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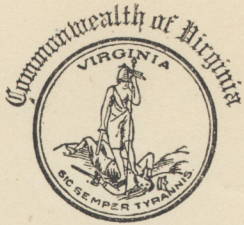
President Julian A. Burruss,  
State Normal School,  
Harrisonburg, Va.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of March 27th has been received and read with the greatest interest. I understood your position perfectly; in fact, I could very well understand how the change of plan had upset all of the presidents to a certain extent, but I am sure that if they could see matters as I see them, they would agree with me. My chief regret, of course, was that I have not been able to advise you more promptly of the changes which seemed to me to be necessary, but if you are ever the victim of seven weeks of Grippe, you will understand the position in which I find myself.

I do not think that I have talked with President Russell at all, but I am speaking entirely from memory. In any event, I am sure there is nothing inconsistent between the statements which Dr. Jarman and Dr. McConnell made to me and those which they made to you. Above everything else I do not wish you to think for a moment that I looked upon you as opposing what the other Normal School presidents gracefully acquiesced in. My view of the matter was that you wrote me as a friend and in your usual frank way exactly what you thought, and my private opinion was that if I had been in your situation, I would have thought about it as you are thinking.

So do not worry at all about the matter and help me hereafter to be sure that I give proper notices to the teachers whenever any



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change is made in the regulations.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

*R. C. Stearnes*