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CORNELL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF
THE SCIENCE AND ART OF EDUCATION

Ithaca, N. Y.,

Nov. 11th, 1902.

President W. J. Kerr,
Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of Nov. 7th, concerning the plan of our Summer Session, I would say that the University provides all the money for the expenses of instruction and advertising in the Summer Session. We began four years ago with an appropriation of about \$8000, the second year it ran to \$10000, the third year to about \$11000, and the last year \$12500, and for the coming year \$16500 have been appropriated. The University has never lost any money on this enterprise, and last year we added about \$1000 in the ^{general} ~~member~~ fund, and about \$8000 in the Sage College Fund for ^{dormitory} ~~temporary~~ fees.

The plan was tried, some years ago, of having a voluntary Summer School, in which the teaching ^{force simply divided} ~~offers simply added~~ to the income, the University not being responsible for anything. This plan proved unsuccessful and the attendance diminished from year to year. The present plan is highly successful and brings and ever increasing number of students.

The University allows a maximum of seven ^{university} hours' credit for summer work in the case of regular matriculated studies. They must satisfy their professors that the work they undertake during the summer is sufficient in quantity and quality to warrant the credit.

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We offer two courses which are specifically intended for students to make up conditions. They are in Mechanics and Descriptive Geometry. The ^{opportunity} same is offered to a considerable extent in Mathematics. For next year we have added a special course in Physics which corresponds to the same work given during the year, and for which students may have regular credit, and substitute this work for that which is begun during the year.

Heretofore, the Summer Session has been provided simply for teachers who are at work in the schools, rather than for undergraduates of the University. You will notice in the President's Report that he suggests a possibility of utilizing the summers in the regular work. Chicago is the only university that has done this on a large scale.

I mail you under another cover, one of our last summer announcements, which will show you how we manage things. As soon as our Register is out, you can obtain one from the Registrar. It will give a statement of the th forecoming work. I think this will be ready in a very few weeks.

Very truly yours,

Charles DeGarmo.