

State Normal School for Women

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

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My dear Mr. Burruss:-

The delay in giving you a final answer as to my continuance in the school has been due to my desire to give myself a chance to get rested and view the matter deliberately.

My interests are with the school. I am anxious over the work I have been doing. The future opens with great possibilities and I should like to direct them. I am especially anxious to be here next year as it is the home coming year of my class.

But in spite of all these facts I have decided to go. In the first place, the work has grown beyond my ability to handle. I cannot do the teaching at the Normal and do the work in town. In the first place it interferes with the work in town and is too much for one person. No matter if I did rest in the summer, I would not be equal to do that much work. In the second place, I am anxious to be nearer my brother.

I should like to leave everything in good shape for my successor, but in order to do this I shall have to have some assistance. I would like to leave an outline of all courses given in the training school grades, an outline of the systems of student teaching, a record of the kindergarten and first grade children according to some intelligence tests upon which to base their work in the first and second grades. I want to take out the poor readers in each grade and give them special instruction.

I have asked Doctor Sanger to let Pauline Miley and Carrie Bishop to be assigned especially to me and in that way part of this work can be done.

I should much prefer that the fact of my leaving the school would not be known as it makes it much harder to leave.

Very sincerely yours,

Rachel E. Gugg