

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,
HYDE PARK.

DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Chicago, May 19, 1899.

Pres. David S. Jordan,

Stanford University, California.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the gentleman of whom I had already written to you, in my judgement he would be a very good and wise manager of a department. I think he would teach elementary work successfully, but I think you would be right in doubting whether he would be an effective person before the public on popular questions of the day. In university work proper he has an exceptionally strong hold upon the students.

In regard to the other gentleman of whom you inquire, Mr. H.J.Davenport, I wish you could have a personal interview with him. He is a large man physically, suggesting great force and power over men and a very successful teacher. He is something of a hustler. He has had a good deal of outside experience as a business man and is accustomed to managing men. In fact he has a great fondness for executive work. He could have been the President of one of the western universities near the Rockies if he had been willing to adapt his views to those of others. On this side, he would suit you more than anyone I know; and on the

side of scholarship and training I think you would find few men better equipped. He is capable of an enormous amount of work. His books speak for themselves. He is ready, self poised, confident, impressive.

If there are any special points you would like to ask me about him I should be glad to respond.

Very truly yours,

J. Laurence Laughlin
Pres. David S. Jordan

Stanford University, California

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the gentleman of whom I had already written to you, in my judgment he would be a very good and wise manager of a department. I think he would take a very active part in the work successfully, but I think you would be right in doubting whether he would be an effective person before the public on popular questions of the day. In university work proper he has an exceptionally strong hold upon the students.

In regard to the other gentleman of whom you inquire, Mr. H. J. Gavensport, I wish you could have a personal interview with him. He is a large man physically, suggesting great force and power over men and a very successful teacher. He is something of a hustler. He has had a good deal of outside experience as a business man and is accustomed to managing men. In fact he has a great fondness for executive work. He could have been the President of one of the western universities near the Rockies if he had been willing to adopt his views to those of others. On this side, he would suit you more than anyone I know; and on the