

Hawthorn Hill

Sunday evening – March 21, 1926.

I have just finished writing a letter to Professor Root which Orv has approved. I'll send you Professor Root's letter and a copy of my reply. They will explain themselves with what you know of the situation. Orv thinks it isn't too strong. I hope you won't think I'm getting too cranky. I am tired of having every thing brought up so late that there isn't time to do any thing but say "yes". I should think that such a matter as offering honorary degrees is fully as much the business of the Trustees as of the Faculty. If we aren't able to judge any thing, we oughtn't to be allowed to do it. No sue going to Oberlin twice a year for meetings. I can occupy myself some other way. Goodness knows I didn't need any Trustee Meeting to keep me from getting lonesome last June! I'm just a little peppery, dear, as you see.

I am concerned about Rogers, too. I don't know him really but if I can judge any thing by looks and by what I hear, he is certainly not the man for any such place of influence as the deanship. It is absurd. Of course, Cole had ability of a certain sort and he did have high standards of scholarship. But I can't see that Rogers has any qualifications unless it is not being too particular! If President King is not going to be able to really take up his work again, we ought to be getting busy on such matters as the deanship and the chairmanship of the Faculty. I suppose that Azariar is really as good as any one for Chairman of the Faculty. I wish we could work Louis into one of those places. He has some faults and some limitations but just compare him with the bunch that is in control. And Mr. Stetson. He ought to be used more. President King is so childish about a little criticism. I am sure that he and Louis and Dr. Nager and Dr. McLennan represents the very best on the Faculty. Of course, Dr. Nager is not strong and probably has no executive ability, as Mr. Stetson says. But he has fine ability and fine principles and fine taste and I do wish he could have more to do with running things. Certainly Louis has executive ability. I am sorry that Mr. Stetson think he "has not party". I supposed he thinks Louis has lost a good deal in the fight. But I believe if we could just get things set right, a good mand people would join "his part" – provided we could make him the acknowledged leader of certain ideas. I can't believe that a majority of the Faculty don't see through Bohn and Rogers and Sherman and so on. We don't want such influence as those men have. And I agree with the Prof on Holmes I agree with him in practically every thing you told me he said. We've got a chance now for an unusual college – an outstanding first class college and we must have it. I don't believe we are in any danger of having a lot of money put in the Theological Seminary. And I doubt if we have a Theologue for President. But what I am afraid of is having such a man such as Rogers get entrenched in power and influence. And I want to get Bohn out altogether. He really has no place in Oberlin except as chief flatterer of the President. I am awfully interested in all this, dear, and I'm glad I'm on the Board. I'll have some chance to see on the inside. I must go to bed, dear. This is a love letter truly for all the time I've been writing I've had a warm feeling of loving and being loved. I do love you so much, dear. Maybe I'll add more to this in the morning and maybe I'll not have a chance before I must mail it. Goodnight, dear. I don't know what I wouldn't give to slip over to that other room and love you a little while.

Your
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