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June 12, 1930

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I was so ~~dumb~~ by your resignation yesterday that I did not express how deeply I feel that it is a calamity to the College coming at this difficult moment when we are without a President and when the internal College organization is so disturbed. I felt ~~sure~~ that under your guidance we would in a few months be smooth sailing. *have had*

I realize, of course, that between the time when we went into lunch and the time when we left for the afternoon session of the Board, some unexpected disclosure ~~was~~ forced you to your decision. I could not question since you had made it. I should like to have protested at the meeting, but I was so bewildered that I dared not trust myself to speak.

I hope you will not desert us however deeply you may feel that you would like to throw down the College ~~statements~~. We shall need you more than ever under a new Chairman, unaccustomed to the work - only partially familiar with the situation. You can do an immense service now if you will rally your distracted friends. We must, of course, all stand behind Mr. Culbertson. I think he will need counselling on more than one point.

I hope that you, yourself have not been distressed by whatever drove you to your decision. You bore it so ~~silently~~ that if you were there certainly was no sign of it. The College is under the deepest obligation to you. It has been a deep satisfaction to me personally to be associated with the Board under your direction. I am sure you know you have both my admiration and affection.

Affectionately yours

responsibility
Mr. Arthur Thompson
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Philadelphia, Pa. *Gallant*