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of the legislature the committee on the state institutions limited Doctor Strong to fifteen minutes to present the need of the state university. It was then that Butler blew up and in picturesque language that he had acquired some years earlier while in the far west, "cussed them out" and made them see how blind they were in handicapping the leading educational institution of the state. As a result, he secured the first wing to what is now known as Frank Strong Hall, and that doubtless was the reason that the school of music was permitted to occupy it.

When Lindley came to K.U., in some way, his mind had become more or less poisoned in regard to Butler, and I was very happy to have some part in Butler's having a clean bill of health.

When you came with your far reaching vision for the School of Fine Arts and your excellent leadership, you captured the imagination of Lawrence and of the state. The wonderful oratories that you produced at the sacrifice of your own voice will long be remembered, and I hope that at some time they may be revived.

You have always had my confidence in your ability and I sincerely hope that the school will not suffer too much by your resigning the deanship.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely, your friend

W. C. Simons

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