

State Normal School for Women

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

April 26, 1919

My dear Mr. Burruss:-

I regret to seem so unappreciative of all your kindness to me but I feel more than ever that it is best for me and for the school that I should not remain longer. I am entirely worn out and seem to have lost the power to recuperate. I think that I have made more errors of judgment in handling situations in the past three months than I have made in the previous years. In my position such things cannot be overlooked, so I feel that I am acting wisely in resigning.

I would much prefer that my resignation remain unknown until after commencement.

So far as is possible, I shall look after the good of next year's work and do all that is possible to insure a successful year. From time to time I shall write you regarding the work for the year. I shall put in a written form the work as it is now conducted so that the Director next year may have as complete a knowledge as can be gained from paper of the plans followed.

I regret that the Course of Study for the Training School has never been completed. It is very much needed, but a course of study written by the Director, mainly, ~~which~~ not be the type issued by a progressive Normal School. should

Please feel that my interest in the school has not decreased by my decision and that I am just as willing to respond to any request as I have been in the past.

Thanking you very much for your continued consideration of me I am

Very sincerely yours,

Rachel E. Gregg

April 29, 1919.

Dear Miss Gregg:

Your note of the 26th has been a great blow to me for I had hoped that you would reconsider your first decision and remain with us. I am altogether certain that your feeling that your usefulness to us has been impaired is without real foundation. Only last Friday Mr. Mirick was telling me enthusiastically about how well he liked the training school and your work there and I could fully agree with him in every particular.

I have recently received a request from the Albert Teachers' Agency to testify concerning you and of course I could say only the very best things about you and your work, but I said that I hoped you would not be lost to us. If you were stopping merely to rest a year or more it would not be quite so hard for us as for you to go to some other institution at once. We feel that if you are able to continue your work next year you ought to be with us, and I should be glad to do anything in my power to bring this about.

I shall of course respect completely your wishes as to keeping the matter quiet until after Commencement as I should much prefer that myself. I appreciate your offer to help in any way and I am sure you will do so.

In view of all that has been already said to you about this matter I do not feel that it would be altogether proper for me to continue to press the matter from our standpoint; but I will say that inasmuch as it will probably take some time to locate someone to whom we would be willing to trust the training school work, if you should perchance later decide that you are willing to remain another year, please let me know of course I will tell you as soon as we locate someone for the position unless I hear from you before that time. I should be grateful for any assistance you might be able to render in this connection.

Yours very sincerely,

Julian A. Burruss

W. A. Burruss, Jr.

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