My dear President Judson:

Mr. Winter's representation of the University is gaining such wide circulation, both in this country and abroad, that it seems to me something ought to be done to try and catch up with it. Should you object to a letter of the kind I have here drafted (and which you will perhaps correct in any way you think wise) being sent to such papers as the Nation, the Boston Transcript and the Springfield Republican in this country, to the London Times and perhaps the Spectator in England, and to one or two Canadian papers such as the Toronto Globe? I do not wish in any way to compromise the position of the University, but it seems to me that Mr. Winter's practical refusal to pay any attention to our protests makes it desirable to put ourselves on record at least as denying the justice of his accusation.

You may perhaps know that Mr. Small got some indication that the whole matter emanates from Mr. Caroles, whom Mr. Van der Essen was unwilling to have asked to speak at the University because of the violent presentation which he made of the Belgian case.

Yours very truly,

President Barry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago.
Dear Mr. Angell:

Herewith I am returning material with regard to that Winter matter. I shall be heartily glad if you will send the letters in question. I thought a little more emphasis might be put on the subject matter of your final paragraph, and am enclosing Mr. Frost's letter with regard to Van Biesbroeck. He has been duly appointed, and is busily at work at the Observatory.

E. F. J. - L.

Dean J. R. Angell, of higher learning, the University at such times aims itself at any level of understanding. By the present war, he became the victim of the most lamentable. As far as I can recall, one of the first American universities was the University of Chicago. The gentleman, Professor Van Biesbroeck, came in October and was present as a lecturer at the University throughout the entire academic year of 1914-15. He bore himself with the greatest dignity
Chicago, December 1, 1918

Dear Mr. Franklin,

Return to your residence at once. I expect to return to New York on Monday. I shall be more accessible than ever on the subject matter of your letters. I have been very busy and we have been in receipt of a large amount of work at the University of Chicago.

Very truly yours,

W.T. L. Jr.
December 2, 1916.

Editor,
The Nation,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In his recently published book entitled, "The Pentecost of Calamity", on page 135, Mr. Owen Wister puts into the mouth of French and Belgian emissaries the words, "The University of Chicago stopped the mouth of a Belgian professor who was going to present Belgium's case". This statement has been given such wide publicity in the British and Canadian publications, and it is so wholly unfounded in fact that it seems desirable to enter protest against its further circulation. The author has written to Mr. Wister, asking for an explanation and has had no acknowledgment of his letter. Others of his colleagues have been more fortunate in securing some reply from Mr. Wister's secretary, but no adequate explanation, much less any retraction.

Needless to say, under the organization common to American institutions of higher learning, the University as such cannot align itself on any issue of the kind represented by the present war. Mention this institution was, so far as I am aware, one of the first American universities to invite to a seat on its regular faculty a member of the faculty of the University of Louvain. The gentleman, Professor Van der Essen, came in October and was present as a lecturer at the University throughout the entire academic year of 1914-15. He bore himself with the greatest dignity.
and self-control, and was certainly never interfered with in any way by the University in expressing whatever views he chose regarding Belgium and its annals. Moreover the University has in the present year appointed Dr. Georges Van Hensbroeck of the Royal Observatory of Belgium to a professorship at Yerkes Observatory, where he is at present at work. A course of this character hardly justifies the implication that the University has been indifferent to the case of Belgium, much less that its attitude has been one of hostility. So far as the writer can discover the only remote justification for Mr. Sister's statement may reside in the objection expressed by Professor Van der Eesen himself to having certain extremists invited to present the Belgian case to University of Chicago audiences. But it is to be reiterated that the University of Chicago on no occasion has done anything to justify the assertion to which Mr. Sister is giving such undeserved publicity.

Yours very truly,

Dean of the Faculties of Arts, Literature, and Science.
Dr. Harry Pratt, Jackson, President, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. President: "The University of Chicago stopped the march of a Belgian professor who was going to present Belgium's case in United States. The Pentecost of Calvary", Omar Wister.

Do the above quotations true?

Very respectfully,

Lt. Elmer McClain, Q.M.,
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O.

11-12 - W.F.C. 1909.

Very truly yours,

Lt. F.J. - L.

Lieutenant Elmer McClain, Q.M.N.A.
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio
Dear Lieutenant McClain:

Your favor relating to the alleged shutting the mouth of a Belgian professor is received. The statement was brought to my attention when the book was originally published. There is no foundation whatever for the statement. I called the author's attention to it, but received no reply.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Lieutenant Elmer McClain, Q.M.M.A.
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio
Greetings, Honorable Sir,

Post Treatment Notice:

Your letter regarding the month of a patient's progress in the surgery and the procedures was received with attention. The patient was previously discharged from the hospital. I called the patient to inform them of the treatment and recovery process. I called the patient's attention to not put recovery on delay.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Affirmative Illinois Project, O.P.T.S.
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