

CARSON AND NEWMAN COLLEGE  
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT  
JEFFERSON CITY, TENN.

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Prof. J. H. Biles  
Centre College  
Danville, Ky.

Dear Prof. Biles:-

In a former letter I told you of how sorry we were that we gave Centre the opportunity of so much advertising that was unfavorable to us. I do not believe that Coach Russell was acquainted with all the facts. He had had correspondence with two or three of the men in question and the others came uninvited. However, that may have been the College has eliminated those who should not be with us. You are very much in the wrong when you say that we didn't have enough men on the squad, who were not questionable, to play the game. Every man whose name I sent to U.T. was eligible and they would have played as strong a game as any combination we have, if they had agreed to play them. After consulting with your authorities, the Tennessee crowd wanted to cancel and declared they would if we did not play just the men they would designate. So they eliminated four who were as eligible as any other men we had, under the contract. Speaking of doing things that are right and ethical, it wasn't very ethical for your Coach to phone two of our men to come to Knoxville to see the game when it was understood that they were wanted down there to talk with Kubale about playing with his team next year. It seems not to be such a heinous thing for other people to want migratory students.

I have in the two letters written to you confessed with shame our part in the embarrassing situation. I am wondering how greater is our sin of saying in ignorance that half a dozen men were eligible, when they were not, than is yours of promising to do a thing and failing to do it. The men who heard the conversation say that there wasn't any condition about the forfeit. That is was stated that it would be paid within a week. If we had played the game and had used men who broke the contract, I would feel obligated to pay you a forfeit as we are doing Sewanee, but when our men offered to play the men of our squad whom you designate it makes you fail to come up to the contract and, therefore, should pay the forfeit. You didn't get any further information by allowing our men to make the trip all the way to your town. Unless you are simply trying to embarrass us, I see no reason why you shouldn't have raised your objection before we left home. It looks as if you are trying to wash out Centre's record for the last few years with our blood. Of course, we have no intention of going to law in the matter. If you do not think enough of your obligation and promise to pay the amount, it is a settled question now. We will have to try to live without it.

I am truly sorry that this has happened. I had hoped that our relationship for the past few years could remain pleasant and permanent.

Assuring you that I have no hard feeling in the matter and that whatever you do will be satisfactory, I am

Yours very sincerely

*O. E. Davis*  
President

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Centre College.

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