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## Letters between O. T. Geckeler and W. J. Kerr

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Opelika, Ala., May 4, 1903.

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Dear Sir:

I desire hereafter to devote myself to my specialty, Mathematics, and prefer to locate in the West. Please to file the accompanying testimonials, etc. for possible future reference. When an opening occurs I shall be glad to have you correspond with me. My present salary is one thousand dollars.

Any kindness will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

O. T. Geckeler.

## Where Educated.

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I graduated from Indiana University in eighteen hundred and ninety-four, with specialty in Mathematics, and spent the following year and two summer terms as a post-graduate student of Mathematics at Chicago University. Since that time I have taken courses in Mathematical Physics at several other state universities.

### Courses Taken in Mathematics.

At Indiana University: Such work as is usually included in an undergraduate course of Mathematics, together with Surveying, Quaternions, both volumes of Chrystal's Algebra, and both volumes of Williamson's Calculus.

At Chicago University: Advanced Integral Calculus and Fourier's series, Reye's Geometrie der Lage, General Theory of Functions, Weierstrass's Elliptic Functions, Higher Plane Curves, Joachimstahl's Anwendung der Differentialrechnung auf die Geometrie, Theory of Substitutions, and Lie's An-

wendung der Gruppentheorie auf die Differentialgleichungen.

Since leaving Chicago University I have done considerable reading after English, German, and French mathematicians.

In Mathematical Physics my work was confined to Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, and the Electro-Magnetic Theory of Light.

#### Teaching Experience.

I have served six years as first assistant and principal of schools, the past two as first assistant in the Public School at Opelika, Alabama. Fully two-thirds of my teaching has been in Mathematics.

#### References.

J. G. Palmer, M. D., President of the Opelika School Board; G. W. Brock, Superintendent of the Opelika Public Schools; Hon. I. W. Hill, State Superintendent of Schools of Alabama; H. Maschke, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Chicago University; and R. J. Aley, Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics at Indiana University.

#### Testimonials.

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 27, 1899.

“Mr. Geckeler was graduated from Indiana University in eighteen hundred and ninety-four with Mathematics as his major subject, and has since done con-

siderable work in Chicago University and elsewhere. He is a man of ability and excellent character, and is a fine mathematician. As a teacher, he certainly will consecrate himself in every way to his work.”

JOSEPH SWAIN,

President Indiana University.

Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 9, 1895.

“Mr. Geckeler was for some time a student in my classes. He has marked ability and did very superior work. He is a clear, logical thinker and has the power of stating his views in a manner easily understood.”

R. L. GREEN, A. M.,

Professor of Mathematics.

Chicago University, Dec. 5, 1896.

“Mr. Geckeler continued his special work in Mathematics by a year of graduate study here. He is an efficient, intelligent, thorough-going student of Mathematics, and would make an excellent teacher of the mathematical subjects usually taught in colleges. Hence I recommend him highly. Personally he is a thorough gentleman.”

E. H. MOORE, Ph. D.,

Head Professor of Mathematics.

Opelika, Ala., May 5, 1902.

“It gives us much pleasure to testify to the high personal character and

scholarly attainments of Mr. O. T. Geckeler,

“During his connection with the Public School at this place we have been in a position to watch his work and judge its effect. We are inclined to think that he is unusually painstaking and conscientious in his work in the school room, and, as a natural consequence, he has given entire satisfaction. So far as his attainments are concerned, the credentials he holds from first class institutions speak for themselves; we are convinced that they are not in the least overdrawn. We believe he measures up to all the representations contained therein, and is well equipped for thorough teaching.

“We take pleasure in saying that in all the relations of life we found him to be a high-toned Christian gentleman, one who commands the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.”

J. B. GREENE, Vice-President,

LEE ECHOLS,

JNO. J. INGRAM,

DR. A. B. BENNETT,

J. T. GORMAN,

Members of the Board of Education.

May 12, 1903.

Mr. O. T. Geckeler,  
Opelika, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 4th inst., with testimonials, is received, and will be placed on file for future reference. Should a vacancy occur in the Department of Mathematics, I shall be pleased to correspond with you.

Yours truly,

W. J. KERR, President.

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