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My dear Fred:

I was just down at Davidson Commencement last week and was thinking about you. On my return I found that one of our men, knowing my interest in Davidson College, had turned in the attached.

My very best congratulations to you, Fred. This is an honor -- a very great honor -- which falls to a man who has made a big success in his profession. I always remember how nice you were to me when I visited your clinic in Rochester.

At the Alumni Luncheon I sat next to Mr. Barnes, a preacher, whom you probably remember as the son of Mrs. Barnes who with her daughter ran the boarding house almost opposite Dr. Henry Louis Smith's house, which boarding house provided food for the human animal at the rate of \$7.50 per month.

Cordially yours,

Smith
H. S. Richardson

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