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Bryant & Stratton Business College
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Rhode Island Commercial School
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*For More than Half a Century the
STANDARD School for Business Training*

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The public press has announced the details of the union of the two leading commercial institutions, the BRYANT & STRATTON BUSINESS COLLEGE, established 1863, and the RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, established 1898, which will hereafter be known as the BRYANT & STRATTON - RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. Greatly enlarged, newly equipped and splendidly appointed quarters house the united institution on the fifth and sixth floors of the Butler Exchange, occupying more than 22,000 square feet of splendidly lighted and ventilated floor space. Here are the finest commercial school quarters in New England.

COMBINED TEACHERS COMBINED COURSES

The union of these two schools makes possible a combination of teachers and courses comprising the *best of both schools* and offers to prospective students a course of training in practical commercial education unsurpassed elsewhere.

NO INCREASE IN COST OF TUITION

The same rates and convenient terms of payment that the students of the Rhode Island Commercial School have enjoyed in the past, will be maintained, as the greatly enlarged number of students enables the school to afford the heavy additional expenses of the highest priced teachers, and most modern and up-to-date equipment which are part of this school.

**STATEMENT OF THE LATE
MR. THEODORE B. STOWELL, A. M.**

To the students and graduates of the Bryant & Stratton Business College, and to the public:

The Bryant & Stratton Business College and the Rhode Island Commercial School have joined hands for the better training of young men and young women for the increased responsibilities of commercial life. For the better part of my lifetime, I have devoted my energies whole-heartedly to the preparation of the rising generation for a career of usefulness in the commercial world. With advancing years, the task has become increasingly great and the opportunity to unite with the live, aggressive organization of the Rhode Island Commercial School is one that I consider most valuable.

The joint management of both schools, aided by a faculty of our best teachers combining in their courses the most modern and up-to-date methods, brings about, in my judgment, a condition most desirable and one of great advantage to the business community.

Mr. Harry Loeb Jacobs, the President and Treasurer of the new corporation, has my entire confidence and esteem and I hope to see accomplished with his co-operation, the creation and establishment of higher ideals and a more efficient method of training young men and young women for the responsibilities of business life.

During the fifty-four years' existence of the Bryant & Stratton School more than 20,000 graduates have gone forth from its doors to success and honor in the business world, and I hope and believe that all that has been done in the past will be exceeded to a great degree by the union of these two institutions.



STATEMENT OF HARRY LOEB JACOBS, PRESIDENT

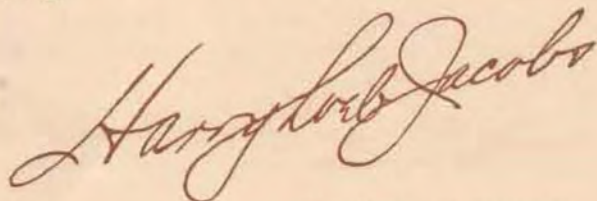
The Bryant & Stratton Business College and the Rhode Island Commercial School are now one institution. The fifty-four years' experience of the one, and the nineteen years' experience of the other, have been combined under one organization and the result of this union to the young men and young women of Southern New England—the future leaders of commerce and industry—will be highly advantageous.

The combination of capital, the assembling together of the best teachers of both schools, the combining of the most efficient methods—enables the new Bryant & Stratton-Rhode Island Commercial School to provide the most efficient courses of commercial instruction obtainable anywhere—everything that the most modern equipment—the highest paid teachers—and the most up-to-date methods obtainable can accomplish.

The business community has long recognized the diplomas of both schools as a mark of fitness for responsible commercial positions—25,000 successful men and women in Rhode Island and elsewhere obtained their start in life equipped with a diploma from either of these two schools, and *the new diploma of the united institution commands a respect and consideration from the business world that gains for its possessor an opportunity and an opening impossible to procure without it.*

The union of these two schools, therefore, means much to the young men and women now leaving school. The demand for our graduates last year, which was far in excess of the supply, *practically assures* every graduate of the combined school a favorable opening, at a good salary, after they complete their courses. Notwithstanding the extremely large enrollment indicated, it is practically certain that the demands of the business community will far exceed the number of graduates.

Fathers and mothers who send their sons and daughters to this institution can have the confidence and assurance that they are giving them every advantage and a good start in business life.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Harry Loeb Jacobs". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes, particularly in the first and last names.

President and Treasurer.

THE UNION OF THESE TWO SCHOOLS PROVIDES MANY ADDED ADVANTAGES

The merging of these two institutions will prove of great material benefit to the cause of commercial education in New England, because it makes possible the accomplishment of certain objects which have heretofore been quite beyond the reach of any one individual school. The combination of assets, of equipment, of faculty, and of methods, enables the united school to undertake advances in practical work heretofore impossible.

Gregg and Munson-Pitman Shorthand Systems Taught

These two splendid systems of shorthand training have each so many distinctive features of value that the united school offers to its students either course, as they may elect, providing distinct and separate faculties for the teaching of the two courses.

The same methods that enabled the thousands of Rhode Island Commercial School graduates during the past eighteen years to achieve success in the use of the Gregg shorthand system will be maintained and carried on without change. And the same methods that enabled the thousands of Bryant & Stratton Business College graduates during the past twenty-five years to achieve success in the use of the Munson-Pitman shorthand system will be maintained and carried on without change.

Students who have begun the Ben Pitman System elsewhere may continue here under competent Pitman instructors.

Extensive Business Practice Department of the Bryant & Stratton Business College

Is now merged with that of the Rhode Island Commercial School, enabling the students to enjoy the advantages of the combined experience of the ablest members of both faculties. Bookkeeping, therefore, will be taught in the most realistic and practical manner, by which methods the routine of keeping books will have become so much a habit that when the student accepts a position it will be to him just as though he stepped from one of our offices into another.

Students Transact Business with Other Students in Twelve of the Foremost Business Schools in America

The Bryant & Stratton-Rhode Island Commercial School retains the membership in the Eastern Business Practice Association in which it is the only Rhode Island member, and students enjoy the *distinct advantage* of being enabled to transact business relations with other students in twelve of the foremost business schools in America.

These various transactions are carried on through the United States mail in identically the same manner as real transactions in the business world. Students buy, sell, order and ship merchandise; draw checks, drafts and notes, and perform all the various other commercial transactions incident to the handling of a large and successful business.

The Combined Employment Departments Offer Unique Advantages

More than 25,000 graduates of both schools have gone forth into the business world and achieved success, holding responsible positions in almost all the foremost lines of industry, trade and professional endeavor in Southern New England. Knowing as they do, the qualifications of the graduates of these schools, they invariably inform us when they are in need of trained assistants and a graduate of the Bryant & Stratton-Rhode Island Commercial School receives preference because of the known thoroughness of the training obtained in these schools.

This department is under the personal direction of the Vice-President of this institution. We consider the proper placing of the young men and women graduating from our various courses to be one of the most important duties of this institution, and every effort is made to insure the success of our graduates by placing them in positions where they are most certain to succeed.

A diploma from the Bryant & Stratton-Rhode Island Commercial School is accepted by the business world as an indication of special fitness for responsible positions and the qualifications of our graduates are so generally known that a young man or young woman starting in business without this diploma is sorely handicapped in the climb for success.

Individual Training Given More Attention Than Ever Before

While it is true that the combined school is a large institution and that the enrollment is great, yet because of this fact it is possible for the school to employ the ablest and highest-priced men and women in the commercial teaching profession.

Every pupil receives daily individual attention, supplementing the class work to just the degree which he or she requires. No student is held back because of lack of progress on the part of another.

The work of the student is inspected daily by the instructors and supervised also by the President and Vice-President, who are enabled by daily reports to watch the progress and welfare of each student; and by a systematic arrangement of the records, they are enabled to trace at all times the advance of the individual student in order to insure his maintaining his proper place in his studies. Parents are advised from time to time of the work of their sons and daughters and can note their progress at all times.

The accompanying catalog, while originally prepared for the Rhode Island Commercial School, covers the courses of study now taught by the combined school, in addition to which, as stated elsewhere, the most efficient methods of both schools have been incorporated.

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR BEGINS

Tuesday, September 5th

The 55th year opens on Tuesday morning, September 5, 1916, at 9 a. m., in the enlarged quarters of the united school on the fifth and sixth floors of the Butler Exchange building.

ENROLLMENTS

May be made by telephone, by letter, or by personal call, when all questions will be gladly answered and prospective students provided the opportunity of inspecting every detail of the school's equipment and examining the various methods and practices of instruction.

New Students are admitted every Monday during the School year in either the Day or Night sessions.

NIGHT SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday Evening, September 6th,
at Seven o'Clock

Always the most successful and popular night school in Southern New England, it is requested that intending students notify us as soon as possible of their purpose of attending this fall, as the large advance registration indicates the necessity for early reservation of seats.

Further information will be found in the catalog, which accompanies this folder.

Twenty-one of the most efficient instructors of both faculties are on the staff of the combined school. Some of our instructors have been with us fourteen to twenty-two years.