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April 24, 1923.

Dr. P. L. Cobb,  
First National Bank Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Mr. Cobb:

I have your letter of the 11th.

I am very glad to state that the material that went out from here through the press anent one of our professors not being recommended next year was without authorization on the part of the University and was totally a misrepresentation of the facts.

The situation is this: The Professor of Education in the School of Education, of which Dr. Thackston is the Head, was not fitting into the field service and without any feeling whatever in the matter Dr. Thackston recommended to the Dean that he be not recommended next year but that we try to help him get another place. That is all there is to it. I don't think the man who is involved in this recommendation was quite discrete in his announcement of it when he was told. The curiosity of the people was aroused, the papers got hold of it and then every conceivable thing was used as an excuse by the press and the gossiping for the action of the head of the department and the administration. The reasons which I saw announced in the press were in no sense associated with the case. It was a case of a misfit under our circumstances. The man involved is a good teacher.

Hoping you are well, and with my very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAM/R