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H. CLAY EVANS.  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Thursday.  
August 31. 16

Dutton Smith Esq  
Memphis Tenn.  
My Dear Mr Smith.

I have your letter.

The Committee of course acts upon the evidence before it. I never knew the Prof involved - never saw him.

There must be a motive for all this after three years of silence. I don't know Mrs L. Cozart Treach - neither do I know the Pectors Union of the M<sup>e</sup> and M<sup>e</sup> Church South. I state in they are all good people; but this alledged offence against Society seems to have happened three years ago, if the Prof entertained or expressed ideas that were dangerous. Why did not these good people put the case up to Judge Sauford, McChung, <sup>or Rule</sup> Wainwright, right there and there. Each and all good men. If these accusers want to injure the University, then they are pursuing the right course. If their object is to protect the students from absorbing dangerous doctrines, they sure should have started three years ago. All the evidence seems to testify that this Prof is of high character, correct in his deportment, and teaching. <sup>and a man of family</sup>  
Respectfully  
H. Clay Evans