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PRESIDENT

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President H. H. Cherry,
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Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear President Cherry:-

Your very welcome letter of October 16th is before me. You need have no apprehension that I doubt the loyalty of the Western Normal School to the University. I regard you as one of my staunchest supporters and I assure you that I am always ready and willing to uphold the cause of the Normal Schools. If no higher motive actuated me, I have wisdom enough to know that all of the public educational interests of Kentucky must stand or fall together. If we have internal jealousies and bickerings, we are sure to fail of reaching the high usefulness which should be our aim. Nowhere is the state motto "United we stand, divided we fall", more applicable than to the public educational interests of the State. I think the life of the State University depends first upon the common schools, and second upon the high schools, and these all depend upon having able and efficient teachers, and in order that we may have a competent teaching force, the Normal Schools must be made to flourish. As well might the tree desire the destruction of its roots as for the University to desire to injure the common school system. I assure you that you will always have my ardent sympathy and support. I thank you sincerely for your kind letter and hope soon to be able to see you face to face.

Very sincerely, your friend

H. S. Barker