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Dear Mr. Dalton:

Thank you for your prompt attention to my letter asking if John Wilkes Booth was ever a student at the University of Virginia.

In spite of Isaac Markens whom I knew well, in spite of The Dictionary of American Biography this Beall explanation of Booth's assassination of Lincoln turns up every now and then. It seemed to me that the only way to scotch it was to have an authoritative statement from the University that J. W. B. was never a student there. So far as my notes show no such statement has ever been made.

So now I have what ends the matter for me, though I do not delude myself in supposing that it ends it for the thousands who take such pleasure in believing what is not true.

With many thanks for your courtesy and thanks, too, for your kind word in regard to my work, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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