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Honorable W. P. Cooper,
Shelbyville,
Tennessee

My dear Mr. Cooper: A day or two since Mr. Bolton Smith sent me a communication which he had received from Mrs. L. Crozier French addressed "To the Special Committee appointed by the Trustees, etc." a copy of which I presume went to you also. Among the misstatements in that communication was one in which Mrs. French states that she talked over with me, soon after the lecture of Professor Schaeffer, the fact that he had made certain statements and held certain beliefs, etc. As I had previously told Mrs. French specifically that she had not done this, but was laboring under a lapse of memory or misconception, I took it that her subsequent communication to the committee constitutes a contradiction of me, and I have therefore felt that I was called upon to send her a statement to that effect. I am enclosing to you a copy of the letter that I have sent her. I dislike very much to trouble you with these disagreeable details, but I am not willing that she should put the matter in the light of my having neglected my duty in any University work.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

President