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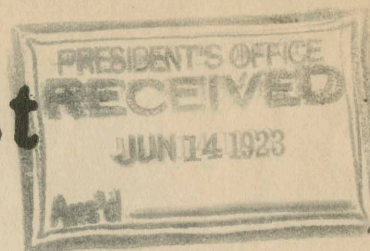
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NASHVILLE, TENN. June 13, 1923

Dr. H. A. Morgan,
University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Morgan:

I am glad to have yours of June 12 and to get the facts about the "evolution" business. As I wrote Prof. Keffer, I was not perturbed at all by the affair of Prof. Sprowles. I told two or three people here that I was satisfied there was something more in the case than the newspapers had told. But when Mr. Garrett's speech came just after it, I must confess I was a bit bothered.

Of course, I could not believe that the University was going in for any sort of theological tests, but it did seem to me unfortunate that it could be put in the position of seeming to give comfort to the theologians who are trying to dictate to the schools. Frankly, I have been afraid for some time that a fight to prevent "anti-evolution" legislation would be forced on us in this State, and with all the things we need to do for our schools it has seemed to me a great pity for any such controversy to be sprung. I would feel duty bound to get into a scrap of that kind, if one were forced, and I do not want to do it, or to see the State torn up by it.

I do not think that I need to tell you that all of us here are glad at any time to do anything we can for the University; and I wrote to Prof. Keffer about the matter because I was sure he would understand me and could tell me just what the situation is, or was. I shall be glad indeed to see you when you come this way again.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. Miller
Editor.