

# NIGHT LETTER

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**SEND** the following **NIGHT LETTER** subject to  
the terms on back hereof which are hereby agreed to }

Chicago, November 8, 1915

Mr. Edgar P. Bengert,

Fisk University,

Nashville, Tennessee.

The University of Chicago congratulates Fisk University  
upon the inauguration of its new President and wishes the  
institution all success.

Harry Pratt Judson.



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**ALL NIGHT LETTER MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS WHICH ARE HEREBY AGREED TO**

The Western Union Telegraph Company will receive not later than midnight **NIGHT LETTERS**, to be transmitted only for delivery on the morning of the next ensuing business day, at rates still lower than its standard night message rates, as follows: the standard day rate for ten words shall be charged for the transmission of fifty words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate for ten words shall be charged for each additional ten words or less.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it **REPEATED**, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, **THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH**, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any **UNREPEATED** message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any **REPEATED** message, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; *nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.*

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for any mistakes or delay in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of this message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of **FIFTY DOLLARS**, at which amount this message is hereby valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing hereon at the time the message is offered to the Company for transmission, and an additional sum paid or agreed to be paid based on such value equal to one-tenth of one per cent. thereof.

3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices, and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special **"NIGHT LETTER"** service, the following special terms are hereby agreed to:

A. **NIGHT LETTERS** may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such **NIGHT LETTERS** at destination, postage prepaid.

B. **NIGHT LETTERS** shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permitted.

7. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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*Night Letter*

FISK UNIVERSITY  
FAYETTE AVERY MCKENZIE, PRESIDENT  
NASHVILLE

EDGAR P. BENGERT  
SECRETARY TO THE UNIVERSITY

November 3rd, 1915.

Mr. Harry Pratt Judson,  
61 Broadway,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Judson:

Fisk University crowns 50 years of fruitful service by inaugurating as its fourth President, Doctor Fayette Avery McKenzie, one of the foremost sociologists of the country, on Tuesday morning, November 9th. Fisk, the most notable Negro institution of higher education in the world, sends forth 64 out of every 100 of its graduates as educators and 24 as professional or business men, many of whom have taken high honors as post graduate students in Northern universities and colleges of the highest types. May it justly be regarded therefore by leading thinkers and educators as one of the great assets of the country, affecting directly and indirectly 11 million people? Can you feel that it is worthy of your moral support in this instance?

If you can, will you express your belief by preparing a night letter to be dispatched November 8th, congratulating Fisk University on securing so able a man as its head and wishing it continued and greater success in its wide field?

Most earnestly comes the request from

Yours whole heartedly,

*Edgar P. Bengert*







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FISK UNIVERSITY  
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NASHVILLE

EDGAR P. BENGERT  
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July 27, 1915.

Dr. Harry P. Judson,  
Chicago University,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Judson:

This note is sent to tell you that the inauguration of the fourth President of Fisk University, Fayette Avery McKenzie, will occur on the ninth of November next. The formal invitations will not be issued until later, but we hope that you will reserve this date and honor Fisk by your presence on this important occasion.

This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the planning of Fisk University, and should prove a year of jubilee, a year of development and prosperity for the institution founded so strongly on brotherhood and sacrifice. Your presence will constitute a testimonial to the great ones who have here labored and achieved, as well as a happy augury of splendid days ahead.

We shall appreciate any suggestions you may have to make, especially with regard to lists of persons who should be invited to the inauguration.

Very truly yours,

*Edgar P. Bengert*

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FLISK UNIVERSITY  
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