

April 20, 1928

Mr. Arthur E. Baggs

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Dear Arthur:

I am very glad, indeed, to have your letter and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your kind references to myself.

We are all thrilled at the news that there is a possibility of your going to Ohio State. This is what I have been hoping and almost praying for ever since I was there in the winter. Professor Hopkins and George Bole and I discussed you at that time but nothing further had been said, I feared that the matter had been dropped, now I am full of hope again. I have no doubt that you will handle the situation in the right way.

I want to suggest to you in confidence one or two things. Ross C. Purdy, the Secretary of the American Ceramic Society, lives in Columbus and thinks he has a great deal to do with the organization of the department in the University. He is a man who should be handled with tact. He always wants his own way, and while I do not think he has any influence with Professor Hopkins, he thinks he has and will be prejudiced against you because you are an Alfred man. He tried very hard to get Frederick Rhead in this place but Rhead had sense enough to refuse. Professor Hopkins perhaps you know. He is an amiable man and pleasant. I do not know how much of an artist he is though he is something of a painter. The point is that he expects the Ceramic Art work to be under his own care and anyone in charge of it will be, in a sense, under him. This is not necessarily objectionable but I thought you should be aware of the situation. You will get your own way without appearing to do so.

I offer these remarks with my very cordial wishes and, as you know, I will always be ready to render any possible help. I have shown your letter to Miss Fosdick and she is equally thrilled.

Very kind regards to yourself and Laura,

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