Allegheny

July 7, 1916

Mr. E. F. Phillips,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

I have your letter of June 21st, reporting on the result of your appeal to the trustees of Allegheny College. I must confess, my dear Mr. Phillips. that the more I hear of this business the more bewildered I am. I do not see quite how the trustees could have done anything more than they did do. They gave you a Committee. You did not see fit to put your evidence before them. You could hardly expect that they would recommend an investigation without knowing something of the evidence you had to back up your complaint. It seems to me that you made a mistake there. Of course, I will be glad to examine anything that you care to place before me.

As to the personal matter that you mention, I don't quite see how any one could have the idea that I thought you were prompted by animosity toward President Crawford. I have no grounds for such an opinion, outside of your own letter. It has seemed to me, however, that you were altogether too severe in your judgment of him. You must recognize that he has done remarkable work in building up the College.

Very sincerely yours,

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