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President W. J. Kerr,
Logan, Utah,

'March 14, 1804,

'Dear Sir:

'It is possible that the enclosed may be of interest to you.

'My reason for sending is this: I am teaching in a Quaker college; but, being a Baptist, I prefer a state school or one of my own denomination. While seeking to undermine no one, I am wishing a wider acquaintance with the colleges toward which I am looking.

'I am a Ph.D. from Yale; and, if you wish, you can consult Prof. (emeritus) John E. Clark, who was for more than twenty-five years Head Professor of Mathematics in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University.

'Respectfully,

J. M. Blakelee.
University of Colorado,
Ira M. DeLong, Chair of Mathematics.

To All Interested Parties:

I gladly endorse the character, scholarship, and work of Dr. T. M. Blakslee, who has so faithfully assisted me during the last year, and who will in June sever his connection with the Department on account of the inability of our Regents to compensate him according to his worth.

Dr. Blakslee is so familiar with mathematical subjects, so enthusiastic in his methods of teaching them, and so kindly in his treatment of his students, that none of them can forget, none fail to appreciate the value of his teaching. I have found him very obliging also, and can unqualifiedly speak of his manliness and Christian character.

Very truly, (Signed) Ira M. DeLong.
From Dr. G. W. Myers, Professor of the Teaching of Mathematics in the School of Education of the UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

My dear Mr. Blakslee:

I have enjoyed two or three hours with the lecture notes you were so kind as to send me. I like them very much and am writing to inquire what you would think of the project of allowing us to run them seriously through our School Mathematics. There may be good reasons to your mind for not doing this, but we can give you a first class and goodly sized mathematical audience for them. Our magazine is devoted to the propagation of this very sort of mathematics. Let me know at once what you think. Your notes would make first class educational propaganda in mathematical teaching.

Our prospects are bright, but your work would make them brighter.

Jan. 27, 1904.

Yours very truly,

G. W. Myers.

FROM PRESIDENT E. E. HADLEY OF NEBRASKA CENTRAL COLLEGE. (Where I am)

It gives me pleasure to recommend Prof. T. M. Blakslee as a thorough scholar, a strong Christian man, and a very successful instructor. He is strong and original. Fortunate will be the institution that secures his services. Our Board will retain him until some better position calls him.

Feb. 1, 1904.

(Signed) E. E. Hadley.
FROM PRESIDENT HARPER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

I wish to commend to you Mr. T. M. Elakslee as an instructor in mathematics. I know of his work as a teacher and his ability as a scholar. I can assure you that no mistake will be made in appointing him to a position. He is original and strong.


FROM PRESIDENT STETSON OF DES MOINES COLLEGE.

It gives me pleasure to say that I have been personally acquainted with Prof. T. M. Elakslee during the past eight years. He is a man that I have learned to esteem highly for his Christian character and his very great attainments and ability in Pure Mathematics. He has the name of being the foremost or ablest mathematician in Iowa. He is a most faithful and reliable man as well as an eminent scholar in his specialty the higher mathematics. He has always shown great willingness to work and great ambition to make his department successful.

April, 1896. (Signed) H. L. Stetson.

FROM EX-PRESIDENT ADAMS OF DES MOINES COLLEGE.

I am very glad to say this word of recommendation on behalf of Dr. T. M. Elakslee. He was teacher of mathematics in Des Moines College while I was its president, 1900-1903, and I am proud to say was faithful to his duties and classes under the most discouraging conditions. He is a man of sterling character, a sincere Christian, a Mathematician of the first order. In Higher Mathematics I have never known his superior.