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My dear Dr. Goodspeed:—

After the talk I had with you and Mr. Eicher with reference to the University excercising a larger control over the landladies in the neighborhood it occurred to me that it might be well to send out to those students who are living in buildings in the neighborhood not on our approved list a letter of inquiry asking how they had made their arrangements, whether their accommodations and treatment had proved satisfactory or not, and other questions as would be interesting in this connection. I think the value of the inquiry would be greatly increased if I enclose a card addressed to me by the Faculty Exchange, so as to make it as easy as possible for the student to reply. I think I should like to send out about 300 of these letters and there would be the expense of the postage, the printing the letters, and the printing the return card. Would you approve a requisition covering these expenses? If so I will go ahead on it at once.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Breckinridge
Dean.

Dr. T. W. Goodspeed,
Faculty Exchange.
Oct 19 1917

Dear Miss Breckinridge,

I want you to bear with me a little longer in the matters of the portrait. At least I have come to a slight cessation in my pressure of work and I will go again at the picture which some time ago, in fact shortly after it was shipped to me, I started to receive and had to drop again.

Now I find that in order to really put it
in good shape I should
have a photograph of
Miss Talbot. This is
every necessary so that
in painting over I do not
lose the likeness. No photo-
graph of the painting itself
will suffice because the
tone values can not be
preserved.
I would suggest if it is
at all possible to find
a practical photographer
who will go to Miss
Talbot (not one of those
so-called "Artistic" photogra- phers) but a man who will
January 26, 1920.

President Judson,
The University of Chicago.

My dear Chief:

My knowledge of the persons in the list which you have sent would not justify me in expressing an opinion at variance with that of the heads of the several departments—in case they are in the departments that have heads. I assume that you have their testimony. Without consulting them I submit my impressions for what they are worth:

Jernegan.

My impressions of him are less favorable than in the case of any one else in the list. On the other hand my means of information are so casual and fragmentary that they are worth nothing whatever except as a reason for asking questions of better informed persons. I have received from occasional accidental sources the idea that he has very contracted views of what a historian should try to do, that he confines himself to the practice of a finical technique upon material which may or may not have much importance on its own merits, and that he leaves upon students the impression that this sort of thing is history. It is quite possible that I am entirely in the wrong, and if Dr. McLoughlin and Mr. Dodd testify to the contrary their opinion should outweigh mine several times over.

Allen.

I find myself giving a good deal of weight to his conduct during the war. He was certainly an example to the rest of his colleagues of the proper attitude of an American citizen—particularly if handicapped by the job of a teacher of German. Not for this alone, but taking it into account as of significance in connection with his long probation, I should vote for his promotion.

Howland.

I have for some time had the opinion that he has to a certain extent been the victim of circumstances. I remember that for some years Dr. Harper felt that he could save a little money on him, because his wife's income did not leave him as needy as others. Whether that unfortunate start has affected his subsequent fortunes I do not know. I think, however, that his failure to be fit in the Romance department, and then his failure to be more convincing than even Professor Moulton's personality could be in the General Literature department, are not severally or together decisive. I am of the opinion that one way to give his work the importance it deserves—even if I am not willing to apply Mr. Moulton's standard of measure to its importance,—would be to give him the added prestige of advanced rank.
Cross.

His specialty is not among those for which there is the widest demand, but his publications have given me solid respect for his scholarship. I do not think there can be any doubt about his title to promotion.

Breckinridge.

My opinion will be determined by the outcome of our next effort to reach a final understanding about permanent relations between the University and the School of Civics and Philanthropy. As I understand it, our entrance into the war tabled consideration of the problem which had been raised in its latest form partly at the suggestion of Mr. Rosenwald. I also understand that Mr. Marshall will recommend re-opening of that question in connection with the budget on which you are now working. A few weeks ago, at your request, I had a long talk with Miss Breckinridge and Miss Abbott about the whole situation. The only conclusion reached was that it was a mistake not to have asked Mr. Marshall and Mr. Burgess to be present, so that what they had to say could have been heard by all of us at once. We are expecting to have such a combined hearing shortly.

Meanwhile their approaches not only tended to convince me that they are in a better state of mind than ever before for judicial treatment of our inter-connected interests, but, as Mr. Marshall and I have agreed, if they could be removed from their present divided interest, they would be the most available workers in the country in the line of their special ambitions.

We very much need their type of work to supply a kind of training for which the demand is rapidly increasing. If we could reach a basis of co-operation in which there would be nothing equivocal in Miss Breckinridge's relations to our University, I should recommend the promotion.

Clark.
Blanchard.
Nelson.

I suspect that my attitude toward the department of Public Speaking is a minority view. I agree that it cannot properly have Graduate School rating, but its importance in the undergraduate scheme seems to me to have been undervalued by the majority of our faculty. It seems to me imperative that promotion shall be open to every man whose specialty is recognized as of academic standing. If my judgment were decisive, no student would receive our Bachelor's degree unless he had done satisfactory work in two or three courses in Public Speaking. Whether the discipline is
chiefly along the Clark or the Blanchard line, it contributes more directly and more permanently to an educated man's effectiveness than almost any single factor in our curriculum. I think each of these men has done a very high quality of work, and each seems to me to have earned promotion in the regular order.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

AWS: RY
The University of Chicago

School of the Arts and Sciences

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June 28, 1936

Mama, dear,

Henry has just finished reading aloud to me the copy of
more than love which you were so
good to send to us. How we have
enjoyed it - and the memories which
it has called up.

What a grand piece of work the
dear Conte Dean has done for the
University and for women.
Our traditions for women here have been very fine — and in a way go back to Mrs. Palmer through Lucy Beague Mitchell — the first Dean of Women — and later for a long time now through Miss Belton — Mrs. Davidson and more recently Miss Hoyt have given her fine support —

I am sorry that Miss Belton feels that standards have been so lowered in recent years — Of course I have more or less looked on from the sidelines — and the girls I have known best are the Y. W. C. A. girls who are real
Leaders on our campus, a fine serious and attractive group, interested in Social Service, giving good volunteer work in the local agencies. Leading in work among High School girls, much interested in economic and social questions with a fine balance of judgment. I admire them and feel that in the whole they are more mature and able but many of the College women are in the day. And the young married group of College women whom I know here.
Through my five daughters-in-law, and in the League of Women Voters — and among the young faculty wives — are a grand lot.

At Christmas time, I read and enjoyed Sidney Lanier's life of Henrietta Biddle, and later we read his novel which brought back a painful episode, in a way which I didn't enjoy. The book didn't seem real to either of us.

At Christmas time we planned to make a real stay in Chicago in our return from Skatetown, where we had Christmas with the Eastern half of our family, Elizabeth and Charles and
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Their Aunt Amy too - and baby
Henry Holfield - and Robert's wife
Louise and their Betty Ann -- But
while we were in New York, where Henry
was attending meetings and doing some
work - and I was visiting with them in
the hospital - we both came down with
the flu - and were delayed - so that we had
to go straight back to Berkeley. But
sometime we are going to make a real
stay near the university - renew our youth
and see the few old friends who are
still there -

Emma Story - Charlotte Nelson and
Polly Schickering have tried to bring me up to date—and now and then we hear things through the papers and the radio—but as you say—the old Kelly days are far away—

Much love to you and the dear Dean.

Tell her that, though I felt by the wayside, I took joy in raising the percentage of fellows who persevered long enough to get their degrees—and in getting one fellow them the average—And I think if she saw my six grandchildren she would think that—they made us for a good deal—they are a been lot, if I do say so,

Yours very gratefully and lovingly,

Ezlulph Cline Holfield