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The Chickasaw Messenger,
FRANK BURKITT, Editor.

Okolona, Miss., May 19 1880

Gen. S. D. Lee

Dear Sir,

Your letter and papers accompanying rec'd and contents noted. In your former letter you asked for an explanation of the Messenger article in a respectful and courteous manner and I endeavored, as far as my imperfect education would allow, to respond in the same respectful and courteous manner, furnishing you a candid statement of all the details in my possession, not even withholding the names of any parties to the transaction which had been furnished me.

This being true, I confess my extreme mortification that you should have

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felt it your duty to read me a severe
lecture and to impute to me improper
motives for the part I had taken
in the affair. I am free to say
to you, I do not approve the man-
agement of the College in many
respects; but I have always flat-
tered myself with the conviction that
I would not intentionally wrong
anything or anybody, and since
you have seen proper to insinuate
otherwise, you must excuse me, when
I say I do not accept the defense
you have made as conclusive, and
decline to make any further public
statement concerning the charge of
"outrageous speculation" until the
same is fully investigated by
the Board of Trustees, when I

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hope I will have the manhood
to do exactly what is absolutely
right and proper in the prem-
ises.

Respectfully
Frank Burkitt