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**GROSE, HOWARD B.**

PAPERS, 1890-1891  
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## History

Howard Benjamin Grose was born on September 5, 1851 in Millerton, New York. He was a friend and classmate of President Edward Olson. Grose was invited to speak at Olson's funeral oration; he made such an impression that he was chosen to succeed him in the presidency in January 1890. Grose received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Chicago and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Rochester. Following graduation, he worked for the *Chicago Times* and *Baptist Examiner*. In 1883, he was ordained as a Baptist minister and served at the First Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie, New York (1883-1887) and at the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania until he became president of the University of Dakota (officially named the University of South Dakota on March 5, 1891). During his administration, serious differences arose between the president, the faculty, and students. Students disliked the direction President Grose was taking specific classes in the curriculum. The university was also facing drastic salary cuts that caused tensions to increase between President Grose and the faculty. In early 1891, 167 students signed a petition that requested Grose's removal. The Board of Trustees convened a meeting on March 24, 1891; the board declared that University to be in a state of rebellion and suspended seven student leaders. In addition, the faculty urged board members against retaining Grose for another year. The responsibility then shifted to the Board of Regents in an April 1891 meeting held in Brookings. The Board of Regents supported Grose, but decided to withhold judgment for two months. Eventually, the disagreements led to the dismissal of the entire faculty, followed by the resignation of Grose on May 1, 1891. Graduation exercises did not take place that spring; diplomas were mailed to students. After his resignation, Grose taught history at the University of Chicago from 1892-1896, was assistant editor of *The Watchman* in Boston (1896-1900), editorial secretary for the American Baptist Home Mission Society (1904-1910), and finally, the editor for the *Missions* journal for 23 years. He lived in Mount Vernon, New York, until his death on May 19, 1939.

## Scope and Content Note

The Howard B. Grose Collection is composed of three series: **Correspondence, Typescripts, and Printed Materials**. Unfortunately, the records for the Grose administration, particularly for correspondence, are extremely limited in scope due to the 1893 fire of University Hall (Old Main) which destroyed many of the records.

The **Correspondence** series contains letters written by individuals requesting a catalog of courses or seeking admission into the university. There is also correspondence to and from the Board of Regents regarding the controversy surrounding Grose's presidency. General correspondence is contained in one folder entitled, "A-Z." Incoming and outgoing correspondence for a person or organization with more than 2 letters are contained in one folder; these are listed directly after "General" files.

The **Typescript** series includes testimonials from faculty and students protesting Grose's administration that took place before the Board of Trustees on March 24, 1891.

The **Printed Materials** series includes newspaper clippings concerning the issues involving Grose's controversial presidency and administration.

### **Additional Resources:**

Cummins, Cedric. *The University of South Dakota, 1862-1966*. Vermillion: University of South Dakota Press, 1975.

Grose, Howard B. *Advance in the Antilles: The New Era in Cuba and Porto Rico*. New York: Young People's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, 1910.

Grose, Howard B. *Aliens or Americans?* New York: Toronto Young People's Missionary Movement, 1906.

Grose, Howard B. *Baptist Missions on the Frontier*. New York: American Baptist Home Mission Society, 1908.

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Grose, Howard B. *Frontier Sketches: Illustrations of the Pioneer Work of Home Missionaries as Told by the Workers or Drawn from Their Experience*. New York: American Baptist Home Mission Society, 1908.

Grose, Howard B. *George Edwin Horr: A Biographical Memoir*. New York: Rahway, NJ: Quinn and Boden Co., 1928.

Grose, Howard B. *The Incoming Millions*. Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1906.

Grose, Howard B. *John Roach: Born December 25, 1813, Died January 10, 1887*. New York: Atlantic Publishing and Engraving Co., 1888.

Grose, Howard B. *The Judson Centennial, 1814-1914, Celebrated in Boston, Mass., June 24-25, in Connection with the Centenary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society*. Boston: American Baptist Publication Society, 1914.

Grose, Howard B. *Never Man so Spake: Studies in the Teachings of Jesus*. New York: George H. Doran Co., 1924.

Grose, Howard B. Ed. *Our Wonder World: A Library of Knowledge*. Chicago: G. L. Shuman, 1918.

Grose, Howard B. Ed. *The Praise Book: For Young People's Societies, Church Prayer Meetings, Sunday Schools*. Boston: United Society of Christian Endeavor, 1906.

Grose, Howard B. *Recitations and Readings for the Lincoln Memorial Service: Home Mission Day for the Sunday Schools*. New York: American Baptist Home Mission Society, 1900?

### **Subjects: University of South Dakota. President—Archives**

Grose, Howard B., 1890-1891--Archives.

University of South Dakota – History—19<sup>th</sup> century—Sources

College presidents—South Dakota—Vermillion--Archives

CORRESPONDENCE (3 folders)

**Box 1**

General "A-Z" (1 folder)

Cory, Frank J.

1891, March 27

Dudley, William H.

1891, April 7

Free, A. T. (Member of Board of Trustees)

1891, March 20

Green, Henry J., Manufacturer and Importer of Sci. Instruments

1890, Jan. 20

Grose, Howard B. (President of USD)

n.d.

Harben, G. P.

1890, Jan. 25

Kiland, G. H. (Member of Board of Trustees)

1890, Nov. 15

J. F. Knappen, lawyer

1890, Feb. 22

Jones, A. Sheridan

1890, Jan. 21

Remington Standard Typewriter

1890, Feb. 7

Board of Regents (5 items)

1890, May 20

1891, March 24

1891, March 26

1891, March 27

1891, Fall (?)

Cavalier, L. E. (2 items)

1890, Jan. 15

1890, Oct. 4

**TYPESCRIPTS**

"To the Honorable, the Regents of Education of the  
State of South Dakota," USD Faculty, 27 March 1891

"Report of the Trustees of the University to the Board  
Of Regents of Education," 27 March 1891

"Statement of the Members of the Faculty to the Trustees  
And Regents, 27 March 1891

**PRINTED MATERIALS**

Newspaper Clippings (20 items)

n.d., no title

n.d., "The University Turmoil"

n.d., "Mr. Inman Talks"

n.d., *Brookings Register*, "Regents' Session"

n.d., "Class of 1891 Gets Diplomas But Graduation is  
Cancelled"

n.d. "Outrageous, Such is the Conduct of Inman and  
Steve Updyke, The Sheriff Holds the University,"

"South Dakota University, Death of Dr. Olson Proves a  
Serious Blow to the Institution," *Omaha World Herald*  
7 June 1890

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### Newspaper Clippings Cont'd

- "A College Quarrel, *Sioux City Journal*, 20 March 1891
  - "University Board Meeting," 1 April 1891
  - "Grose and the Students," 22 March 1891
  - "The Row at the University," 24 March 1891
  - "The Students' Petition," 26 March 1891
  - "The Students Win, The Board of Regents Reinstate Those Who Were Expelled," *Sioux City Journal* 2 April 1891
  - "Mr. Grose Forced Out," 4 May 1891
  - "The Regents Resolutions," *Dakota Republican* 9 April 1891
  - "New Faculty Selected," 31 May 1891
  - "The University is Closed," 2 June 1891
  - "The University Troubled," *Sioux City Journal* 4 June 1891
  - "The University" *Plain Talk* 5 June 1891
  - "A University Overthrown," *Sioux City Journal* 8 June 1891
- Reports (1 item)
- Annual Report of the University of South Dakota Presented to the Board of Regents, Nov. 12, 1890