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Richmond, Ky., Jan. 25th, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,-

I have yours of Jan. 23rd and congratulate you upon your splendid showing at the transfer of the Western Normal from the private track to the State track. We have opened, we feel, as well in proportion as have you, although our actual figures are below yours. We have in actual attendance upon all departments about two hundred and sixty or seventy pupils. These are divided about evenly between the Model School and the Normal School. Our Model School pupils all pay tuition.

I will take it as a very great favor if you will furnish me statistics covering the following points:

How many appointments have been sent in by the county superintendents of your District?

How many of the pupils in your own school go into the Normal School as appointees?

What percentage of your total quota from the whole District have entered?

I am sure you will understand the motive that prompts these questions. When our pestiferous friends get to asking why the Eastern School does not have as many as the West-
ern, we want to be able to give honest candid reasons. Our warmest advocates did not expect the attendance on the Eastern twin to be as large at the opening as in the Western District for reasons that are clear to you and me and all others who know the difference in conditions. There are seven schools of some note in this Eastern District which do so-called normal work, among them Berea, which has always been aggressive, and State College, which has suddenly become very aggressive. Then there are a lot of little schools that start normal classes about this time of year. It will take but a short time, with our teaching force, to show the Eastern Kentuckians that it is hardly worth while to go to these smaller schools. I feel very greatly encouraged at the opening we have made. We have received about two hundred and seventy appointment blanks from the county superintendents. We have positive testimony that a member of the State College Board of Trustees proselyted some of our appointees after they were appointed.

What is running in your mind with reference to the Southern School Journal? Dr. Willis was here to see me not long ago. I still very much wish that you and I owned the controlling interest in the Journal, but I am deterred from taking hold of it for two reasons; first, lack of money to put into it, and, second, lack of time to give it proper attention.
If you get on to any special tricks in program management, please give me the benefit. I am much pleased to find that the great mass of our students divides itself readily and naturally into two groups, those who desire the one year course and those who desire the review course. I have about one hundred in my general Pedagogy and fifty-six in Psychology. I am ambitious for the school to become known as a distinctively professional school. While I shall not, of course, discourage students from taking the academic work exclusively, I shall encourage, in every way possible, the tendency to take the professional work in full.

Have your Regents fixed dates for their quarterly meetings? When ought the Executive Council come together again?

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

H.H.C. #3.
Richmond, Ky., June 3rd, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,—

I find that our friends at Lexington are offering freely State Diplomas to induce students to come to them. It occurs to me that it would not be a bad idea for some live superintendent from your District to introduce a resolution at the K. E. A. reciting specific instances where the Diplomas have been granted for six weeks' residence and condemning it for the honor of the profession. I believe every superintendent would vote for it. It would seem better for the resolution to come from your District than from mine for reasons that are evident to you of course.

Please write me whether I may expect you and when to spend some time with me before the K. E. A.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Very cordially yours,

R. N. Roark
Richmond, Ky., June 7th, 1907.

Supt. E. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,-

Yours of June 5th is at hand.

I note with interest the point that you make. That is one point of attack which I had heard nothing about and thank you for your warning. We are prepared for it already, but I am always glad to be warned about anything that needs special watching. I should be very glad to know who is back of this movement.

I am trying to get up the courage of even our best friends to the point where they will be willing to ask for a sufficiently large appropriation. If we get less than $150,000 lump sum for buildings, equipment, and improvement, and $15,000 or $20,000 additional annually, we would just as well throw up our hands here in the Eastern District. I do not want to fool along with any two-for-a-quarter show. I want enough to do the work right or not at all. I hope that you may get our friends in the Western District to see it this way.
I see from the program that you are to be in Danville on the 16th. Is that true? If so, may I not look for you at my house between that time and the K. E. A. meeting?

Very cordially yours,

R.N. Roark
Richmond, Ky., June 24th, 1907.

President H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,-

Please send me, as soon as possible, your revised course of study.

Have you talked any further with Mr. Potter about appointments? I have been looking at the law again since my return from Winchester and I am positive that our interpretation is the only one the law will bear. If we act otherwise, there will be a great deal of dissatisfaction.

I think we can congratulate ourselves upon the final outcome of things at Winchester. I cannot understand, however, why the enemy failed to push his advantage on Wednesday, but am glad he did not.

Tell me all the good news you happen to hear.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

R. N. Roark, Pres.
Richmond, Ky., July 25th, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,—

Inclosed please find a suggested form of certificate and diploma for the State Normals to use. Have you blocked out one? If so, let me see it if you please. A few of our pupils have so completely conformed to our requirements that we shall have to issue them certificates.

You have doubtless met this problem: A number of our best students are men and women who teach nine or ten months in the year and are able to attend only the Summer School. It would take them seven years to get even the certificate unless the Council can find some solution of the question. Please give the matter your careful thought and let us see what can be done at the next meeting.

I would suggest that we have our closing out exercises this morning and expect a very pleasant time.

Year. Those that cannot meet this year, those that cannot meet it.

Very cordially yours,

R. N. Roark, Pres.
July 31, 1907

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear President:

I have yours of the 29th
and thank you.

The Bulletin has also come to hand and is
very attractive. I hope you have received
ours by this time and that it will commend itself
to you.

It is not at all essential, of course, that the
two schools use the same form of certificate.
I only thought it might look better to the public
if we could use the same.

I feel much pleased over the year's work.
This district is in an excellent temper; our pupils
are delighted and the people are with us.

I am still very distrustful of our friends at
Lexington. I am entirely willing that the schools
should be represented in the conference at Louisville
but I should dislike to see any agreement reached that
would pledge the Normal schools to go in with State
College before the Legislature. By so much as they
get, by that much we lose. There is only one condition on which I would be willing to go in agreement with them this coming year and that is that all sub-freshman work at the College should be abolished and steps taken to make the College into a University. The fact that a proposition has come from their side shows that they are on the run. I would like to finish things up right before we let them go.

Give the matter the most careful consideration and move with the utmost caution.

Very cordially yours,

CB
August 20, 1907

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear President Cherry—

Yours of August 7th came to me while away on a little vacation.

I learn with profound sorrow of the death of Miss Scott. It was a very sad piece of news. She was indeed a splendid woman, and her death is a distinct loss to the teachers of Kentucky.

I am much pleased with the impression of the seal which you sent me. Please let me know where you had it made, and how much it cost.

I have not yet had Certificates made. I have simply written a letter to the State Superintendent and to the County Superintendents where our certificated teachers will teach.

I am very much concerned just now over that November meeting. You know I will not for a moment let any personal antagonism between Patterson and myself stand in the way of harmony between any of the state institutions. At the same time some of us who have the hard earned degree of M. W. (Made Wise.), would be very sorry to see any
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sort of compromise made which would put the State Normal schools in the slightest degree at the mercy of that man. Let me urge you and our other friends who will be at that meeting to be doubly cautious and to loosen not one whit in any essential. I am certain that President Patterson and all under his control will seize and use any advantage they may get, no matter how slight, to block the State Normal schools, now or at any other time. Of course, I am writing this in the strictest confidence. I am fearful over the prospect and beg you to be careful.

I am delighted to hear of the excellent outlook for the Western school. We are feeling good over ours, and are all getting ready to start in with a good appetite for work.

With most cordial good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CB

R. N. Roark, President.
August 22, 1907

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,- I have been thinking a good deal lately about the form of the Two Year Certificate. I wonder if you will agree with me that the law will be amended at the next session of the General Assembly, so as to close up the gap between the Two Year Certificate and the Life Diploma. That is too big a jump and there ought to be another document in between. So sure am I that a change is necessary and will be made that I have about decided to save the expense of a big printing bill by issuing our Two Year certificates (We have only four or five.) in typewriting.

I desire to call your attention to the language of the law on Page 397 of the Acts of 1906. It seems to me that the requirements are that in the Two Year Certificate the branches must be named on this Certificate. Had you thought over this
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point?

I am glad to learn thru our Col. Crawford that you have been at French Lick Springs getting some rest which I know you need. I hope you feel rejuvenated and ready for the heavy demands which the coming session will put upon you.

I am still a little uneasy over the matter about which I wrote you before. Years ago, I read in a Sunday-school book about the lion and the lamb lying down together, but there is no need for the lamp to be inside the lion. I do not want that kind of peace.

Please give me some more of your thoughts along these lines.

Very cordially yours,

CB
Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,-

In your last you made some mention of a meeting in Frankfort on Saturday. I telephoned Supt. Fuqua Friday night for some information regarding such a meeting, but he replied that he had no knowledge of any meeting to be held in Frankfort on Saturday. Did you have one, and, if so, about what?

I am very anxious for a meeting of the Executive Council sometime soon. The question of accrediting certain schools is becoming a pressing one with us. I think the Council should formulate something definite, if possible, in the matter of accrediting schools. Have you made up any kind of blanks to be filled out by schools to be accredited? If you have anything in print in the way of your own regulations regarding the accrediting of any schools please send it to me.

Since you ask me squarely I will be perfectly candid
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with you and say that I do not quite like the form of Certificate used in the Western School. First, for the reason indicated in a previous letter; that is, it does not comply with the law. Second, it is to my thinking too much in the form of a diploma, whereas, as you know, we do not yet have the authority to confer a diploma. These may be very trifling criticisms, and they are the only ones I have.

I am always glad to hear from you, and remain,

Very cordially yours,

GB
Richmond, Kentucky.
September fourteen. [1909]

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,—

I have yours of September twelve, and in immediate reply, after thanking you for your renewed invitation, would say that I feel myself able to accept and, unless something unexpected arises, I shall be with you. My son is getting along very nicely and, while Mrs. Roark will not be able to accompany me, much to my regret, I feel that the opportunity to do business with you is too good to be lost. Unless you hear from me by wire to the contrary, you may expect me on Friday. According to the time table, the L. & N. reaches Bowling Green at six o'clock, and if nothing happens to prevent, I shall be there at that time.

I have a letter from Supt. Fuqua saying that he will be host at Jamestown during the next four weeks or thereabouts. He was not able to attend our Board meeting and will not be able to attend your conference I am sure.
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I desire also to thank you for your letter regarding Miss Porter. I have not yet fully decided between the two who have been recommended. I shall reach a decision and write to one or the other of them today.

Again thanking you for many courtesies, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Richmond, Kentucky,
September 26, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,—

I sent to Dr. Kirkman, yesterday, the set of blanks which we are using both in securing names from County Superintendents and in matriculating students. I was greatly interested in the details of your office routine and found much that was suggestive in it.

I enjoyed my visit with you very greatly and sincerely hope that the time will not be long before you can give me an opportunity to reciprocate.

I hope you will take the matter up with the proper authorities and secure the meeting of the conference on the same dates as the State Improvement Convention. When there are any further developments along the lines of our conference, I hope you will advise me.

With cordial good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Richmond, Kentucky,
Oct. 4th, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,—

I have yours of October two, and am delighted to hear that you have approached Dr. Claxton. I am sure, if he is secured, that he will do us great good.

I am planning to be present at Louisville during the State Convention and also to be present at the conference, if we have one. I have information from various sources that "the enemy" is vigorously waving the flag of truce. I am sure you will understand me fully when I say that, if Dean White desires to discuss the matter with me, he must approach me directly, in which event, I shall be wholly at his service.

Thanking you for information, I am,

Cordially yours,

R. W. Roark
Richmond, Kentucky,
October 25th, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,—

I have yours of yesterday and thank you. I sincerely hope the date may be changed. You know Dr. Hume is a difficult man to hear from, but when I talked with him last Saturday, he was wholly willing to make the change if the other members of the Committee would back him up. I am anxious that Judge Lafferty be notified of the change as soon as possible in order that he may make some changes in his court calendar that will permit him to attend the conference. I note what you say about the President's desire that the date be not changed. I have been assured that he had nothing to do with the matter and would not be permitted to have. All this, of course, you will keep along with other things that are buried.

I shall be out of town for several days, but any matter you may write to the office here will receive attention.

Very sincerely yours,
Richmond, Kentucky,
December 5, 1907.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry,-

I have yours of yesterday and thank you for its candor and frankness. Nothing was said at the Conference about secrecy and I assumed, therefore, that it was left to the judgement of the individual. My judgment was, and still is, that everything for the State Normals is to be gained by publicity and nothing valuable to be lost. I have, therefore, in what I conceived to be a proper way passed the word along. All of our friends here in the school and in the City were anxious to know the result of the Conference. I have had no hesitancy in telling them. I regret exceedingly that there should be any difference of opinion upon this point, but I am forced to say that I fail to see any just reason for making any concealment. I am sure the normal people have done nothing to be ashamed of, have done nothing to hide, and you will note that the proposal for secrecy came from the other side. If we are really in earnest about this matter, I can think of no reason for keeping still.

I am sure the coming General Assembly of Kentucky is not so markedly different from its predecessors as to be greatly prejudiced by learning of the results of the Conference. Of course the Conference was not intending in any way to usurp the functions of the General Assembly, and the General Assembly could no more misconstrue the action of the Conference than it could misconstrue the action
of any body of educators proposing legislation for the good of the State.

It may interest you to know that our "special friend" at Lexington has been active since the meeting and is already hard at work trying to undo the results of the Conference, precisely as I anticipated and predicted. In addition to that, he is trying his best to poison the minds of the Friends of the Richmond School in certain directions. I still think we have a very big job before us.

The more I think over the suggestion that any discrimination should be shown between the State Normals in the matter of appropriation, the more convinced am I of its injustice and of its fatal consequences to the school that gets the smallest end. I am going to say to you, with the frankness which I have always used, that my faculty and my students would construe such discrimination as a direct affront and there is nothing that could be said that could convince them of the equity of any such arrangement. May I further say, with the same freedom, that were conditions reversed, I should be just as prompt and as strenuous in standing for equality in appropriation as I am now.

I hope you will give these matters your careful and sympathetic consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

R. N. Roark
April 2, 1908.

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

My dear Prof. Cherry:

Replying to yours of March 31, I would say that we have not yet drawn upon the auditor for any part of the new appropriation. We shall start a requisition today. We are needing funds, too, and I think we had better make a demand and see what is the attitude of the folks at Frankfort.

I know the Governor has never ceased to regret signing the bill and I am telling you in confidence that Senator Burnam had a very ugly letter from him a few days ago accusing the Senator of unfair dealing and partially threatened to reassemble the Legislature and have the measure repealed or the tax rate increased.

I am afraid Prof. Grabbe's illness will materially interfere with the meeting of our Executive Council and I know it will interfere with the meeting of the Eastern Board.

I have about abandoned the idea of a celebration. I could not have it while Mr. Sullivan was ill and the inspiration for it will have evaporated by the time he can be here. In fact, the Governor killed the inspiration in the last part of the business anyway.

Hoping for the best, I am

Very cordially yours,

B.

R.N. Roark
April 13, 1908.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear President Cherry:

I have both yours of April 10 and one from Dr. Kinnaman of the same date. I am much disappointed that he will not be here this week. I shall canvass carefully the points which he submits and will write you probably Wednesday. I desire to canvass some of the points with my Faculty who meet on Tuesday evening.

The first arrangement in the county board bill was for the election of teachers in January but other members of the Committee and Supt. Crabbe thought this was a bad date and so it was changed to June as a compromise between the teachers and trustees on one side and the normal schools on the other. I urged in behalf of the normal schools that if the date could not remain in January it be put as near the end of the school year as possible in order to interfere as little with the stay of pupils in school as possible. The public school people thought January would hardly do at all. I believe the provision of the bill is about as favorable for all parties as we can have it until all schools in Kentucky begin the first Monday in September.

I am writing Dr. Kinnaman somewhat at length this morning with regard to the points which he suggests. Will you kindly send me a copy of one of your Bulletin issued sometime ago containing the courses of study in full.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

B.

President
April 21, 1908.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry:-

Referring to yours of yesterday, I am permitted to say that I stand with you in the putting in of Agriculture and Industrial Training next fall. We cannot do it here. We may do so before the year is out but I would not venture to publish the course with definite assignments in these subjects. We cannot live up to it yet.

You are entirely right in saying that these matters must be largely determined by the Executive Council; indeed, I would leave out the word "largely". The law places the responsibility upon the Executive Council and while I shall expect, of course, to consult with individual members of my Board, and with the Board as a whole about such things, I think it must be clearly understood that, under all circumstances, the Executive Council is the ultimate authority upon matters of the curriculum.

I have been in great distress over our inability to do anything in the matter of new buildings. We have done absolutely nothing nor is there prospect of our being able to do anything soon. I am unwilling to have a meeting of the Eastern Board until Supt. Crabbe can meet with us and also, as you know, Mr. Sullivan has been quite ill. The fact, moreover, that Judge Cummack is compelled to be on the Bench a certain part of his time further limits our opportunities for a full Board meeting. I fear we shall have to meet without Mr. Crabbe because I fear he will not be able to meet with us for a good while. I should be happy to know of the decision your Board reaches regarding the borrowing of money with which to build. Is there any doubt about their right to borrow money?

Have you received any money on the new annual appropria-
H.H.B. #0--

We have made requisition in due form but have been told there is no money on hands.

What decision have you reached, if any, regarding the eligibility of our certificate holders to make the race for county superintendent? I question whether the holder of an elementary certificate can run for superintendent because the elementary certificate is only good for two years. A number of our students are interested in this matter.

I have been very anxious to have a meeting of the Executive Council as there are many matters to be discussed which we cannot reach by correspondence; but I should dislike to go into an Executive Council Meeting without Supt. Crabbe. What a misfortune his illness has been for all of us and for the whole state! I will send to you or to Dr. Kinnaman in a day or two a rough draft of our certificate courses. As I wrote to Dr. Kinnaman, we do not desire here nor would it be wise to lay any special emphasis upon the academic work as separate from the professional but we should, of course, go before the public in entire agreement as to the course leading to the certificates. What I shall send you soon will be our outline of these courses. If you have any late word about this matter, please let me have it.

Very cordially yours,

B.

President
April 23, 1903.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry:—

Has your Board decided to hold any meeting until Supt. Crabbe can be present? We understand here that Mr. Crabbe has had a slight relapse and, while I am very anxious to have him present when our Board meets, it begins to look as if we shall have to have our meeting without him. Mr. Turley tells me that he has word from Mr. Potter that your Board did not meet on the 24th and that you will probably delay a meeting until Mr. Crabbe can be present. Please tell me what you are doing about the money situation. We have overdrawn and there is none in sight from Frankfort yet. Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

B.

President
April 23, 1908.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Pres. Cherry:—

I suppose that by this time you have my letter of day before yesterday which crossed yours of the 21st saying that we had received no money from Frankfort and there was no immediate prospect of receiving any. We are heavily overdrawn and are feeling the pinch of poverty. Governor Wilson seems to be in a humor to keep us out of the money if possible for reasons that are, of course, satisfactory to him. If there are any developments in our favor, please write me about them.

Very cordially yours,

B.

[Signature]
President
April 23, 1903.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry:

We have been advertising September 1 as the date of our opening. I was going by last year's precedent and supposed that you would use the same date. I think September 1 is the time we should begin.

We found, upon referring to our records, that we prepared the last set of questions which were for the December examination. It is, therefore, the Western School's turn to make the questions, isn't it? According to our records, the Register people divided the bill, sending a statement for your half of it to you and for our half of it to us. Please let me know if you do not find this to be the case.

Mr. Sullivan is suggesting a meeting about May 20 of the three schools to take counsel together as to what is to be done next. Please write me the attitude of the Western School toward this proposition. It seems to me a good idea. In fact, I know of no reason why we should not have a meeting earlier than May 20.

Very cordially yours,

B.

President
May 18, 1909.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I think we have never fully defined the attitude which each State Normal should assume toward the District of the other. Briefly, I may say that from the first I have acted upon the supposition that the activity of each school would be in the main confined to its own territory. I have, therefore, done no advertising in any publication in the Western District except in the Southern School Journal which circulates throughout the State, of course. I send no printed matter into the Western District except to Representatives and Senators, to members of your Board of Regents and to some members of your Faculty and in response to an occasional request for printed matter from someone in the Western District. I send no printed matter to any prospective students except by special request. I had understood, in a general way, that this is your policy also. I was, therefore, the more surprised to learn last Saturday that letters were being received from you by teachers in Pulaski County, inviting attendance upon the Summer School in the Western District. In writing you about this, I have done exactly as I should want you to do toward me and ask nothing except a clear understanding. Of course, the state is wide open to both of us but it had seemed to me that the policy outlined above was the better one for us to follow, and I have been following it.

We are anxiously awaiting the result of any conferences you may have with the authorities at Frankfort. I shall be greatly obliged for any information you may send us regarding the result of your visit. We are much cramped here for money; in fact, we are running without any.

Very sincerely yours,

R.N. Roark
May 27, 1903.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

Yours of May 26 reached me this afternoon after I had sent you and Dr. Kinnaman my wire of this morning. I have your joint reply and am much pleased to know that we can at last get a Council meeting. I shall reach Louisville, if trains are on time, at 8 P. M. Friday next, and will go direct to the Seelbach. I will have our courses with me as at present laid out, and we can discuss the matter thoroughly. As I wrote to Dr. Kinnaman, I shall be entirely willing to vote to let either School offer any subjects each may choose outside of those leading to the certificates. I am sure you will agree with me that we ought to go before the public united on the certificate courses.

We have had no meeting of our Board of Regents yet and therefore have done nothing in the way of plans for buildings. The weight is growing very irksome and I feel that we must begin to do something soon in order to justify ourselves to the public.

I note in the famous Bill No. 140, section 4, this language: "That in order to provide additional income to meet the additional annual expenses of each of the state institutions respectively, the additional sum of $20,000 is hereby appropriated for the current fiscal year, etc." It would seem from this that we are legally entitled to the whole annual appropriation by June 30 of this year. Do you feel justified to stand pat on that proposition or shall we make some concession?

Very cordially yours,
December 22, 1908.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear President Cherry,

Will you accept with the best wishes of the Eastern State Normal the bound volume of our official publication, which I am sending in this mail. You will note that we will bind the Summer Announcement separately when we have accumulated enough to make a volume. I believe in making and keeping a permanent record of everything the schools have done.

With cordial good wishes for the best of the season for you and yours,

I am

Very sincerely,

B.

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

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I regret very much to state that Pres. Roark has been confined to his bed for several days and is not able to reply to your communication of yesterday. As soon as he recovers sufficiently you will hear from him.

Regretting this very much, I am

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Secretary to the President.
January 19, 1909.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

Replying to yours of January 16, will say that Pres. Roark is still confined to his bed although he is considerably improved on his condition of the past week. He is not likely to be out for another week, and will not be able, therefore, to attend the meeting of the Commission. He regrets this very much as he had been looking forward for some time to this meeting.

The term opened this morning with a grand rush. We have enrolled about two hundred new students yesterday and today. I trust you may have a great opening next week.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Secretary to the President.
President H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry:

I have delayed answering your kind letter of the 11th inst. until after the meeting of the Board of Regents. Dr. Roark has been ill since Christmas and away from his office and I have not had time to take up such a campaign as you suggest. The Board of Regents expressed their great interest in the Davis bill, and Mr. Vaughan, who is on the Board of Regents, is to look after the matter personally in Washington where he is serving as private secretary to Congressman Langley. I think the Board also passed a strong resolution favoring the bill, which will be laid before the Kentucky Congressmen. I understand from Mr. Vaughan that there seems to be small hope for the passage of the Davis bill this session but that sentiment is growing in favor of such an act and if we fail to get it now, it will be coming to us later. Anything I can do personally to favor the bill will be most gladly done.

You have seen from the daily press the results of the Board's meeting of the past week. Work is to begin here in a few days and we are hoping for great things.

With kindest wishes to you personally and your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. C. McDougle.
March 16, 1909.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

We have not yet set the date for our Superintendents' Convocation this spring, and would like to know the date for the Western Convocation. We desire to know this in order that our dates may not conflict.

We desire to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the Eastern Convocation and to invite you to take a place on the program, if possible.

I trust that you will give a place on the program to the discussion of School Improvement work. We have with us now Miss Lelia Patridge, of Massachusetts, now in charge of our country training school who did such able work for us in thirty-four counties last summer. Should you desire to have her or some other representative of our State Federation speak on this subject before the Convocation, I would be very glad.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. R. U. Roark
Acting President.
March 16, 1909.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I thank you for sending me the letter. The writer evidently thinks the normal schools are one in Kentucky.

I congratulate you upon your splendid success and fine outlook. We have a fine body of students and a most successful school.

The date for our Convocation of County Superintendents has been fixed for May 12, 13, 14. I sincerely hope that you will consent to be with us and speak. I forgot to tell you that Mrs. Martha Purcell, of Paducah, is regarded as one of the most eloquent of our women speakers if you are interested in having a club representative. I would be glad to cooperate with you in securing some able lecturers for the summer if you have not already made your plans.

Very sincerely,

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Mrs. R. W. Roark.
April 9, 1909.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowing Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

We have been forced to change the date of our Convocation to April 28, 29, 30. I trust this will in no way interfere with your presence with us.

Dr. Roark was in a serious condition the early part of this week but we believe he has safely passed the crisis and is on the road to rapid recovery. He is at the Good Samaritan Annex, Clifton Avenue. That is why your letters did not reach him, probably.

I would be glad to receive a program of your Superintendents' Convocation.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Acting President.
March 27, 1909.

Pres. E. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I am indeed rejoiced that we are to have the pleasure of having you in Richmond at our Superintendents' Convocation. I will place you on the program for an address, giving you full liberty of selecting what line you may discuss. You will receive our program as soon as it is printed.

I am glad that Mrs. Mengel is to be with you and assure you that you will be pleased with her in every way.

We have not completed our arrangements for the Summer Term. I had hoped that we might agree on some special talent and both schools engage the same person, being able to make better financial arrangements. Do you have Dr. Hodge again this year? We miss Dr. Roark on all sides, and particularly in planning for the work of the Summer Term.

Very sincerely,

Mary C. Roark
Acting President.

P. S. Dr. J. Adams Puffer, of Needham, Mass. will address our Summer School either the second or third week in June. Probably you might be able to arrange with him if you are not full.
April 23, 1909.

Dean A. J. Kimmanan,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Friend,

I thank you for sending me Mr. Hamilton's card. I hope you will send him a catalog of your school as he may prefer attending the Western Normal for some reason. The young man is not a student of our school, and I do not know him.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the sympathy expressed by your President and school, and the beautiful tribute you have paid my husband. I may say that our Board of Regents, our citizens, our faculty and school have been deeply touched by your expressions of sympathy.

With best wishes, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Mary A. Roark
Acting President.
April 23, 1909.

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

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I have wanted to tell you how deeply touched I have been by your expressions of sympathy and your tributes to the memory of my husband. Your presence here, the resolutions of your school, the beautiful offerings, all these are appreciated not only by me and my family but by our Regents, our citizens, and our school.

Your personal friendship was greatly prized by Dr. Roark, and the close, friendly relationship that has always existed between the two schools was a constant delight to him. He often talked of his enjoyment of his visit in your home and his pleasure in meeting your charming wife. I trust that God will mercifully grant that you and Mrs. Cherry may be spared to each other until old age, and that it will not be yourself to know what it means for the light of your life to go out.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary C. Roark
July 2, 1909.

Pres. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I thank you for the detailed course of study, and the pin used for your Life Diploma graduates. The members of our Faculty admired the design of the pin, and the matter of deciding on the selection of one for our school has been referred to a special committee. I note what you say in regard to electives but believe it is none too early to think about the matter for next year and bring it to the attention of the faculties of the two schools. Some days ago we asked you in regard to the date for examination of candidates for scholarships to the Normal. We have not heard from you in regard to the matter. I would appreciate it very greatly if you will give us the date and also let us know if your school will make out the questions this year for this examination.

Very respectfully yours,

Mary C. Roark
Acting President.

Mrs. Rurie N. Roark.
President H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Prof. Cherry,

I believe it is the intention of the present member of the Commission appointed by the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs to leave the State permanently. I like your suggestion of appointing Mrs. Weaver to this position. She will be in perfect sympathy with the Normal Schools, is a woman of fine sense, thoroughly interested in our work. I have written the President, Mrs. Leech, in regard to the matter. It might be well if you would drop Mrs. Leech a note. Her address is Mrs. Jas. A Leech, Hotel Athaeneum, Chautauqua, New York. I had not heard of the meeting at Dawson Springs on the second of August. Do you think it advisable for me to be present at this time, representing the Eastern State Normal School. I certainly want to be there if Dr. Ramsey is going to spring his denominational school scheme on us again.

Very cordially,

Mary C. Roark
Acting President

Mrs. Rurie H. Roark.
Unanswered

Mr. Kinnaman
Wrote Mr. O'Ryan.
Mrs. R. N. Roark,  
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Roark:

The inclosed letter has been turned over to me by the clerks in the absence of President Cherry. We are not writing her, but would recommend that you follow up the case carefully and hold her in the school. If you desire us to write her a letter encouraging her to continue in her work and not to think of changing, we shall gladly try to serve you. I am sure that the lady has just gotten into a new environment and is possibly a little homesick. She may have been a student here at sometime and so would feel dissatisfied simply because that it was slightly different.

Wishing you well in your work there and hoping that you will have success with the lady, Let me remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Kinnaman.

Richmond, Ky.,

Prof. H. H. Cherry,
Bowling Green,
Ky.

Dear Sir:—

I am here attending school for the purpose of securing a State Certificate, but am not at all satisfied with the place. I will stay this term, which is my 1st term here, then school I come there a term and finish the work that the "Certificate" requires.

Could you grant me the Certificate for that length of time with the ten week I attended there before. If so
I think I will be with you the 6th of April.
If I am successful enough to get the "State Certificate," I am going to try for a "Life Diploma."
Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain,
Yours truly,
Lizzie West,
Memorial Hall.
May 5, 1910.

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

My dear Mr. Cherry:

I will always, no doubt, be asking you numberless questions. Please answer them to the limit of your patience.

1. Please send me a copy of your daily program for the entire School, names of professors, hours, etc.
2. How many classes does each teacher handle daily - on the average?
3. Do you have compulsory chapel attendance?
4. Do students have REGULAR seats in Chapel?
5. Do students pay a Laboratory fee? For What sciences? How much?
6. Any Library fee? How much?
7. Other fees?
8. What kind of a mailing list do you make up for issuing of bulletins, etc., etc. - Just a little digest of the list. How many names, total?

I am making a little start - but a mere start yet. All well. With best wishes, and thanking you for all these courtesies,

Very truly yours,

President.