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June 12, 1923.

Mr. Woollef Thomas,
1764 Kilbourne Place, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Thomas:

I have your letter of the 8th.

May I say to you that the book by Robinson, the Mind in the Making, had absolutely nothing to do with the recommendation of the head of the department of education that the Professor of Secondary Education be not recommended for reappointment next year. The facts are that he did not fit into the department and for that reason and that only did the department head recommend that the change be made and that the present incumbent be not reappointed.

The student magazine "Mugwump" was not suspended at all. The Administrative Council of the University which is composed of very sane men recommended that some changes be made in the publication. These recommendations were thoroughly justifiable. The trouble has been that a lot of material absolutely misrepresenting the situation has gone out with the idea of bringing embarrassment to the institution. The whole matter has been thoroughly reviewed by the trustees here at the University who have approved all action thus far taken.

It would be very difficult to operate an institution of this kind and carry out every suggestion that is made to the trustees for the conduct of the institution.

The publication "Truth" was an anonymous publication and I do not care to know who were its authors. Sometime when you are coming this way I will be very glad to talk over the matter personally with you.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAM/R