2743 Hampden Court
Chicago Sept 3d 1917

President University of Chicago

My Dear Sir

It seems to me, as a writer for the religious press, that your splendid institution is doing itself great harm, and at the same time is causing great injury to the cause of religion in the American Republic which we all love so dearly, by allowing Professor Foster to speak before the American Society of Brewing Technology, and to have their strong approval as shown by their printing a report of it in their American Brewers Review. These are times which

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Trusting that you will receive this in the kindly way that is intended

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... University of Chicago, is a good deal like the Ark, whose voyage so many of its professors deny, which was filled with beasts and birds and ...eptiles of every sort. The theological vagaries of Professor George B. Foster, are well known. He denies the deity of Jesus and has cut the Bible into pieces with the scissors of higher criticism. His latest appearance, up until we go to press, is a defense of beer and an attack on the prohibition movement. The address was delivered before the Chicago section of the American Society of Brewing Technology, and appears in the June number of the American Brewers Review. The conclusion reached after seventeen columns of scientific sleep-walking is that beer drinking meets the natural and imperative demand of the body for relaxation. He says that dancing and fighting come out of the same inherent demand. Let him state this for himself. "To my way of thinking the war craze of Europe and the dance craze of America are rooted in the same psychology and are ultimately the same thing. People are dancing in America for the same reason they are fighting in Europe, and there are more people dancing in America than are fighting in Europe." We always knew that beer drinking and fighting were closely connected and that dancing halls were closely associated with the saloon, but the reason for their being so chummy had not occurred to us. The professor admits that he has paid no attention to the prohibition movement since he deserted it twenty-five years ago, "having given himself to other matters." We are glad of this statement. It explains why he is scientifically years behind his time. When such bodies as the American Medical Association declares for national prohibition and asserts that alcohol is without value as a medicine, and when the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, composed of the leading social experts of the country, by practically unanimous vote, declares for national prohibition, any one can see where it places this clerical advocate of beer drinking. It is time for the university to wake him up. He has already outdone the other Rip Van Winkle by at least five years—*United Presbyterian.*

Temperance

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Your favor of the 3d inst. is received. The University could hardly undertake to prescribe what its professors shall believe or say on such questions as that to which you refer. Further, the temperance question certainly is strong enough to stand on its own feet, and the opinions of any particular individuals will weigh little one way or the other. I appreciate entirely the spirit in which you write, and am sure that you will understand the attitude of the University towards such matters.

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