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every doubt and he was retained, but in that case several members of the committee who sat upon the case, as well as other prominent officials, felt that we made a mistake in retaining him in the service of the school, and for a number of years his influence at the school was seriously crippled and hampered by reason of the charge brought against him. The memory of the first case was beginning to completely disappear when the second case came to light. You can easily understand that under the circumstances Mr. Penney's influence at this institution was at an end, and we felt that it would be the most kindly thing for him, and certainly the best thing for the institution, to be frank and firm and say as much to him. We have always taken the position that a school is not a court of law, that it is the duty of the court to prove a person guilty; in the case of a school we take the position that whenever a student or teacher gets into a position where his influence is hurtful that the school has a right to part with such an individual.

Enclosed I send you a copy of a letter which I wrote Mrs. Penney which I think embraces the universal opinion of all upon our grounds.

You do not know how seriously we regret this unfortunate occurrence, but there was but one course to pursue in the matter. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

I think you will find that you have a record at Atlanta University to the effect that he was charged with a similar offense while a student at Atlanta. This is the information I have received from a graduate of Atlanta University who knows about it.

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An Address to the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University

Nashville, Tennessee, March 29, 1907

DEAN TILLET AND GENTLEMEN: I am very glad to be here; I have never been in the city of Nashville without hearing from the lead-