

May 7, 1918.

Hon. Westmoreland Davis,
Governor of Virginia,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Governor:

I trust you will pardon my writing to you again in regard to this matter, but I have been somewhat troubled about it. Some time ago I wrote you concerning appointments to the Virginia Normal School Board, and in my letter I suggested that in my judgment it would not be wise to appoint anyone connected with another school. I had in mind a very unfortunate appointment made to the former board of trustees of this institution, the appointee being an official of another state educational institution. In the same letter I suggested that a large number of the present members of this board are city men.

At the time I wrote you I was not informed as to which members of the present board have terms expiring this year. Since writing you I have found that one of these members is both a city man and a school man, namely, Mr. W. W. King, of Staunton.

In talking over the contents of my letter with a mutual friend recently he suggested that you might infer from my letter that I had reference specifically to Mr. King. This has troubled me considerably. While not presuming that my letter would be of any undue weight in making the appointments, yet I felt that I had unintentionally done Mr. King an injustice. As a matter of fact, I consider him one of the two or three most valuable members on this board, if not the most valuable of them all, and I should consider it a great loss to the normal school system were he to fall of re-appointment. I might call attention to the fact that he is connected with a private school, while I had particular reference to state-controlled institutions; and again his city, Staunton, is one of the smaller cities and not included in what I had in mind in writing you.

Again begging your pardon for imposing upon your patience with my letters, I remain, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

B/J

President.