

State Normal School for Women  
East Radford, Virginia

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

President J. A. Burruss,  
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter with suggestions has been received. I have also received a letter from Dr. Jarman. I think we have all the same understanding and we are equally anxious to have proper entrance requirements and requirements for graduation.

Has it not been the custom for some time for the State Department to visit the Normal Schools and look over the credits of those entering? I recall Mr. Suttle used to do that when I was with Emory and Henry. They inspected Emory and Henry pretty closely. I think they have been doing the same for us at Radford, perhaps they have not.

I do not think any very great wrongs have been done in the way of admission of students to the different institutions. I have thought a great deal of the plan of having the State Board assume responsibility of the admission of students for all the institutions in the State, but there are great difficulties in the administration of such a plan. These difficulties are not apparent at first sight but develop in the attempt to administer such plan. My personal opinion is that it would be a very good plan for the State Board and all of the institutions to assume that honorable, high-minded men are in charge of each institution and will carry out in good faith any announcements they make in regard to admission of students and ~~any~~ policies of the State Board of Education. I believe the policy of trust and confidence is the only one that will accomplish the results that we all have in mind. An inquisitorial policy of suspicion and watchfulness will not produce as large results as one of trust and confidence. This has often been discussed in our State meetings. I think you and I have the same ideas of these matters.

I am,

Sincerely,

*John Preston McToull*  
President.

JPM/A

Dictated by the President  
but signed in his absence.