

Looking Forward for O. U.

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Ottawa University is looking out, not down, is looking forward, not backward, and has its face set toward challenging and definite goals to be reached progressively during the next few years. Our institution, like an individual, cannot stand still and live.

Already our trustees have adopted a Five-Year Program, among the main features of which are these objectives for the year 1934-35: The securing of a president; the placing of Ottawa University in the annual program of giving of every Baptist church in Kansas; the breaking ground for a women's dormitory on the campus; the increasing our enrollment to 350 regular full time students next fall; the appointment of a field secretary with special interest in finances; and the increasing of Ottawa Foundation membership to 2,000.

In 1940 we shall celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary. May I envisage the University? I see here on our campus by that date: All indebtedness cancelled (present amount \$85,000); our endowment increased from \$560,000 to one or one and a half million; Ottawa Foundation membership increased to 10,000; faculty salaries, not only restored to their former level, but increased to a level more commensurate with their ability; a student enrollment of 500-600; faculty staff increased proportionately to take care of the larger enrollment; new buildings in use or in progress—women's dormitory, men's dormitory, library, college chapel with provision for all our religious educational work; essential courses, dropped because of finances, restored to our curriculum; new and strong courses added in art, philosophy, Bible, religious education,

economics and sociology, geology, and home-making; a physical education program that will be a four-year emphasis upon health and recreation for all students; a hospital fee which will guarantee free medical treatment and hospitalization with trained nurse or nurses as part of our staff, organization of our curricular and extra-curricular work so as to enable our university through its students to render more continuous and efficient assistance to our community and the churches of the state; the improvement in scholarship through raising requirements of entrance and graduation and through improvements in teaching; increased emphasis in all our work on Christian character and attitude on the part of the faculty and student body.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" was the true statement of an ancient prophet. Where there is no vision, college spirit and college achievement likewise perish.

We are ambitious for our loved school. We not only want her to take her **rightful** place among her sister colleges, but we want her to **lead** the way to greater usefulness. There is no reason why by 1940 O. U. shall not be on the way to an **outstanding** position among the colleges of Kansas and by 1950 be an outstanding leader in this great section of our country. We are proud of our past, we are grateful for our present, we are confident of future achievement and progress to which under God we dedicate ourselves and in which we seek the enthusiastic cooperation of our student body and alumni and our hosts of friends the world over.