

February 17, 1917

Mr. P. Pumshotham Hayrambla
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Madras E., S. India

Dear Sir:-

Your card of December 22nd was duly received. In reply I will say that if you present official certificates for your preparatory work sufficient to cover the admission to the Scottish Universities you will be admitted here without examination.

Let me tell you frankly, however, that we have never had a student from India. Frequently we have had applications for admission but we have advised them not to come to college in the southern section of the United States. This has been done on account of the long established feeling against the intermingling of the whites and negroes of this section. While we know that your people are not negroes we have felt that on account of the dark complexion there might be some personal feeling against a student from India. In recent years, however, we have admitted several students from the Philippine Islands and there has been no trouble on this point. I believe that you could come here now and it would be all right, but this is a matter for you to decide. If you wish to come, the University will admit you with the understanding that you know in advance of the feeling existing against persons of dark complexion. You could enter any University in the Northern states without this question being mentioned. In fact the schools in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, etc. take students from every race. Our regular session will begin September 19th, 1917.

Very truly yours,