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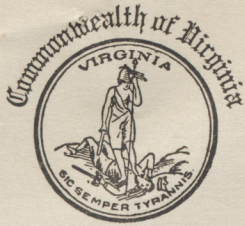
Oct 9, 1916

Dear Mr. Burruss,

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your letter of a recent date. I prize it as highly as any communication I ever received from a friend.

A friend of mine stopped me on the street today and said he had a two hours talk with Mr. Eggleston last night in the course of which Mr. E. said "To my mind Binford is the most efficient and most popular school man in Virginia"

Such expressions as the above and such letters as yours from men with whom I have been associated for years are most gratifying. I assure you,



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I left the Department for several reasons among which are: I am not in full sympathy with the present Administration though I feel very kindly toward R. C. S. from a personal standpoint; Out of the Department I shall be in a better position to run for State Superintendent if I desire to do so; my wife is in bad health, I fear she has consumption. These reasons with a few others impelled me to make the change. I shall certainly miss the very pleasant contact with country schools.

And now my friends, just this closing word, in confidence. I have no objection to your saying to your close friends that Binford may run for State Supt. I am
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by no means certain I shall
do so; but it may turn out
that way.

Again thanking you for your
letter I am

Sincerely

J. H. Binford

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