

Syracuse University, May 16th, 1872.

TO THE ALUMNI OF GENESEE COLLEGE:—

In the organization of Syracuse University, it is provided that the Board of Trustees shall consist of forty-one members, whose term of office is six years. Five are trustees, *ex-officio*; nine are trustees *at large* elected by the board; three are elected by each of the eight conferences in the State; and it is further provided that,

“Three members of the Board shall be members of and represent the Alumni of the University, they shall be elected by the Alumni Association; one at the time and place of each alternate Annual Commencement, in the place of one whose term of office shall then expire: and at any annual meeting the said Alumni Association shall have power to declare and fill any vacancies in their own number of trustees; it being provided that until the Alumni shall number twenty-one, the election of the three Trustees provided for in this section shall be made by the Board of trustees” [Art. I, Sec. I, Sub. 3, of By-Laws.]

In November 1871, the Board of Trustees adopted the following preamble and resolution:—

“WHEREAS—The Alumni of Genesee College feel a lively interest in the welfare of the Syracuse University, and many of them have expressed a desire to adopt it as their ‘Alma Mater’, therefore:

“RESOLVED—That all the Alumni of Genesee College, who shall make application therefor, will be admitted by the Syracuse University, to the same degrees to which they have heretofore been admitted by Genesee College, and will thereupon be deemed to all intents and purposes, to be Alumni of the Syracuse University”.

The object of re-conferring the degree already received, is to meet a possible legal question that might arise as to the relation held by the Genesee Alumni to the Syracuse University. The Board of Trustees propose, by a simple resolution, without expense, to confer such degrees upon all who desire to be enrolled as Alumni of the University.

It is understood that the Board of Trustees have not availed themselves of the provision authorizing them to elect the first three Alumni Trustees and that there are three vacancies to be filled at Commencement.

The Faculty sincerely hope that the above plan will meet your approval and that you will give to the Syracuse University, your warm sympathies and hearty support. If you regard the proposition with favor, please fill out the application below, append your name and return at your earliest convenience, to the Secretary of the Faculty, who will cause the matter to be duly presented to the Board of Trustees at their session, on the 25th of June next.

By order of the Faculty,

JOHN R. FRENCH, Secretary.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY:

I approve the plan stated above, and in accordance therewith, hereby make application for the Degree of

*Master of Arts,* to which I have heretofore been admitted by Genesee College.

*John Ababaster.*