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is concerned. The Industrial Room is not up to the Standard of other schools right here in Ala.

Expansion is not, necessar[i]ly, growth. The industries Mr. Adams understands are important and, I think, he will teach them well. Your brother coincides with my views. Yours Sincerely but hastily

Warren Logan

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¹ Lewis Adams.

From David Davidson Sanderson

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Dear Sir. A col'd man, claiming the name of H. L. Goins, came to my office this morning, & exhibited a Diploma of Graduation from your Institution, bearing your name, & that of others of the faculty. As I had an examination of teachers yesterday, some of the question papers were lying on my table, & I concluded I would make a slight test of his scholarship. I handed him the 3rd grade paper¹ on Grammar, & requested him to parse the sentence, "John killed a rabbit." John, he said, was a noun of the 2nd person — then 1st person — & finally the 3rd. It was in the *objective* case. I then told him to parse *rabbit*. After a good deal of hesitation, he said it was in the objective case. I reminded him that he had said *John* was in the objective case. He concluded then that John must be in the Nom. case. I asked what it was nom. to? He replied, to the word killed. What part of speech is killed? I asked. An *adjective*, he replied. When I told him he was wrong, he said, It is an *adverb*, then! And so on, to the end of the chapter. I then made a brief examination on Hygiene — which was not much more satisfactory than on Grammar. Arithmetic d[itt]o.

I need not say that I was more than surprised. Your Institution has some reputation, I understand: but how it could issue a Diploma to a student so utterly incompetent to teach the elementary studies of the 3rd grade in the public schools in the State, seems very strange.

It places the Co. Supts in a dilemma. The law requires them to give a permanent license to those holding Diplomas — & yet, as this case