December 17th, 1906.

Mr. Elmer E. Brown,
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Brown:—

Enclosed find copy of letter which I sent to President Baker last October in response to his request for my opinion for the use of the Association of State Universities. This letter to President Baker will explain rather fully the views which I have on the subject, and which I think in the main coincide with yours in accordance with our conversation the other day in Washington. It would be fairly easy for a serious mistake to be made on this matter, and for my part I should rather see no action at all than anything which I believed to be fundamentally wrong. It is very important that politics should be kept out. By politics I mean much more than the question of

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December 14th, 1910

Mr. Wm. E. Brown,
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Having received a copy of your letter, which I sent to President Drexel last October in response to his request for my opinion on the use of the Association of State Universities.

President Drexel will explain to you the view which I have on the subject, and which I think is the main conclusion with which I concur, with one or two qualifications. It would be difficult for the other side in Washington to make no significant move in this matter, and for my part I would rather see no action at all, since according to my belief I felt that the new statute would be fundamentally wrong. I feel that important acts should be kept out of politics. I mean much more than the question of the direction of the bureau of education.
social interests of any kind. I mean also locality or sectional interests. For instance, there should be no distribution of fellowships or scholarships on appointments of any kind whatever on the basis of states. If one state or one section of the country has ten times the capable men for a given piece of work than all other sections combined, than the state or section in question should have ten times the representation. In short, the point of view should be that of scientific attainment and everything else should subordinate itself to this end.

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson
I mean also to qualify or extend the interest of any kind. For instance, there might be no &c.

The interest of a fellow ship of correspondence or support. It is of the kind whatever on the part of states, whether of any state or one section of the country or not. If the state or one section of the state or section, there is some good reason for a given piece of work. In short, the point of view should be that of scientific statement and evaluation, not merely suggestion.
Oct. 24th, 1907.

My dear Small:-

Thank you very much for your suggestion with regard to the Association of American Universities. I shall be glad to forward your suggestion to Mr. Keppel and any others that may occur to you or to Mr. Salisbury.

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson
My dear Smith:

Thank you very much for your note.

Sincerely, I am pleased to forward your message to Mr. Kellogg and all others who may concern you.

or to Mr. Satterly

Very truly yours,

E. J. James
October 16th, 1907.

President H. P. Judson,

My dear Chief:

I am replying to one portion of the note of Mr. Keppel with reference to the program of the next meeting of the Association of American Universities. I will reply to the rest of it after I have looked up a copy of the Proceedings of the last Conference.

The one subject which seems to me more deserving of immediate consideration by that body than any other is that of the terms on which we shall admit graduates of minor colleges, especially in the west and south, to candidacy for our Master's degree. Between us, not to be spoken out very directly in public, Yale particularly is doing a cut rate business in this respect. I do not know whether the subject to which Mr. Keppel refers "Higher professional degrees" was intended to deal with this point. If not, and I should think it is desirable any way, the problem deserves separate consideration and that right early.

Sincerely,

Albion small.

P.S. I have not been able to run down anywhere the Report of the Proceedings of the Eighth Conference of American Universities.