

June 16, 1900.

Mr. James H. Brownlee,  
Charleston, Illinois.

My dear Sir:-

It has become my duty to recommend that the Board of Trustees make a change in the position of teacher of Reading in this school, and I shall make this recommendation at the next meeting of the Board, June 26th. These are my reasons:

First, I do not believe that the work as now carried on is of any value to the students. This reason alone is sufficient to justify my decision.

Second, there is a general, and in some cases, great dissatisfaction among our students with your work. It is said by some of them that their time has been wasted with story telling, and coarse and sometimes vulgar joking. The knowledge of this feeling on the part of students has been known to me but a few days.

Third, your reputation about the State is such, justly or unjustly, that your connection with the school is injurious to its best interests.

Fourth, by making this change, several hundred dollars can be saved. This last reason is subordinate to the others. I wish, however, to say that your whole attitude and bearing toward me has been courteous and loyal, and that aside from the above

reasons, I have no motive whatever for making my decision. It is also proper to add that this decision has been made with very great care and deliberation, and is unalterably fixed. Had I seen you either yesterday or to-day, I should have told you I was about to write this letter. I shall be away from home until Friday.