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To
James N. Patterson, Esq., Ph. D.,
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My Dear Sir; -
I have had the honor to be informed by the
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the S. A. M.
College of Ky. of their formal request for my
resignation of my Professorship in that College.
I have acknowledged the receipt of that communication,
and I address you now to say that my resignation as
requested will be tendered when the Board meets.
In view of the probable swiftness of my every
relation with you, the President of the College and,
as such, the moulder of its policy, I feel that
there is due for you from me some expression of my
sentiments by reason of this sudden change
in my circumstances. Yet I am at a loss to
say as I would and as I should all that seems
right for me to say.

First I am aware of a sentiment of respect
for you because of your superb mental gifts and