

GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS  
DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 3, 1918

My dear Mr. Burruss,

Can you do anything to help place Miss Westcott in Virginia for the coming year? She told me she had written you some time ago as she wishes to be nearer home for the coming year. For the past two years she has been under my direction and is doing very well in her First grade. She has much to her credit in teaching asset, — personality, youth, <sup>poise</sup> ability, and disciplinary power with little children of great strength. She should continue in demonstration teaching and try to get into critic work.

At present, she draws a salary of \$95.00 a month for the school year of 9 months but nearer home she could consider the difference in railroad fares and related expenses.

Anything you can do for her will be, at the present time, also a courtesy to me. I am writing to Supt. Hart in her behalf, too.

I wish it were possible



to be in Harrisonburg for a little while  
to talk over with you some very serious  
things that have happened this year.

For the first time in my professional  
life I have had to meet the worst kind  
of a back-handed deal, a deal that had  
not the slightest ground nor warrant of  
any kind for its happening. And it all  
happened after I <sup>refused to</sup> gave up last spring a  
splendid opportunity in the new experimental  
school at Teachers College at a salary of  
\$300<sup>00</sup> a mo. to come back to Peabody

to continue my work at a salary of  
\$200<sup>00</sup> a mo. Maybe such things <sup>as have happened</sup> come

out all right in the end, — I have  
my doubts now for my faith has been  
badly shattered.

At any rate, I am on the lookout  
now for the right kind of opening for  
next year and if you can help me,  
you must do it. When it comes to  
real help, I always want yours.

I am going to take occasion at  
this writing to tell you confidentially that  
I wish to withdraw and cancel any  
backing or testimonial I ever gave Miss Lemon.  
In my judgment, she has been a failure  
as a critic, but aside from that  
she has proved wholly unworthy of the  
help and support I gave her at all  
times when she most needed help  
and support.



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I have learned a great deal this year -  
much about people that I have  
been very slow and very late in  
learning.

Let me hear from you.  
With all good wishes for all  
and with kindest regards to  
you & Mrs. Burruss,

Very sincerely,  
Yetta Shoninger

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