

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

The Law School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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December 12, 1910.

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CHARTER of the LINCOLN-JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME. GREETING: I, LEWIS G. STEVENSON, Secretary of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Lincoln-Jefferson University is a legally organised Corporation under the laws of this State. In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois. Done at the City of Springfield this 7th day of July, A.D. 1915, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fortieth.

LEWIS G. STEVENSON, Secretary of State.

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AMERICAN DEGREES

Are now universally regarded as of quite equal value to the Degrees of Oxford, Cambridge, and other English Universities.

The American Degrees of B.A.—B. Litt. (or B.L.)—B.C.L.—B.Sc.—LL.B.—Ph.B.—L.Th.—B.D.—M.A.—D.C.L.—D.Sc.—D.Litt.—LL.D.—Ph.D.—D.D.—may be obtained by Correspondence study, and are conferred after the Candidates have successfully passed the necessary Examinations, which are held at convenient centres in England; and shown themselves sufficiently proficient to be admitted to the Degree. The time usually occupied in study is from one and a half to two and a half years; but a talented student can look to obtaining his Degree in one year.

SUBJECTS FOR THE B.A. DEGREE.

Eight of the following:—

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Roman History.
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English Literature.
English History.

Latin Unseen Translation.
Latin Prose.
French.
Italian.
German.
Political Economy.

Pure Mathematics.
Applied Mathematics.
Physics.
Botany.
Geology.

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Eight of the following:—

Greek Test—St. Mark & Acts.
" Romans & Galatians.
Genesis in Septuagint & Vulgate.
Old Testament History.
New Testament History.

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present day.
Ecclesiastical History to Council
of Chalcedon.
Biblical Criticism.

A Patristic Text.
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Comparative Religion.
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SUBJECTS FOR THE B. LITT. DEGREE.*

Eight of the following:—

English Literature.
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Bacon's Essays.
Byron's Childe Harold.
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Italian.
German.

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Ethics.
Psychology.
Logic.
Metaphysics.
Political Economy.

*This is a good Degree for Students who have had no classical training.

HOODS OF DEGREES.

B.A.—Black stuff, lined white fur, bordered purple silk.
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B.D.—Purple stuff, lined white silk.

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D.D.—Scarlet cloth, lined purple silk, bordered white silk.

The Lincoln-Jefferson University of Chicago is fully chartered, and empowered by Government to grant Degrees in England; and these Degrees are conferred after a Course of strenuous Correspondence study. Such Degrees have far exceeded in popularity the old University Degrees, which are encumbered with the irksome and expensive methods of going into residence and keeping terms.

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Of the Lincoln-Jefferson University, Chicago—

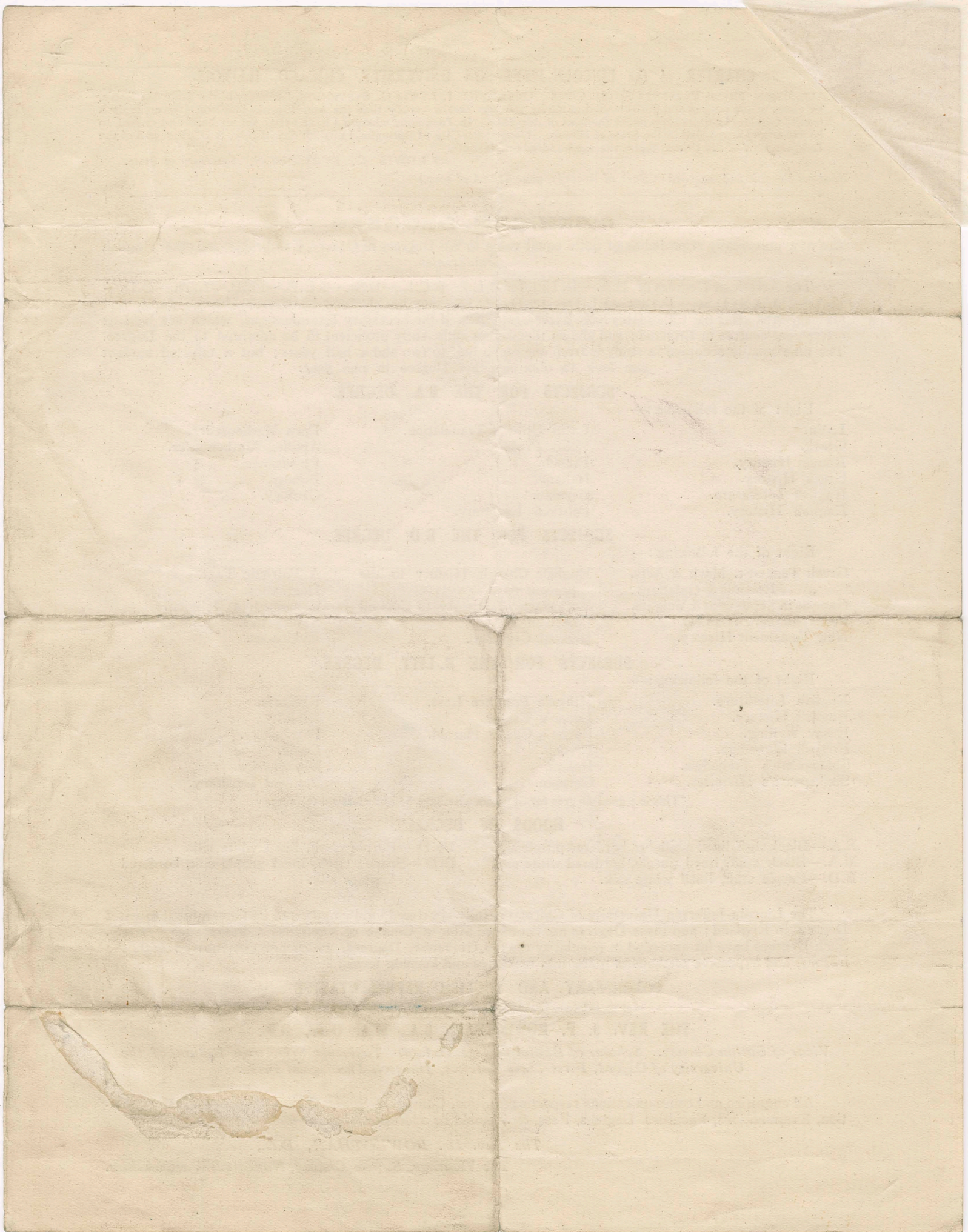
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The Rev. Dr. ROWBOTHAM, D.D.,

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September 9, 1921.

My dear Dr. MacLean:-

Herewith I am enclosing a report by the
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of thing, I am sorry to say, our lax laws permit
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The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

September 6, 192.

My dear President Judson:-

I return the circular regarding the Lincoln-Jefferson University with the following facts:

1. The Institution was incorporated July 7, 1915.
2. The charter defines the purposes of the Institution as follows:

"The object for which it is formed is to maintain and operate a school or schools, not for profit, in which students may obtain a classical, mathematical, scientific, technical, legal, medical or general education, either by providing for the delivery of lectures and holding of exhibitions, classes and conferences, or by correspondence through the mails or otherwise; to establish and maintain libraries, reading and writing rooms, and school or lecture rooms, and furnishing the same with books and publications; to employ professors, lecturers and instructors."

3. It appears also that the institution was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana and the right of the Indiana corporation to do business in this State was revoked July 1, 1920 for failure to file the annual report due in February, 1920.

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4. The institution appears to have no headquarters in Chicago this last period. Its last known address was in the Harvester Building in connection with the Cree Publishing Company. The agent on the premises reports that the institution did not continue as a tenant very long in his building and implied that its affairs were not on a substantial basis.

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University of Chicago
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Your favor of the 11th instant is received. Herewith I am returning the letter which you sent me. I am also enclosing a copy of a report made to me from the Office of the University Counsel on the Institution in question.

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Office of the President

Rev. J. H. B. Wacker

64 W. Randolph St

Chicago.

I am enclosing a copy

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404, 134 SOUTH LASALLE ST.

Lincoln-Jefferson Univ. #40

The University of Chicago

Office of the Counsel and Business Manager

204, 134 SOUTH LA SALLE ST.
TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 214

November Three
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President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago.

My dear President:

I am enclosing a copy of the
section of the Statute referring to organi-
zations of corporations not for pecuniary
profit.

The organization referred to seems
to violate this provision, since it appears
to be "not for any lawful purpose" and also
since it is for pecuniary profit.

On a proper presentation of the facts,
the charter could probably be annulled, which
would also give publicity to their methods and
real purpose.

Very truly yours,

WH:EB
Enc.

Morgan Freeman

The University of Chicago

Office of the President and Vice President

November 19, 1944

President Harry Frost Johnson
The University of Chicago

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I am enclosing a copy of the
minutes of the meeting of the
Board of Trustees held on November 14, 1944,
at which the Board of Trustees voted to

authorize the organization referred to above
to accept the donation, since it appears
to be for the "general purposes" of the
University of Chicago.

Very truly yours,
The President

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November 4, 1922.

Corporations Not For Pecuniary Profit

My dear Mr. Heckman:-

§ 29. Organisation - Certificate of Intention.] § 29.

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Perhaps if your office is able to make
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the investigation to which I referred
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information on the matter from the
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134 S. LaSalle St.,
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The University of Chicago

Office of the Council and Research Institute

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January 11, 1923.

Mr. J. Lloyd, Secretary,
Lincoln-Jefferson University,
64 W. Randolph St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

My attention is called to a
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versity in which on page 2 I find the
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For Dr. Barwell

The Rev. Dr. F. J. Barwell-Walker

LaPorte, Indiana.

Feb. 24th, 1923

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
Office of the President,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Illness in my home & a consequent pressure of work combined to prevent my acknowledging your favor of the 20th. ult. relative to the catalog of the Lincoln-Jefferson University before now.

All I can say is that if you choose to place yourself in a category that I would have supposed you too big a man to occupy that is your look out. It does not alter facts one iota. And the facts are that the printed evidence is absolutely contrary to the interpretation you choose to place upon them. When the printed word says that a certain thing is, it is ultra vires to try & make out that the opposite is.

Yours very truly,

F. J. Barwell-Walker

W.B.

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*This man is running a system
in violation we have been
bringing to book.
H.P.*

For a. 1922

The Rev. Dr. J. P. Bennett Walker

Prudent's Office

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