

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

January 16th, 1907.

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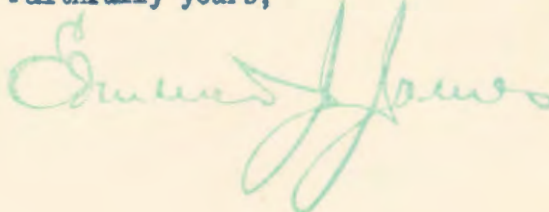
Inclosed please find an extract from the Message sent to the Illinois Legislature at Springfield, by Governor Charles S. Deneen, January 9, 1907. It explains itself. It is a statesman-like utterance, and the Governor's stand in this matter should be approved by all our citizens.

You would do the University of Illinois, and through it the Commonwealth itself, a great service, and thus benefit the cause of higher education in general, in state and nation, if you would write to Governor Deneen a letter expressing your gratification as a citizen of Illinois, at the advanced position which he has taken in regard to the future of the University, and strongly indorsing his policy in this respect.

The University of Illinois is just upon the verge of becoming one of the great universities of the country, no matter how you define the term "great," whether as to quality of work or number of students. A little active effort on the part of its friends--and every resident of the state should be its friend--will put the University in the position which I am sure every patriotic citizen of the state craves for it.

If you can see your way clear to doing this I should be glad if you would let me know when you have written such a letter.

Faithfully yours,



Im:

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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Chicago, Illinois

January 14, 1917

My dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of the 12th inst. and am glad to hear that you are interested in the subject of the University of Chicago.

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and I am sure that you are doing very well. I hope that you are enjoying your work and that you are making good progress. I am sure that you are a very capable man and that you will be able to do anything that you set your mind to.

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EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE SENT BY GOVERNOR CHARLES S. DENEEN TO
THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE, JANUARY 9, 1907.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"The attention of the Legislature is called to the work and needs of our State University. The people of Illinois take pride in the growth of this institution and in the attention its remarkable advancement in attendance and efficiency has attracted throughout the nation. It is the desire of all citizens, who have the interest of our educational system at heart, that the university of the commonwealth, should take the same high place among the universities of the United States, as Illinois occupies in the sisterhood of states. This institution, the crown of our educational system, should be maintained at a standard which will offer to the children of the State the finest facilities for education in every department of learning and in the various professions. Aside from the exceptional cases of students, who, in the pursuit of studies in the languages and history, literature and arts, seek the foreign centers which, in some branches of these studies, offer facilities to be found nowhere else, there is no reason why any of the youth of our State should leave its borders to obtain the most advanced education. As an enlightened community, placing a high value upon its educational institutions, our people will not be satisfied with any lower degree of excellence in its highest institution of learning.

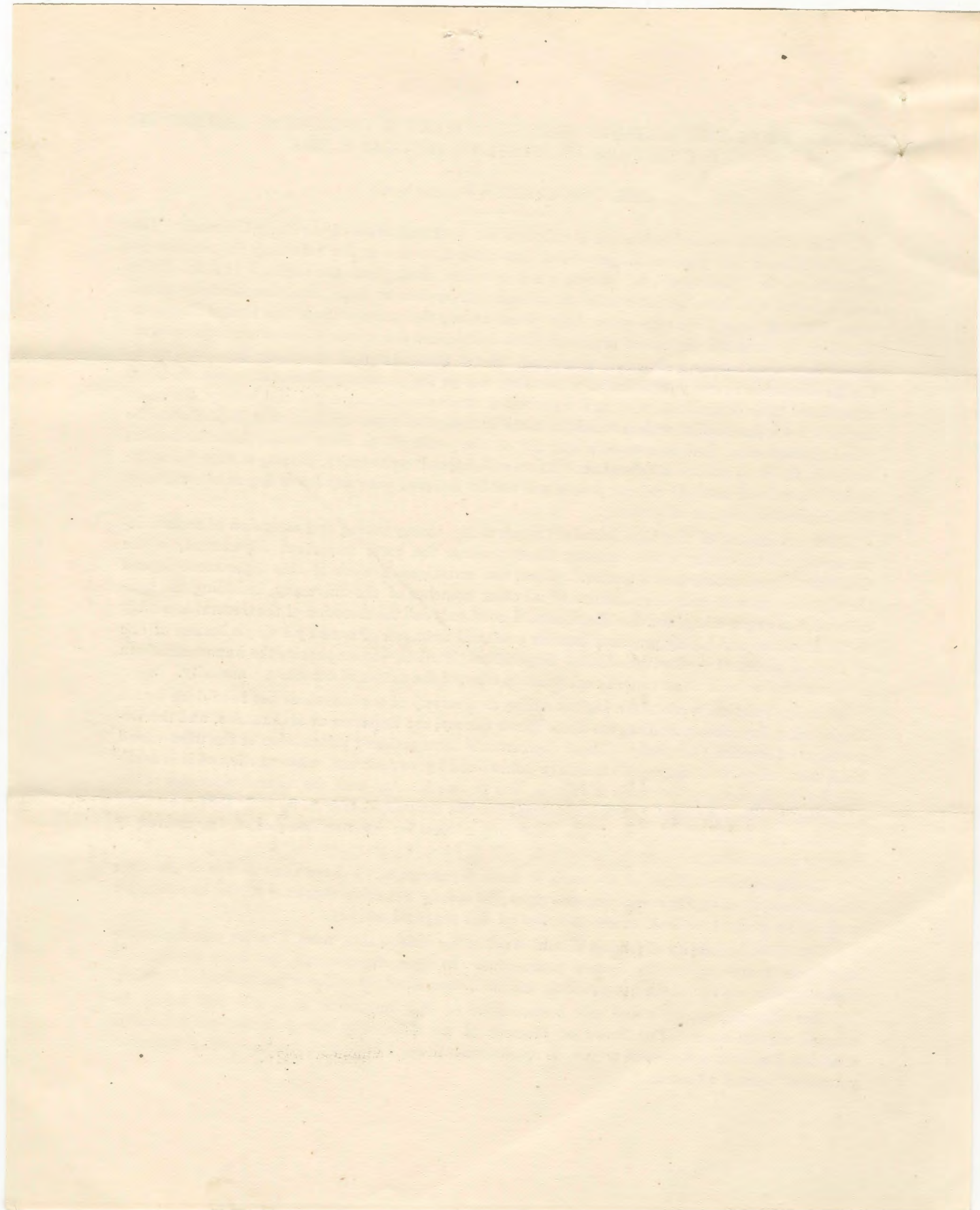
The attainment of this high standard requires the strengthening and extension of certain departments of university work. Among these perhaps the most important department, is the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Upon the investigative work of this department depend the vigorous growth and development of all other branches of the university, including the agricultural, the engineering, and the liberal arts. I need only call the attention of the General Assembly to the immense and highly practical benefits conferred upon our citizens by a single branch of one of these departments,—the Agricultural Experiment Station,—to emphasize the importance from a commercial as well as an educational point of view, of the labors of our State University.

Similar practical work of the highest utility to a variety of our industries has been done by the Engineering Experiment Station, the State Water Survey, the Department of Ceramics, and the Department of Applied Chemistry. These departments have gathered information of the most varied kinds from all parts of the world, and have determined by experiment, what portion of it is available for use in meeting the needs of Illinois, and no one familiar with the natural resources of the State, but is aware that the strictly commercial benefits annually conferred by their work, measured in dollars and cents, vastly exceed the total expenditure for the maintenance of the university since its foundation.

The enduring excellence of the work of these departments, (and the same is true of the other departments of university work) depends upon the strictly scientific character of the investigative work of the graduate school, which underlies all this practical activity.

The State University of Illinois should excel in the studies thus related to the practical activities of our people, and to the learned professions. In these departments, the State should set a high standard, worthy of, and compelling, the emulation of all other higher institutions of learning.

The advantageous extension and improvement of this important work will call for an increased appropriation. The Board of Trustees of the University has given the subject careful consideration, and will present to you its recommendations. I commend them to you as worthy of your most earnest attention."



January 16th, 1907.

Governor Charles S. Denson,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Governor Densen:-

I am interested in your recommendations to the Legislature with reference to the State University. That is an institution of which we are all deservedly proud. Its interests should be fostered by the State liberally and wisely, and I am sure that your recommendations will be received appreciatively by the Legislature.

May I add my congratulations on the message as a whole. It is filled with recommendations worthy of the highest thought of the State.

With sincere regards,

Yours,

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Mr. Small

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Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

March 20, 1907

President Harry Pratt Judson
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My dear President Judson,

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Faithfully yours,

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Charles D. Walcott

March 23rd, 1907.

President M. J. James,
Champaign, Illinois.

Dear President James:

Enclosed will explain itself. Immediately upon receiving your reply I consulted with Mr. Judson, and he said "Go ahead, by all means". I accordingly drew up enclosed letter which will be signed by President Judson and by all the members of our faculties that we can get hold of. It will then be sent to our Senator Jones and the two representatives. I shall also get an interview with Mr. Roy West for his advice and other help. I have sent copies of the letter to President Harris of Northwestern and President Halsey of Lake Forest, explaining what we are doing and asking them to do a similar thing in the case of their legislative representatives. If they concur we shall give the matter to the newspapers, but I am inclined to think it would be best not to do so until after the election. People are now completely crazy over that. If you know of anything further that we can do, be sure to advise me.

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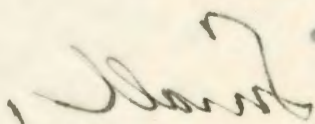
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Director
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Assistant Director

Personal

January 14, 1914

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Dear President Judson:

I am very glad to get Mr. Meeker's note. However, you will do us a real service if you can impress it on Mr. Meeker's mind that this is really a serious matter. The particular member of the Board of Trustees who is making this attack is determined to force the thing to an issue, and if possible get rid of James, no matter what the cost to the reputation of individuals, or the prosperity of the University. What he wants to do is to be elected president of the Board of Trustees next March; then he will appoint the other local Trustee as a member of the executive committee, and these two will then run the University, having meetings of the Board only quarterly. He has himself told me that that is the way to do. It would be most disastrous if anything of this kind should be brought about. Therefore I hope that Mr. Meeker will see to it that he is present at the next meeting of the Board, which will be in Chicago next Wednesday, and also at the March meeting, which is the regular quarterly meeting, when the President of the Board of Trustees is elected. Friends of President James and the University of Illinois will make a mistake if they fail

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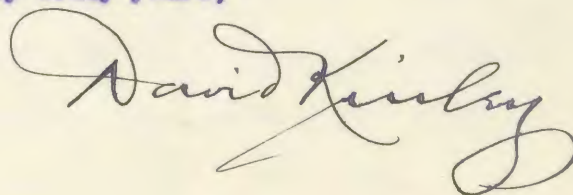
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Thanking you for your kindness in the matter, I am, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David Kinley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

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