

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Richmond, Ky., Oct. 10, 1899.

My dear Dr. Pearson:

You will remember that I was introduced to you last summer by the Rev. Dr. Craig. Your cordial reception given me at that time, the very kind and interested attention you gave to my statements with regard to the work and needs of our mountain college located at Jackson, Breathitt County, and especially your courteous invitation for me to call and see you again, all prompt me to submit to you the additional accompanying statement.

Since I saw you in July the school has commenced its ninth annual session under the most favorable auspices. The attendance is much larger than ever before. Both dormitories are already filled with young men and young women, and the new pupils are coming in almost every day. It is likely that the aggregate attendance this year will reach two hundred and fifty or more. The discipline of the school is admirable, and I have never before witnessed such evidences of earnestness and enthusiasm on the part of teachers and pupils.

The Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments recently established are welcomed by all classes, and if they are properly sustained will go far toward revolutionizing the home life of the people.

This great work, established eight years ago, and carried on by myself without compensation, ought to be put upon a permanent basis. Its very existence now depends upon the lives of a few individuals who may be taken off at any time.

Trusting that my plea in behalf of this Institute, planted in the heart of the mountains of Kentucky, and which has already accomplished such a great work for the Church and State and is capable of accomplishing so much more, will touch a sympathetic cord in your heart in behalf of a great multitude of your most needy fellow countrymen, and praying that God will long spare your useful life, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Letters to A.A.

Pearson, soliciting  
aid for A.A. Lees  
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