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Mr. George L. Hays,
Director of Athletics,
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Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Hays:

Thank you for your good letter of January 17th. I am sorry that I have neglected answering it sooner, but basketball trips and other office details have kept me pretty busy.

You are very kind to say the things you did about basketball. I hope that you may attend one of my schools this coming summer. I am planning on opening a school giving a full course in treatment of athletic injuries. The location of that has not been definitely settled. But I hope you can make it. I enjoyed having you last summer.

Congratulations on your great team this year at Blue Earth. I wish it was so that I could see your team play. I am going to be at the Central District Physical Education meeting at Minneapolis on the 30th and 31st of March, and 1st and 2nd of April. I imagine your games are over by that time.

I certainly would be happy to see Burton Belleson come to the University. The only drawback in our institution is the tuition. The tuition is nearly \$100 per semester, and that is more than most boys can pay. We have no scholarships for basketball and we do not make easy jobs for the boys. This makes pretty tough competition when others come along with offers of this and that, and wean them away. I always tell the boys that their reward comes when they are out of school in getting good jobs like Dutch Lenborg at Northwestern, John Burn at Stanford, and Frosty Cox at Colorado and Adolph Rupp at Kentucky.

We try to place them in remunerative positions when they get out of school, rather than give them soft jobs while they are in school and then let them beg later.

The fact that Belleson is an excellent student makes a hit with me. If he is as good as Jimmy Lovely or Ike Mahoney I would say he is a great boy. Or even as good as George L. Hays. I think we could get him a job all right, but the tuition of course would have to be paid by him.