non-resident work.

We are in agreement with the action taken
regarding the recommendation to the Board of the
tag of the registration of the degree under the
enumerated and the recommendation will be
to the Board for action as the Board seeing fit.

Respectfully,
Yours truly,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

Augustine J. Johnson
Chief Assistant Commissioner of Education

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON THE GRANTING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

To the Senate:

Your Committee is unanimously in favor of the following propositions:

- (1) That The University of Chicago shall grant honorary degrees.
- (2) That such degrees shall be granted systematically rather than sporadically.
- (3) That a standing Committee of the Senate be appointed to take this matter in charge.

Therefore, the following is proposed as a substitute for Article XI, Section 15, Nos. 1 and 2 of the "Regulations":

1. The by-law of the Senate defining the method of recommending candidates for honorary degrees is as follows:

a. A Standing Committee on Honorary Degrees, consisting of seven senators, is appointed, the President being Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
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University Senate - February 25, 1911

"Notice was given at the last meeting of the Senate that a motion would be introduced at this meeting that votes upon recommendations to confer honorary degrees be taken by ballot. This motion was made by Mr. Mathews and unanimously carried."

University Senate - May 27, 1911

Recommendation of honorary degree for Count von Bernstorff -

"Vote upon this report, in accordance with the Senate rule, was taken by ballot, resulting in the approval of the recommendation by vote of 15 aye, 2 nay."

University Senate - February 22, 1911

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University Senate - May 24, 1911

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The University of Chicago

The School of Education

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 2, 1913.

Degrees

My dear President Judson:

I enclose some correspondence which passed earlier in the month between Dean Parker and the New York State Department. You will note from this correspondence that several of our degrees are now said to be accepted by the State Department in New York. I enclose also the blank which we had started to fill out. In view of your comments the other day we shall not carry this matter further unless we hear from you directing us to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles H. Judd
S.

President H. P. Judson,
The University of Chicago.

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The University of Chicago

The School of Education

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 2, 1918

My dear President Johnson:

I enclose some correspondence which passed earlier in the month between Dean Parker and the New York State Department. You will note from this correspondence that several of our degrees are now said to be accepted by the State Department in New York. I enclose also the blank which we had started to fill out. In view of your comments the other day we shall not carry this matter further unless we hear from you directing us to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles F. Johnson

President H. F. Johnson,
The University of Chicago.

CHJ-6

Chicago, May 15, 1913

Dear Mr. Judd:-

Herewith I am returning the Downing material. I don't quite understand the situation on this matter in the light of Mr. Downing's letter to me to the effect that our bachelor's degrees are not approved. At all events this matter should hardly be conducted by one branch only of the University, but should rather relate to all degrees. Inasmuch as the Commissioner, Dr. Draper, since this correspondence was initiated has died I suppose that it would be a matter for the University Examiner to continue with Mr. Downing. It might therefore be well if you would refer this matter to him, and he and I can confer on it directly. I am sending this to you so that you may know the situation, and in case you may have any further suggestion.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 27, 1915.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Degree

My dear Mr. Judson:-

From one or two different quarters lately I have heard a rumor, or statement, that certain alumni of the Law School, which was founded in 1859, as a part of the old University of Chicago, and which then became the Union College of Law in 1873, and is now the Law School of Northwestern University, were offered a diploma of the degree of Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Laws, by the new Chicago University since the charter of 1891.

I do not understand how a graduate of the old Law School could receive a Bachelor of Arts diploma. In any case, the different rumors have come to me only at third-hand, and I daresay that they are quite confused and different from the reality. However, a recent letter ^{from an alumnus} makes it necessary for me to know exactly what may have been done or offered to alumni of the old original Law School of the University of Chicago. Would you be good enough to furnish me with a statement of the facts?

There is no hurry about this, and I await your
entire convenience.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Wigmore

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John P. ...

Chicago, May 31, 1915

My dear Dean Wigmore:-

With reference to the law graduates to whom you refer I beg to enclose the following, which contains transcript of the minutes of the Board of Trustees with reference to the rescinded degrees. You will see at once that this could not apply to law degrees. If you will give me the name of the person concerned I daresay I can readily verify all the facts in the case.

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Dean John H. Wigmore,
Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago.

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Dean John H. Wigmore,
Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago.

6128 University Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois,
December 1, 1916.

My dear Mr. Robertson:-

You will recall that when I was at your office last, in looking over your stock of early bulletins we came across a copy of a "Revised Edition" of Bulletin No.2, on "The Colleges of the University," and that we compared it in a cursory way with the copy of the original edition of Bulletin No.2 which was in my set, but could seem to find no difference.

You kindly offered me the copy of the revised edition, to bind up with the specimen of the original edition, and I took it along with me.

Since that time I have carefully collated the two editions, and I find that there is a one difference between them of an interesting and significant character.

In the original edition, the College of Literature is to grant the A.B. In other words, it provides for but two baccalaureate degrees,- A.B. and S.B.

In the revised edition, however, the College of Literature is advertised to grant the degree of Ph.B., thus making the trinity of baccalaureate degrees which has existed ever since the opening of the University.

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Yours sincerely,

James Vincent Harbo

Delayed

3496 So. Broadway, Denver, Colorado
August 10, 1917

President Harry Pratt Judson
University of Chicago

My dear Sir:

Mention is made in the Philosophy Department Circular of the University of Chicago of the fact that under certain conditions Doctors of Philosophy from institutions other than the University of Chicago may become the guests of the University.

Representing the University of Denver with the Doctor's Degree received in June of the year, I should appreciate very greatly the honor of such an invitation.

My plan is to continue special graduate studies leading to the Doctor's degree from your University. It will be a pleasure for me to hear from you and to answer any questions you may wish to ask. I shall be in Chicago early in September and can call at your office on about the seventh of the month.

Very Respectfully yours,

Henry M. Butterhouse
University of Denver

3436 So. Broadway, Denver, Colorado
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Henry M. Johnston
University of Denver

N.B. With your permission I enclose these
testimonials written for use in making
application for a teaching position

Henry M. Bettenhausen
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Aug. 10, 1917

I write to commend to your confidence and regard
the Rev. Henry M. Bettenhausen, A.B., S.T.B., A.M.,
Ph.D.

Mr. Bettenhausen won his A. B. degree at Baldwin
College in Ohio and his S. T. B. at Garrett Bibli-
cal Institute. He has now been for two years a
student in residence at the University of Denver
and has won here the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

I wish to commend him for any college or university
position for which he may make application.
He will prove himself to be capable and efficient.
He deserves a large opportunity of service.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Henry A. Bawchtel

Chancellor University of Denver,
Former Governor of Colorado.

August 3, 1917.
(Duplicate)

H.A.B-C.G.

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(Signed) Henry A. Burdick

Chancellor University of Denver,
Former Governor of Colorado.

August 2, 1917.
(Typed)

H.A.B.-J.G.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

My dear Sirs;

I wish most heartily to endorse the application of Mr. Henry M. Bettenhausen for a teaching position at your University. During the past two years he has been a private student with me in philosophy. He has abundantly demonstrated that he has in high degree the student's enthusiastic interest and devotion united with excellent ability. He has a very strong and well-balanced character and a choice personality. To all of which he adds large capacity for effective work. I consider him very promising both for scholarship and teaching.

I am sure you will find him highly appreciative and truly worthy of any privileges and consideration you may see fit to grant him.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) S. A. Lough,
The Department of Philosophy
University of Denver.
(Now President-Elect of
Baker University. H. M. B.)

February seventeen
Nineteen-seventeen
(duplicate)

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

My dear Sir:

I with most hearty endorsement the application of Mr. Henry M. Patterson for a teaching position at your University. During the past two years he has been a private student with me in philosophy. He has abundantly demonstrated that he has in him the student's enthusiastic interest and devotedness united with excellent ability. He has a very strong and well-balanced character and a social personality. To all of which he adds large capacity for effective work. I consider him very promising both for scholarship and teaching.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) S. A. Long
The Department of Philosophy
University of Denver
(New President of
Sister University, M. M. D.)

February seventeen
Nineteen-twenty
(Initials)

BALDWIN--WALLACE COLLEGE.

This introduces Mr. H. M. Bettenhausen who was a student at Baldwin - Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, and who is an alumnus of this institution. Mr. Bettenhausen made an exceptionally good record as a student. He is a man of high ideals and naturally very well qualified for the teaching profession, His character, thorough training and natural ability give assurance of the largest possible success in his life work as a teacher.

I can recommend him most highly and am confident that he will render the best possible service in any position for which he may apply.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) *Arthur K. Breslich*

President.

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President.

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My dear Sirs;

I know Mr. Henry M. Bettenhausen who is an applicant with you for a teaching position, and write in hearty endorsement of his request.

Mr. Bettenhausen has worked with me in advanced under-graduate courses. He has many times taken the leadership of the subject and of the class, presenting some phase of the work--always with scholarly ability--and then leading the class into profitable discussion. He contributes to the strength and pleasantness of every class he enters.

I hold Mr. Bettenhausen in very high regard and commend him sincerely because of the power I have mentioned, but most of all because his mind is free and kind and growing.

With best wishes,

I am yours sincerely,

(Signed) Ida Kruse McFarlane,

Head of the Department of English,
University of Denver.

February sixteen
Nineteen-seventeen

(Duplicate)

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(Signed) Lee Ernst Bettemann,

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February sixteen
Nineteen-twenty

(Duplicate)

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