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Hon. A. L. Pateman.

Dear Sir.

In the current No. of "The Southern School" in an editorial on "Educational Progress in Mississippi" an invidious comparison is made between the University of Mississippi and the State College of Kentucky and by implication between the Chancellor of that institution and myself. The one is injudicious to the State College, the other unkind to me.

To any one acquainted with the facts the College needs no apology. The only matter of surprise is that it should incur the fierce ecclesiastical opposition which it encounters and the indignant support of capricious and ~~unfriendly~~^{time-serving} friends.

I have no desire to precipitate a newspaper controversy, my work whether much or little speaks for itself. I may however express my deep regret that in relation to the College it should suit you