

Col. Pratt, Supt.

Dear Sir,- It is my earnest desire to be kept in the back ground as much as possible while I hold this position. The work and the opportunity for growth appeals to me more than the honor. I regard the work of teaching the boys and girls directly as just as deserving of honor - in fact more so. After all - we serve the Lord God in any position.

I realize the delicacy of my position among the teachers and understand fully the anxiety that you feel in this matter. I am more anxious about that than I am about the work. But all of the teachers have met me so cordially that I feel very much easier. It was chiefly on this account that I regret Mr. Allen's absence.

I believe it is your wish that as far as possible, Prof. Bakelers' ideas and methods be carried out. I shall make no changes during Mr. Allen's absence without consulting you. I think it altogether proper and very desirable that our "school Father" should say a few words either this evening or on Monday morning at the opening of school.

It would give pupils and teachers a feeling of stability as nothing else can do. It may not be possible for you to do this because of the delay at Washington.

I want to feel free to come to you for your opinions and your kindly criticisms from time to time. I hope no one here is under the impression that I have pushed myself forward. It would be very painful to me to be so regarded. I have earned my own living and educational advantages since I was 15 yrs. old and I have never been under the necessity to pull wires.

I wish this to be a strictly personal note to you. I wanted to talk to you but you are so busy just now. It will be easier for me to place before the pupils as the Normal teacher with this additional work for the present. I wanted you to know how I felt about this.

Sincerely yours,
K. S. Bowersox

Carlisle Pa

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