

November 20, 1925.

Dr. W. A. Elliott,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Elliott:

Mr. Hewitt and his associates concluded they could not carry out their contract to conduct our campaign, called all solicitors out of the state, requested a new contract, and for several reasons were not considered further by the Executive Committee except to be released.

As a result of the campaign to date, with only a very small part of our territory covered, we have in pledges applicable on the objectives of the campaign about \$150,000; including all other pledges and allotments about \$175,000.

The Executive Committee and I will be very pleased if you are present on December 8th. Let me urge that you do your best to be present and let us have the benefit of your experience and judgment on this issue, perhaps the most significant single endeavor in the history of Kansas Baptists.

Sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT

Liberal, Kans. Dec. 5-'25-

Mr. Erdman Smith;
Ottawa, Kans.;

Dear Sir and Bro.

I never like to shirk a responsibility or duty but I think now it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 8 inst. This will be one of the important meetings of the year and I regret to miss it and to share the responsibilities which attend it.

If I can be of any service in this part of the state when the campaign goes on I shall be glad to help in whatever way I can. I am,
Very Respt.
Ralph M. Heath.

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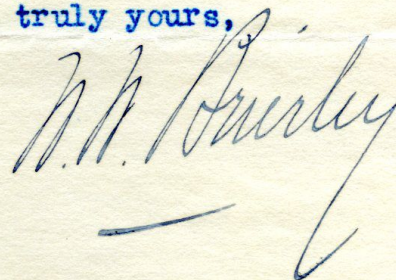
November 23, 1925.

My dear President Smith:-

At the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Members and Trustees of the General Education Board held November 19, 1925, the officers presented correspondence requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 toward \$500,000 for the endowment of Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas. I am instructed to inform you that the Board did not find it practicable to grant the request.

Regretting the disappointment which this announcement may cause you, I am

Very truly yours,



President Erdmann Smith,
Ottawa University,
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pres / Erdmann Smith,
Ottawa, Kas.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I have the notice of a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University for Me^h. 23rd. I have felt for some time that I ought to resign as a member of the board and I wish at this time to offer my resignation. I am located so far away that the expense of attending meetings is considerable. I do not think it is worth the cost for the college to pay my expenses and I do not feel able to pay my own expenses very often. Then, the Railway connections are such that it takes three or four days to make the trip. I believe it is best for the university to have on the board men who are more centrally located so that they can attend more of the meetings and keep in closer touch with the work and conditions.

Sincerely,

H. Q. Banta

CARNEGIE CORPORATION
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 5, 1925.

President Erdmann Smith,
Ottawa University,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Mr. President:

The Carnegie Corporation is faced with the problem of liquidating during the next few years a heavy load of existing obligations. It proposes to set aside approximately two-thirds of its income during these years for this purpose, and to ensure the most effective use of the balance by concentrating its new grants within a restricted program of related interests. This program will be fully discussed in the forthcoming annual report of the Corporation.

This decision has involved a restudy by the Executive Committee not only of the formal applications before the Corporation but of many interesting and valuable informal suggestions as well. This study has necessarily been based not upon the interest and merits of these proposals so much as upon their place in the restricted program to which the Corporation is committed. The Trustees have now acted upon the recommendation of the Committee and they ask me to inform you that during the next few years there seems to be no possibility for them to cooperate along the lines of the suggestion made by you on November 25, 1924, regarding a gift for a new library building and endowment of library at Ottawa University, Kansas.

We recognize that no formal application is before us but we believe that those who have shown an interest in the work of the Corporation will wish to be kept informed as to its policies and program.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Keppel

K/h

The Kansas Baptist Convention

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November 23, 1925

Pres. Erdmann Smith,
Ottawa, Kansas.

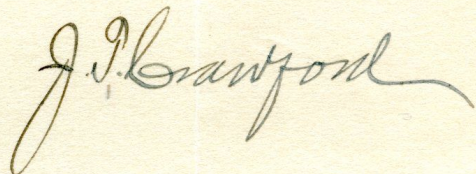
Dear Dr. Smith:

Your notice of the Board Meeting December 8 and your further letter have been received.

It is my desire and plan to attend the meeting. I will probably have to leave in the afternoon to make connection for an engagement in Chicago the next day.

Hoping we may be guided as a Board in these important matters and that as President you may have a sense of special Divine help in these days, I am

Very cordially,



JTC:GC

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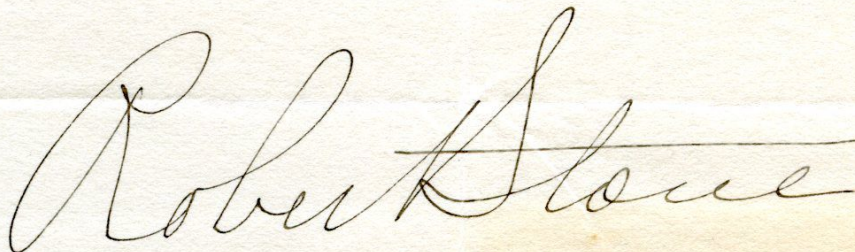
Erdmann Smith, President,
Ottawa University,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th, is received.

If I do not go to New York, I will plan to be
present at your Executive Committee meeting on December
8th. At present I am endeavoring to be in New York
at that time.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Stone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Robert Stone".

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Nov. 27, 1925.

President Eardman Smith,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Eardman:

I will be in Ottawa December 8 unless for some unaccountable reason that I do not know of at the present time and trust that we will be successful in making plans to put over the program which is to be put on at that time.

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Will discuss the matter of your letter of November
30th when I attend the meeting of the Board at Ottawa
on next Tuesday.

Yours very truly,

W.C. Coleman

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