

February 16, 1916.

Hon. Richard B. Davis,
Petersburg, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We began classwork again today, the weather having moderated considerably, and I hope we can go ahead now without further loss of time. The repairs for the boiler have not reached us. I received a telegram yesterday afternoon saying that they were shipped by express from Buffalo, New York, yesterday (Tuesday) morning, so I suppose they will reach us late tonight or tomorrow afternoon.

Last night after the students retired we cut off steam from the dormitory buildings and threw it all into the schoolrooms for three hours, then turned it back into the dormitories. In this way we warmed the air sufficiently in the classrooms to occupy them this morning, and I believe we can make them do fairly well all day if the temperature continues to rise.

Architect Robinson's son reached here this morning, coming at your request. I appreciate your prompt action in this matter, altho there is nothing he can do here. We have been doing everything possible to remedy the trouble, and will certainly get the plant in shape as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

President.

We purpose holding classes Saturday to make up the lost time.