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W. B. Evans
Furniture Dealer

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March 13

A & M. College Miss.
Mar-13-1890

Genl. D. Lee, Presdt.
A & M. College, Miss.

Dear Sir,

In regard to the matter of furniture I would state that it has always been the custom here for some student to purchase the furniture from the Bays when they leave school. Any student who desires to do so can buy and sell this furniture. When the new students arrive at the opening of school they are at perfect liberty to buy the second hand furniture or to go to town and purchase new furniture. The President ~~has~~ always announced from the stand in the Chapel that students can purchase new furniture in town and that the College Wagon will haul it out for them without charge. The price at which the second hand furniture is sold is so much less than the new furniture would cost that a great many bays ~~prefer~~ ^{prefer} it.

The furniture generally has been
^{abused} and much of it broken and it
takes a good deal of work to put
it in condition to sell. The Students
purchasing it cannot afford to pay
much for it, as after putting it
in a salable condition it has to
be sold at second hand and
consequently at reduced prices. About
two years ago the President had an
investigation made into this matter
and informed these of us buying
and selling that unless we sold
at reasonable rates he would not
allow us to handle it. I do not
think the prices charged are too high
and while Mr. ^{Dray} and myself were
buying and selling furniture we
tried to give justice to every one.

P.S.

Very respectfully
J. H. Evans.

In regard to Mr. McDowell I would say
that before he went home, his roommate, Mr.
Griffin, asked me what I would give for two
bedsteads and two mattresses. Upon examination I
found one of the steads to be broken and one of the mat-
tresses to be almost worthless. I offered him
\$3.00 for them, but he decided to keep them. As
to the rest of Mr. McDowell's furniture I
know nothing of it.

J. H. E.