

Though I was absent from Kansas
in the interests of the University last
during the last summer vacation, I
I had not neglected to canvass the
State for students during the whole
preceding school-year. I have
continued this labor during the
^{present} ~~past~~ school-year, and my visits
to the various Associations
last fall and to churches and
schools and teachers' meetings
since that time, have always
been attended by efforts to ~~meet~~
meet young people and attract
them to this place. The work,
~~is~~ however, if is necessarily much
more effective if done in the
summer, before the opening of
the school-year, ~~and I am~~
when young people are making their plans, and I am

glad that it is to be prosecuted (12
henceforth with more numerous
workmen in the field and at the
most promising season.

The number of students enrolled
 in our catalogue just from the press,
~~this year~~ is not quite so large as that
 of last year. In the collegiate department
 there are 63, as against 67 of last
 year, and in the preparatory department
 120, as against 129 of last year, a
 total difference of 13. The difference,
 when examined closely, is found to be
 more apparent than real. The names
 on our records are not quite so
 many; but the actual attendance ^{and}
 during the year has been ^{much} better.
 Heretofore the average ~~length~~ of time
 during which the student has stayed
~~remained~~ with us has been brief.
 This year there has been a
 marked improvement in the
 disposition of our students to remain.
~~stay with us~~ Heretofore at the beginning

of the spring term our chapel has ⁽¹⁴⁾
become comparatively empty; this
year it has ^{continued to be} ~~remained~~ well filled,
and perhaps we have had thirty
more students with us to the
end of our work than ever
before in the history of our school.
^{I think also that the}
~~The~~ [^] amount of money received for
tuition will also show that we
have had a considerably larger
attendance this year than ~~ever~~
~~before~~ in any previous year.

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Thus far I have spoken of the collegiate and preparatory departments. The music department shows a greater disparity. Here there have been 83 students as against 106 last year, a difference of 23. As this department is not under the direct control of the Board, or the supervision of the President, I cannot speak further of it, except to say that its reputation continues to be high, ~~that its~~ its contributions to the musical interest of our citizens and students is great, and ~~its~~ ^{gratifyingly} that its graduating class this year is large.

During a large part of the year Prof. Boyle has taught a class of college students in the elements of music and ⁱⁿ chorusing; and ~~has thus added greatly to~~ ^{and} the attendance has been excellent, as also has been the progress of the learners.

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I call your special attention to the plan of affiliation with the University of Chicago which is to be presented to you at a later moment, and which our ~~the~~ Faculty, by a unanimous vote, commend to you for adoption. ~~I do not know what disadvantages~~ The plan is not exactly that adopted by Des Moines; ~~your~~ our Faculty, in their negotiations with the Education Society and with Dr. Harper have been able to secure certain modifications of that document, which seem to relieve it from all the criticisms that were made when they first considered it. I do not know that any disadvantage would result from affiliation as now proposed to us, and the probable advantages

are obvious and great.

First, we ^{should} have \$1,000 a year for
five years, ^{the high sum is} offered us by the Educa-
-tion Society to defray the expenses of
carrying out the plan of offiliation.
This money would be spent chiefly in
supplying us with a series of teachers
from the University of Chicago, whose
labors, when put together, would
cover run through the whole
school-year, thus giving us
~~one~~ the equivalent of one
additional instructor for the
next five years. I need not say
to you that our work imperatively
demands such an addition to
our teaching force.

Secondly, we should have the right
to nominate three of our graduates ⁽¹⁸⁾
each year to fellowships in the
University of Chicago which ^{would} entitle
the persons thus appointed to free
tuition for one year. This would
tend to hold our students here,
and would stimulate them to their
utmost endeavors as students, as
those standing best would receive these fellowships.

Thirdly, our degrees of A. B. and
A. M. would be the University of
Chicago degrees, as well as our
own, and ^{we} could say to those desiring
degrees from the great University
that ^{they} can obtain them by faithful
work here, just as well as in
Chicago, and at much less expense
in money.

Fourthly, Our Professors and

other instructors would have the (19)
right to free tuition in the summer
term of Chicago University. We are to
lose an ^{able} ~~improving~~ Professor this year
because he wishes to take graduate
studies. If our teachers keep abreast
of the others, they must never cease
to grow. We ought to require of them
at least six weeks ~~per~~ of advance
work every year. There would,
perhaps, be but little need of the
requirement if they were offered
the very best facilities in the
world free from cost and near
at hand.

Fifthly, we should have adequate
apparatus for teaching chemistry and
physics for the mere cost of transportation
between Chicago and Ottawa, the

University of Chicago lending us what
we need on this condition. Those who
know how meager our outfit of
apparatus is, and ~~how~~ ~~cost~~ the (20
serious cost which ~~a~~ a good
apparatus involves, will at once
appreciate this offer.

My ~~own~~ conviction is clear
and strong that we ought not to
reject these advantages.

Allow me in closing to tender you
my resignation, the same to take
effect at the end of my second
year of official service. I do so with
sincere regret. The two years of my
Presidency have been full of
happiness. I bear glad testimony to
the uniform courtesy and kindness
of all with whom I have been
associated; the Trustees, the
Executive Committee, the
the students,
Faculty, the people of Ottawa, the
people of the State. All have stood
ready to ~~and~~ adopt any good
suggestion for the advancement
of Ottawa University, and to
give their personal aid and
their money. ~~It is large~~ I have

never once. in the whole period, (22)
received a discourtesy or heard a
note of discord. We have sometimes
differed
among ourselves, as we ought to
do, but always in a kindly,
fraternal and helpful spirit.
Were I younger, I should look with
different eyes on the call which
I have received to another
field of labor. But, considering
my time of life, and the
responsibilities which rest
upon me for the ^{limited number of} ~~few~~ years
which remain to me on
earth, my conviction of duty is
clear. I shall remain in Kansas
for nearly a month longer, and
shall do what I can for
Ottawa University while here. I

expect later to visit the East, and (23)
shall do unless I can there. Now
will my labors for Ottawa
University ~~cease~~ ^{come to a close} when my
official connection with it shall
cease. I shall ~~hope~~ ^{seek} always to
remember it with gladness and
thankfulness, and to promote
its interests by all means in
my power.

Franklin Johnson
President.