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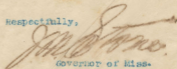
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January 12th, 1895.

To Whom it may Concern:-

Having learned that damaging statements have been made concerning the conduct of Prof. S. L. Sherwood while in the town of Iuka as teacher in the Iuka Normal Institute, to the effect that he was compelled to leave said town, and school, on account of improper relations with a young lady in said town. I will state that I was a resident of Iuka at the time, and during the time, Prof. Sherwood was connected with said school, and when he left; and that I never heard the slightest imputation against his conduct in any way, nor do I believe there was ever any such suspicion in the mind of any person against him while he resided in Iuka. His conduct was regarded as most exemplary, he was esteemed a good teacher, and an honorable man of high moral worth and I am quite sure that he did not leave the school and the town for the reason stated, but for the reason that he was not satisfied with the compensation he was receiving for his services. He enjoyed then, and does now, so far as I know, and as I verily believe, the respect and confidence of all the people of Iuka among whom he resided for about two years I believe.

Respectfully,



Governor of Miss.