

strengthen her position after I had left; that is, further to justify her engineering my dismissal. I am told that she was not treated sympathetically in respect to this ~~point~~^{engineering} by some, so I conjecture that she had a desire to justify herself. I shall spare you the details of her personal hostility to me while I was under her direction - the distress that was occasioned because I gave a "C" on a theme to a girl who was the ward of a close friend of hers and who "had never had less than a A in high school". It is all very petty, I should say, as you can judge from the one incident.

As to what may have been back of everything, I cannot say. Before I wrote to you I had written to another person in Lawrence, who, I believe, usually knows as much about what is, and has been, said around the University as anyone, and that person could give me no information. I am naturally not inclined to be any more "public" than is absolutely necessary about so disagreeable and dangerous a subject. This brings me to express my regret that there may have been something unfortunate in the tone of my letter of December 16; but if you will consider the serious result to me of the matter (as asserted by the woman of whom I have written) after four years of strenuous service at the particular place, you can understand, I know.

Thank you very much for your offer to be of assistance to me on occasion. And I may say that if at any time you see occasion for assisting me, I should appreciate anything you do.

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I was here last year also. Eugene is a quiet, rather uninspiring place, although the campus is attractive. You may have been here. Last year the enrollment was so nearly exclusively feminine that it seemed like a girls' college, but this year there are a few more young men and various returned service men. (I am forgetting the fact that for much of last year we had army men here.) I believe that there is a rather good basketball team; at least we have won games lately.

With best regards, I am
Yours most sincerely,

Thomas E. Moore