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Dear Miss Gregg:

Your note is indeed a shock to me. To lose you our school would certainly be most unfortunate. In the time you have been ~~your~~ here you have handled a very delicate and difficult situation in masterly manner, and brought things for the first time to a satisfactory basis. Your grasp of the whole situation and your tact and ability in handling it have meant a great deal to us and I dread the thought of a change which may mean disruption and ruin.

Without disparagement to others I may say that you are one of a minority of our faculty who has shown a large amount of initiative and constructive ability in your work, and this has been exceedingly valuable to the institution. My own confidence in you has been so great that I have many times remarked that the training school did not fall as one of my burdens, it was handled so well and so completely by you. This has been more valuable to me than I can express in words.

The girls who have gone thruout the state after being under your direction are continually referring to the value of their trianing under you, and your influence is felt in this and other ways all over Virginia. It means something to us to have the strongest woman in normal school work in the State connected with our school. Our alumnae will be greatly distressed for you to leave us.

The work you have done in our community outside of the school has given you a hold on the people, and a place in the community life, of influence and of good, and this has not only been valuable to our school but it has given you an enviable position in the community and the work you have done should give you much satisfaction.

Personally I should regret exceedingly to have you leave us. There are a number of reasons for this, some of which I have indicated above. Others are more personal.

I sincerely trust that your mind is not defintely made up to leave us, and that you will let me talk the matter over with you before you do finally decide. I shall have to be away from Wednesday afternoon thru Saturday morning, I suppose. I wish you would think over the matter further and talk with me as soon as I return, or whenever suits your pleasure and convenience. In the meantime I hope I may take your note as not absolutely final.

Very truly yours,