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Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY:
G. C. CREELMAN, PROFESSOR.

Agricultural College, Miss., June 1st 1896.

My Dear General.

I have written and submitted my annual report, but leaving on Monday and not being able to see and talk over matters with you, I take this opportunity of discussing a few matters of material interest to you.

These propositions are all based on the presumption that Professor Lipscomb leaves me to go to the University:

1st Then I would ask that you consider the my application for Prof. Lipscomb's house. We have lived for 3rd three years in that your rooms but I find it impossible to have a library or study room to myself as we must of necessity live in all four. Then I believe there is no senior member of the faculty that would want it.

2nd In reference to the greenhouse. I took hold of this work voluntarily, as you remember, and I think have improved the condition of the Campus. The greatest

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Use of the grounds now I think is intelligent supervision, working and manure. I have always been handicapped for a team for hauling dirt, manure, beams etc, and it almost invariably happens that when I want a team the departments also desire the same.

You told me when last I asked to be relieved from this work, that you did not see anyone else in sight for the work. I now offer the proposition that the greenhouse be turned over to the Horticultural Department for the following reasons:

- 1st. They have teams and could do so much more effective work -
- 2nd. The professor of Horticulture thoroughly understands floriculture and is a great lover of flowers.
- 3rd. He has a foreman who has charge of the hotbed and Cold frame plants, lying right alongside of the greenhouse. He could superintend student labor better than I for I am engaged in my laboratory ~~at~~ in the afternoon.

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- all during the second and first terms.
- 4th. I am frequently called from my class room and Laboratory work to make small sales of plants when either the professor of Horticulture or his foreman are working about the Cold frames and could attend to it.
- 5th. It takes so much time from my department that I frequently feel that I am neglecting my Biological work when I spend so much time looking after one or two student's work.
- 6th. The Professor of Horticulture has so admirably arranged his Class-room duties that he is free entirely from class duties eight months and a half out of the twelve and is free to attend to his field duties. He has then just the opportunity to attend to such work.
- 7th. My constant attention with the teachers of the state during the summer vacation, prevent me from being on the Campus. The ground-sight however to be constantly looked after, and as either the Professor or his Foreman are always on the grounds, they would

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thus get the required attention. Up to this time we have never had satisfactory summer work among the flowers.

8th. This work in all other institutions is a department of ~~the~~ Horticultural work and Prof. McKay now takes his Classes to the College greenhouse to illustrate the modes of propagation, etc. I also took up this work because Prof. Saffold was neglecting it and now desire to lay it down in reliable hands.

My third proposition is in regard to the College Library. In case Prof. Dupre's leaves. I believe myself to be as well versed in literature as most men of my age who have not made English a specialty. If relieved of the work mentioned above, I could with my Laboratory work attend to the duties of Librarian. It is work that conflicts with no regular duties, but having a taste for arranging, classifying and reading I believe

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I could keep a library in good order.
Professor Lipscomb told me privately before
leaving today for Oxford that he would
rather see me College Librarian than any
one else here.

As there is no pecuniary advantage
to be gained, you see I just suggest these
things to you as a fellow member of the
Faculty believing that the College as well
as myself would be benefited thereby.

Very sincerely yours.

George C. Cheelman.