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Hon. Ben S. Paulen, Governor  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Paulen:

Being a teacher of State as well as Church classes here, I beg to say a word to you in confidence on severing my connection with Western University.

As a word of introduction, I am a graduate of Oberlin and Yale, and I did foreign service in the World War.

I feel quite sure that I shall find work much more normal with the M. E. Church of whose school in Liberia, Africa, I have been made Head.

A little friendly, constructive criticism upon our school here very likely has rendered my stay here impossible and humiliating. Some are even hinting that I was "marked for slaughter". I can't see what it's all about. So I am pulling entirely out of the clutches of those powerful gentlemen.

With these remarks I wish to close the little personal incident, being only too glad to get entirely out of the way.

May I add that very likely if you knew "conditions", you could easily make a more congenial and progressive leadership for "us patriots" who would like to work in Kansas. (And her Negro Schools would then blossom like roses.)

I'm sorry I can't linger to give you our votes of confidence.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Resigning Pastor,  
Allen Chapel, A. M. E.,  
Quindaro, Kansas

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