Secretary of State State of Illinois

Springfield

LEWIS G.STEVENSON SECRETARY OF STATE

March 3rd, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. President:

I inclose herewith a copy of a letter I intend sending to the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, University of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. I believe you will heartily approve this effort on my part.

I have on several occasions heard the Governor speak of your friendship. As the result of this I am going to ask you to co-operate with me by writing a somewhat similar letter to Dr. Mahaffy, the Provost.

President James, of the University of Illinois, has written a strong letter, as has also Ex-Governor Yates, and I feel as a result of our joint efforts we will be able to have the distinguished services of Governor Dunne to the Commonwealth and the Nation recognized in this highly deserved manner.

May I ask you to write at your earliest convenience and send me a copy of the letter so that I may show it to the Governor.

With highest regards always, I am

Singerely yours,

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To the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, University of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.

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In the years 1871, 1872 and 1873 the present Governor of Illinois, Honorable Edward FitzSimmons Dunne, was a student in your University. He passed the "little-go" examination with distinguished credit near the top of the list and was an honor man in logic and metaphysics.

He is American born and was sent by his parents to your University for his education. His father, a resident of Peoria, Illinois at the time, later failed in business and was compelled to bring his son back to the United States before the present Governor obtained his final degree.

Since returning to America the son pursued his studies and was admitted to the bar of this State in 1876. After practicing law in the City of Chicago for sixteen years he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the highest court of jurisdiction in the County, in which is located the City of Chicago. He was twice re-elected by enormous majorities and in all served thirteen years upon the bench, when he was elected Mayor of the City of Chicago, the fourth greatest city in the world.

He served with credit as the Mayor of Chicago for one term and soon thereafter - three years ago - was elected Governor of the great State of Illinois, which State is second in wealth in the United States and third in population, having a population of over 6,000,000 people.

Your former student is today Governor of Illinois and has made a record of which the people of this community are proud. It is not unlikely his prominence and achievements have escaped your attention and I feel I am not overstepping the bounds of propriety in calling your attention to them.

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I submit this for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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