

# First Baptist Church

Wichita, Kansas

SECOND AND NORTH LAWRENCE

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June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1926

Dr. Erdmann Smith,  
Ottawa University,  
Ottawa, Kansa .

Dear Doctor Smith:

I am taking this occasion to thank the Board of Trustees at the University for the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me to a membership on the Board for the period beginning June 1, 1926 and ending May 1, 1930.

I am happy to accept this responsibility and will endeavor to render the most efficient service I possibly can.

Yours sincerely,

WHR/f.

W. H. Rogers



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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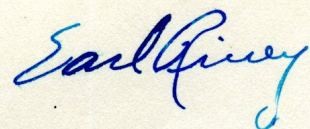
June 15, 1926.

Dr. Erdmann Smith,  
President of Ottawa University,  
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Your letter of June 10th received and appreciate very much my having been elected a member of the board of Trustees of Ottawa University. I shall be glad to accept this responsibility and assure you that I shall be loyal to its president and to the institution in every way possible. I consider this the greatest single honor that has been conferred upon me since I have been in Kansas and I want to be faithful to the trusts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Earl Riney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "R".



## Delson Farm

William Condell

El Dorado, Kansas June 21-1926

Mr. Erdmann Smith

Ottawa Ks.

Dear Brother Smith:

Your letter at hand notifying me of my election as a Trustee of Ottawa University.

I gladly accept this responsibility, but my knees shake a little, and will do my best. Kindly let me know two or three weeks before time for the Board to meet so I can arrange my affairs, as I do not wish to miss any of the meetings.

With best wishes and kindest regards

Sincerely

William Condell



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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TOPEKA

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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July 1, 1926.

Dr Erdmann Smith  
President Ottawa University  
Ottawa Kansas

Dear Dr Smith:

How easy it is to procrastinate! Here I am on July 1st answering your letter of June 10th, when I should have written my reply weeks ago. The month of June has been a very busy one with me, having made calls in some 40 of the Kansas Counties and traveled some 2400 miles. I wanted to consult my wife relative to the Ottawa matter before making a decision, and as she did not return until about ten days ago and as I have been away from home most of the time since, it has only been in the last couple of days that I had an opportunity to discuss the matter with her. I realize that considerable responsibility attaches to the office of trustee of Ottawa University, especially at this time, and especially in my case, inasmuch as the financial campaign is soon to be launched and I have had practically no opportunity to get in touch with the alumni since being elected president of the association. I believe if I could have had about a year in which to arouse the proper interest in O. U's affairs not only would there have been a chance to receive more actual dollars from the members of the alumni association, but there would have been no feeling on the part of any member that my attempt to effect an organization was solely or principally for the purpose of securing donations for the University. I took this whole matter up with Dr Crawford day before yesterday, the first opportunity I had to talk to him, and he seems to feel that I am over sensitive in the matter and that the fact that I was elected president of the alumni association would not entail any more responsibility <sup>on the</sup> for their performances relative to the campaign than <sup>on</sup> any other member of the Board of Trustees.

While I would prefer to have another personal talk with you before deciding ~~on~~ this matter I do not think I will be able to see you for some weeks and feel that I should give you my decision one way or the other without further delay and, therefore, if you are willing to take me as I am, I assure you that I will do the best I can which may fall very far short of what you expect. <sup>with such understanding</sup> I am willing to accept the responsibility.

I desire to thank you and the Board for the honor conferred on me by reason of the appointment, or rather the election to the Board.

Sincerely yours,



ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
JNA-M





April 7, 1927

President  
Ottawa University  
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Dr. Smith:

Mr. J. N. Atkinson,  
Public Service Commission,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:

Just a note to say to you that if there  
is any information you want or anything you want me  
to do with a view to making the alumni meeting on  
May 30th one of the best the alumni of Ottawa Uni-  
versity have held, I shall be glad to comply with  
your requests.

The commencement sermon will be May  
29th. On Monday, May 30th, the annual meeting of  
the Board of Trustees will be held. The alumni  
annual meeting and the annual banquet will be in  
the evening.

Cordially yours,  
ES.BC President



Members



June 10, 1926.

*File Bd. Trustees*

Dr. W. H. Rogers,  
First Baptist Church,  
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University you were elected as a member for the period beginning June 1, 1926 and ending May 31, 1930.

I shall be glad to have your acceptance of this responsibility, which, I understand, you are willing to do for Ottawa University and the kind of service the institution gives.

Enclosed you will find a list of the members and their respective classes.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT



June 10, 1926.

Rev. Earl Riney,  
Coffeyville, Kansas.

My dear Brother Riney:

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University you were elected as a member for the period beginning June 1, 1926 and ending May 31, 1928.

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Faithfully and sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT



June 10, 1928.

Mr. J. N. Atkinson,  
1311 Van Buren,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University you were elected as a member for the period beginning June 1, 1928 and ending May 31, 1929.

I shall be glad to have your acceptance of this responsibility, which, I understand, you are willing to do for Ottawa University and the kind of service the institution gives.

I assure you I am glad to see an alumnus elected to a place on this board.

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Faithfully and sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT



June 10, 1926.

Mr. C. O. Dimmock,  
Hiawatha, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Dimmock:

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