

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Stanford University, Cal.,

July 1, 1911.

Dr. William Osler,
University of Oxford,
Oxford, England.

Dear Sir:

I am authorized by our Board of Trustees to invite you to give, at some time between the 15th of September, 1912 and the 1st of April, 1913 -- there will be a holiday period from December 15th to January 15th which would not be available -- a course of three lectures under the West Foundation on some phase of the general subject of "Immortality, Human Conduct, and Human Destiny."

The conditions of the gift by Mr. and Mrs. West, establishing this lectureship, indicate the character of the lectures, and a copy of these conditions I am appending herewith. It is understood that the lecturer may, if he choose, speak extempore, providing at his convenience a manuscript corresponding in a general way to what he has said. This manuscript is to become the property of the University and is to be published as a booklet to be given wide distribution by the University itself in addition to such sales as may result, the proceeds of such sales to be used to increase the fund constituting the foundation.

The first series of these lectures was given last February by Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Church of New York. His admirable paper on Immortality is now being pub-

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lished by Houghton, Mifflin & Company of Boston.

The honorarium attached to this lecturership is \$1000.

It would be esteemed as an exceedingly great honor to the faculty and students of the Leland Stanford Junior University if you could accept this invitation, and I can promise you a most appreciative audience and a most generous response from the people of California as well as from the people of the University if you can become our second West Lecturer.

Very truly yours,

David Starr Jordan.

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President.

Enclosure

C O P Y

In memory of our beloved son, Raymond Frederic West, a student in Leland Stanford Junior University, who was drowned in Eel River, in California, on January 18, 1906, before the completion of his college course, we wish to present to the Trustees and authorities of the Leland Stanford Junior University, At Palo Alto, California, the honored Alma Mater of our son, the sum of \$10,000, to be held as a fund in perpetual trust, for the establishment of a lectureship on a plan similar to the Dudleian Lectures and the Ingersoll Lectures at Harvard University.

By this plan, in each collegiate year, or on each alternate year, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, from one to three lectures shall be given on some phase of this subject : "Immortality, Human Conduct and Human Destiny".

Such lectures shall not form part of the usual college or university course, nor shall they be delivered by any professor or instructor in active service in the institution. Such lecturer may be a clergyman or a layman, a member of any ecclesiastical organization, or of none, but he should be a man of the highest personal character and of superior intellectual endowment. He shall be chosen by the Faculty and the Board of Trustees of said University in such manner as the said Board of Trustees may determine, but the appointment in any case shall be made at least six months before the delivery of said lecture.

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The above sum is to be safely invested, and the interest thereof is to be divided, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, into two parts, the one an honorarium to the lecturer, the other for the publication of the said lectures, or the gratuitous distribution of a number of copies of the same if published by the author.

The manuscript of the course of lectures shall become the property of the university, and shall be published by the University unless some other form of publication is more acceptable.

The course of lectures shall be known as the "Raymond F. West Memorial Lectures on Immortality, Human Conduct and Human Destiny".

(Signed) F. W. West.

Mary B. West.

Dated at Seattle, Washington,

January 18, 1910.

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