

Report of President
Committee

To the Trustees of Ottawa University.

Dear Brethren:

Your committee to whom was entrusted the responsible duty of seeking a President for the University, would respectfully report.

Immediately upon our appointment we began our work in earnest and with what seemed to us as Divine encouragement. Among a number of brethren whose names had been presented, in answer to our request, by some of our highest authorities, as eminently qualified for the position, two were selected and written to.

The most diligent efforts were made to learn all that was possible, both concerning the convictions & desires of these men themselves and the judgment of others as to the wisdom of seriously

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thinking of either of them in this connection. The result was most satisfactory, so that your committee could most heartily commend either, and really did not feel at liberty to make a choice of one, but left that to your honorable body.

The gentlemen in question are, Rev. W. A. Stanton, Ph. D., Rockford, Ill., and Rev. O. O. Fletcher D. D., Springfield, Ill. As the various communications received by the committee while prosecuting their work have been handed over to Prof. Sutherland it will be unnecessary for us to give the contents of any of them here. We would, however, summarize the whole, as the completion of our report, and leave it in your hands.

We have found the following:

1. The brethren named have a profound conviction concerning the importance of the educational interests in Kansas, and would be willing to consider any proposal made them by the Board.

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2. The strongest possible testimony as to their fitness for the position under consideration, by those who know both the men and the state, has been furnished your committee.
3. Unity of action on the part of the Board, and a provision for the salary named, are absolutely necessary, and the more promptly the arrangements can be made the better, so some months have elapsed since the committee signified their readiness to report.
4. Your committee would recommend that just as soon as these matters are adjusted one of the brethren, perhaps Dr. Stanton, be invited to visit Ottawa, which both he and Dr. Fletcher have signified their willingness to do, if their expenses are paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

W. J. Smalley

J. B. Little

A. H. Stote

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY.

MATHEMATICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE,

— M. L. WARD. —

Ottawa, Kansas, 188

Recommendations

- I That the old building be painted ~~and~~ inside and out: and that the walls be put ~~and~~ up in same way. The Blackboards should all be repaired.
- A new outbuilding should be ~~erected~~.
- II That the ~~lessons~~ be laid out in a general way. So that future plantations of trees may not be disturbed.
- III That preparations be made this summer and fall, for planting two rows of trees on each side of the streets running through the College property.
- IV That the South East Corner of Campus be ~~occupied~~ used as a nursery for the growth of plants & trees for College grounds.
- V The rate of interest on Land Contracts should be ~~agreed~~ ^{respectfully} submitted.

M. L. Ward.

Secretarys Report Finances of

Ottawa, Kansas, June 3 1890

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY,

From June 1st 1889 to June 3rd 1890

TO

DR.

Paid Received

Expense	2060 78	
Interest	324 30	35 37 70
Subscription		297 19
Rent or Farm & Pasture		708 15
Donation	7	3343 61
Received on Loan		1500
M L Ward	1151	
Geo Sutherland	1375	
O C Charlton	1110	
A S Olin	410	
F Salietrich	1110	
A L Dicklow	886	
W E Castle	558	
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Ottawa University,
Ottawa, Kansas.

The Office of the President.

My dear Friend:

We learn from the records of the of which you are a member, that you have in your family a child of school age. We write you in behalf of the Baptists of Kansas, in the hope that we may be able to interest you in the work which we are doing.

We want your children to enter Ottawa University, and to take as complete a course here as time and means permit. We believe that as a moral question every young man and woman owes himself the very best training for life that is within reach. We are prepared to give that training, and we are willing to make a special offer to place it within the reach of your child if he wishes it.

May we not count on your interest and co-operation in this matter? We would appreciate it very much if you were to fill out the enclosed card, and mail it to us at your early convenience with a letter from you stating the situation. It is more than possible that we can open the way to opportunities which have not seemed feasible before.

I remain, in Christian service,

Sincerely yours,

Acting-President of
Ottawa University.