

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.

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

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT

June 10, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Dimmock:

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Mr. William Condell,
El Dorado, Kansas.

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PRESIDENT

First Baptist Church

Wichita, Kansas

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June 11, 1926

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

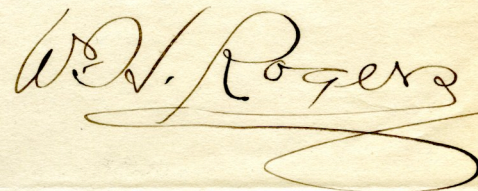
Dear Doctor Smith:

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.



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,

Earl Riney

Delson Farm

William Condell

El Dorado, Kansas June 21-1926

Dr. 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

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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE NO. _____

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July 1, 1926.

Dr Erdmann Smith
President Ottawa University
Ottawa Kansas

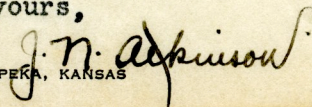
Dear Dr Smith:

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 ^{on me} for their performances relative to the campaign than ^{on} 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. ^{with such understanding} 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 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 University 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,
President

ES.BC

January 4, 1927

Mr. B. F. Bowers,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Bowers:

I am enclosing a letter from a representative of Henry L. Doherty & Company as a reminder of the fact that you are chairman of a very important committee of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees at its spring meeting regarding our whole investment procedure.

Yours truly,

ES.BC

President

Enc

February 22, 1927

Mr. B. F. Bowers,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Bowers:

Let me remind you again that you are chairman of a committee of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University to make a report to the March meeting of the Board of Trustees on procedure to be followed in investing the endowment funds of the institution.

This committee was appointed not only to study the form of investment but any other phases of investment of our funds which the committee thinks ought to be considered by the Board.

I am enclosing an announcement of preferred stock of George M. Forman and Company.

Yours truly,

ES.BC

President

Enc

February 24, 1927

The M. L. White Abstract & Inv. Co.,
Garnett, Kansas.

My dear Mr. White:

If you can guarantee payment of principal and interest I am sure our investment committee will be glad to do business with you occasionally.

I shall be glad to turn over to Mr. W. A. Rose, who inspects our properties and who makes loans, your reply to this letter.

Yours truly,

ES:BC

President

March 26, 1927

Mr. H. Q. Banta,
Oberlin, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Banta:

I want to remind you of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University to be held at 10:30, Tuesday, March 29th.

At that meeting a report will be made by the committee created last March to make a study of the university investment procedure. A report on the present status of the campaign will be made also and the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1927 to May 31, 1928 will be presented for consideration and approval.

I trust you will make it possible to be present.

Earnestly yours,

ES.BC

President

THE DIMMOCK MORTGAGE COMPANY

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HIAWATHA, KANSAS

March 29, 1927



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

Dear Sir:

I fully expected to be at the Board meeting today.

I received your letter of the twenty-sixth instant and started yesterday afternoon by automobile for Ottawa, but only got a few miles out of Hiawatha when the rain came and the roads got so slippery and it continued to rain that I gave up the trip. I fully expected to reach Lawrence last night and it was my intension to drive from Lawrence to Ottawa early this morning. I do not know what the weather conditions are in your locality, but automobile travel last night would have been very difficult and to start from home in a storm like the one I encountered, would not appear to me as being very good judgement.

Trusting that my absence was of no inconvenience to you.

Very truly yours,

C. O. Dimmock
President.

COD:CG

March 30, 1927

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

My dear Mr. Dimmock:

I regret very much that the roads were in such condition that you could not continue on your way and reach Ottawa in time for the Board meeting. We had an excellent meeting, dispatched a rather large amount of business and adjourned in time for the men to catch trains leaving between 4:00 o'clock and 4:30.

The budget adopted for the fiscal year, 1927-1928 was \$120,302.00. The committee appointed a year ago to study our investment procedure asked for more time and will make a report at the next Board meeting on Monday, May 30th.

Cordially yours,

ES.BC

President

April 1, 1927

Mrs. L. R. Higgins,
Charlton Cottage Committee,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Higgins:

On Monday, May 30th, the Board of Trustees will have ~~the~~ next annual meeting.

I shall appreciate your having in advance a report in my hands showing the receipts and expenditures in the administration of the Cottage for the fiscal year June 1, 1926 to at least May 15, 1927.

We shall likely have an appraisal of ~~all~~ college properties in the near future. It will not be necessary, therefore, that you report the values of different things purchased for the cottage. A total will be sufficient if you have to report this at all.

Earnestly yours,

ES:BC

President

April 1, 1927

Mrs. F.H. Stannard,
Treas. The Womens Education Society,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Stannard;

On Monday, May 30, 1927, the Board of Trustees will hold its next regular annual meeting.

I am wondering whether or not you would like to have me present to the Board for their information any facts about the Womens Education Society.

I ask this because in our last called meeting, held on March 29th, the board decided that the college should not in the future open student accounts or even permit them to sign notes to cover tuition and fees and in that connection considered the increase of loan funds.

Earnestly yours,

ES.BC

President

May 14, 1927

Mr. J. V. Mitchell,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

You will find enclosed an invitation to attend the Commencement exercises of Ottawa University and a copy of the general program.

You will observe that the regular annual meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet at 10:30 a. m., Monday, May 30th. On account of the fact that several members of the board propose to attend the first sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention it will not be possible for them to attend the board meeting. I should like to urge, therefore, that everyone who can be present.

You will be glad to know that President Emeritus Silas Eber Price will be in Ottawa and will deliver the Commencement address on the morning of Tuesday, May 31st.

Will you kindly inform me as to whether or not you plan to attend the meeting?

Cordially yours,

ES:BC

President

Enc

May 30, 1927

Mr. Fred Martin,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Martin:

This will inform you that at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University held today you were elected as a member of the Board and also of the executive committee of the Board.

I trust you will find it possible to accept this opportunity of cooperating with a group of fine men in doing constructive Christian work. We love you and know that you love Ottawa University.

Cordially yours,

ES. BC

President

May 31, 1927

Rev. Guy Winner,
First Baptist Church,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

My dear Brother Winner:

This is to inform you that at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University held today you were elected as a member of the Board.

I trust you will find it possible to accept this opportunity of cooperating with a group of fine men in doing constructive Christian work.

Cordially yours,

ES.BC

President