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Prof. A. W. Dupler,
Bridgewater, Virginia.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter inviting me to participate in the Y. M. C. A. conference. Mr. Herr had already invited me to take part to the extent of delivering an address on Friday night, and I was planning to do this but have been called away from town on an important matter connected with this institution. I understand that Dr. Sanger, who is much more capable along this line than myself, has kindly consented to take my place on the program.

May I say that I heartily agree with you that the heads of our State institutions should take an active part in all movements for the public welfare, and in a very humble way I have tried to do this so far as I felt that I could afford to spare the time from my duties at the school. These have kept me very closely tied down, altho I believe I may say that I have accomplished a number of things of some importance to the public in a rather quiet way.

I am glad to know that my colleague, President McConnell, was of help in the Lynchburg meeting. He is usually ready to go to meetings of this character and I regret that I do not seem to be able to leave my school duties as much as he does. I have never cared much for the limelight, and I take consolation in the fact that those who serve behind the scenes are as indispensable as those who appear in the glare of the foot-lights.

Assuring you that I shall be pleased to be of any service at any time, when it does not interfere with the work I am paid to perform, I remain, with best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,