

University
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February 18th, 1904.

Professor George Cross,
Mc Master University, Toronto, Canada.

My dear Mr. Cross:-

I am interested in your letter of
February 14th and in the clipping which you sent. The facts
in the case are these.

Each quarter President Harper makes a series of talks to
those who are about to graduate, his idea being to inform them
fully of the University so as to make them all the more loyal
when they become alumni. In these meetings he permits the
students to ask questions which he then answers. One of the
questions usually handed in is, "Is the University of Chicago
a Baptist Institution" in answering this question Dr. Harper
always states that the charter of the institution states, that
at all times two thirds of the trustees and also the President
of the University shall be members of a regular Baptist church,
and that the charter indicates that this provision shall not
be amended or changed at no time, but that in this particular
it shall be forever unalterable. The same provision about two
thirds of the trustees and the President being Baptists is

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E. W. Stephenson
Secretary to the President

McMaster University, Toronto, Ont.
February 14, '04

The President's Secretary,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ills.

Answered FEB 17 1904
Francis W. Shepardson,
Secretary to the President.



Dear Sir: - Permit me to call your attention to the enclosed clipping which is an editorial in the Canadian Baptist of Feb 11, 1904. As a graduate of the Graduate Divinity School of the University of Chicago I am interested in all that concerns it and am concerned that no false reports concerning it should be circulated here. May I trouble you therefore to answer the following questions? -

1. Is President ^{Pepper} truly reported in the words attributed to him in the enclosed clipping?
2. Has he made anywhere an announcement to the effect that "the University of Chicago is no longer a Baptist institution" or that its connection with the Baptist body is to be severed?
3. If the University has ceased to be Baptist is this true of the Divinity School also?
4. Is there and has there been a complete Faculty of Divinity of which every professor is a Baptist, - I mean, so that a student may take his full Divinity course under Baptist teachers.
5. Are there Divinity schools of other denominations, in affiliation with the University of Chicago?

By answering the above you will confer a favor.
Yours sincerely,
(P. S.) S. J. Cross.

NOT A BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

The following appeared in the *Globe* of last Thursday in quotation marks as the exact words of Dr. Harper of Chicago University: "The University of Chicago is no longer a Baptist institution." "Religious denominations in universities is narrow-mindedness, and the fact that the University of Chicago has broken away from this class is an evidence of its mental progress. Denominationalism may apply to small colleges, but not to large ones." He declared that most of the students and of the professors were non-Baptists, and so was most of the money to build it up and support it, except that from Mr. Rockefeller. But this exception means by far the larger part of it. We suppose, as the Divinity School is a part of the University, the disclaimer of its being Baptist will hold of it also, although, we think, the majority of the teachers there are Baptists. We have to take newspaper statements about this University with some hesitation, but this one seems reliable. If it is, the announcement will be received with mingled feelings. The institution is a great one, and must be a tremendous power. But there are influences there and teachings which fill many with grave concern, and they will not be altogether sorry that the closer bond with our body be severed, and the ground of the special appeal it makes to our brightest minds be removed. At the same time, the almost contemptuous terms in which Dr. Harper refers to denominational schools is hard to bear, when we remember that it has been Christian bodies that have fought the chief battles for higher education, and have been the pioneers in establishing colleges in America. It is also an unfortunate state of things if, so soon as one of these institutions which has been cradled and nourished by the care and sacrifices of a Christian body reaches an advanced point in its growth, the fruits of it all can be seized and wrested away and perverted, perhaps, to a use which would have shocked those whose lives have gone into it. The smaller institutions which are not too exalted to own the religious bodies that gave them birth, and cared for them until they grew strong, are not only more safe, but we believe, usually, give the better training to those who are under their care. It still continues to be true that the graduates of the smaller institutions, when called upon to compete with those of the larger in either post-graduate work or in the higher callings, have won much more than their proportion of the best positions. Disparaging remarks fall shivered before the front of this solid fact. At the same time, of course, a denominational university ought not to be denominational in the sense of making the inculcation of distinctive denominational beliefs its chief aim.

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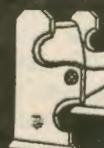
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Newark, N. J., December 29 , 1908.

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

Dear President Judson:

As Chairman of a Committee appointed by the Corporation of Brown University to make certain inquiries concerning the charter provisions of Baptist institutions relating to denominational requirements for trustees, faculty and students, I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if you would give material assistance to the Committee by answering the following questions:

1. What proportion of your trustees are Baptists ?
2. Is this proportion determined
 - (a) By the charter ?
 - (b) By custom and tradition ?
3. How are new trustees elected
 - (a) By trustees already in office ?
 - (b) By alumni ?
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1. Two-thirds of the members of our Board of Trustees are Baptists.
2. This proportion is determined by the charter.
3. New Trustees are elected by the Trustees already in office.
4. The term of election is three years.
5. The proportion of Baptists in our faculty is small, and is varying from time to time. There is no fixed proportion.
6. The charter provides that the President and two-thirds of the Trustees are to be Baptists, but that denominational lines are not to be drawn elsewhere. Accordingly in making new appointments in the faculty the question of denomination is not considered.
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9. The University of Chicago has taken no action toward changing its charter.

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