

Elk City, Kansas, Oct. 12, 1889.

Judge Albion W. Tourgis,

Dear Sir:-

I am a graduate of Baker University, and have been requested by some of the boys who are still in school, to ask you if, from your visits as a lecturer at Baker and in the State, you could give us a helpful word of recommendation.

The circumstances are these: The boys are trying to secure a chapter of a Greek Fraternity (F. K. G.) and they

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have the consent of the Faculty and Board of Trustees. It now becomes necessary to convince the General Council of the Fraternity that Baker is of honorable standing in our State and the West.

We are the oldest school in the State, are now first in numbers of any denominational school, were the first to support a lecture course, which is still maintained.

Should you be able to give us a general recommendation, "the boys" will hold you in grateful remembrance.

Very sincerely,

J. W. D. Anderson

Replying to your very candid ap=
plication for an opinion as to the eli=
gibility of Baker University, as a place
for locating a chapter of a Greek
Letter Fraternity, allow me to say
that it would depend very
much on the character, or
more properly the policy of the
Fraternity. There are four or five
ways in which fraternities may
be termed popular and
select fraternities. The select fran=
ternities as a matter of policy
are ~~kept~~ restricted to the
very highest, I might almost
say the wealthiest institutions.
~~But~~ With such it is a very risky
thing to go into an institution
that does not rank with the
very highest with a certain

are all that could be desired while
the other two were probable mistakes.

In a society of a more popular
— or less exclusive sort — I should con-
sider Baker University a most desirable
field so far as the cursory examination
a lecturer is able to give an 'institution'
he only casually sees once or twice.

It impressed me as a very healthful, vigor-
ous, reliable institution which could be
depended on to rear out strong men
who will be a credit to their Fran-
terity as well as their Alma Ma-
ter. If such an opinion is considered
worth of any value you are at

Liberty to use this letter in such
manner as you may see fit.

Yours

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