

Eugene, May 7, 1932.

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Mrs. Gertrude B. Warner,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mrs. Warner:

A few days ago I sent you the announcement of this year's winners of the Essay Contest.

I enclose a few letters, with the request that you kindly straighten the matter out with the persons concerned. It was a pleasure for me to serve quite unselfishly for the past three years on the Essay Committee. I shall no longer be with the University next fall, and regret that I shall not be able to co-operate with this effort to promote a better feeling.

You know that Dr. Hall appointed me Chairman of the Essay Committee. This fact has never been questioned until now. It is a careless insinuation, to use a mild term, on the part of one of the letter writers to imply that I had acted as an imposter in the work which I did. You remember how I inquired whether I was to continue to serve on the Committee, and how you apologized that my name had not been printed in the catalog. If changes had been made, you certainly would have been informed, and I as Chairman should have been told of such changes! I never asked to be on the Committee, and, as you know, I tried my best to interest the students, I had countless interviews, I had the posters printed, I advised the students in regard to the contents, and now all I get is this unpleasant termination of three years of hearty co-operation.

There seems to be a certain measure of bitterness,- I do not know whether it is jealousy, - on the part of certain younger gentlemen. If the result of these contests is merely to stir up discontent, criticism, and recrimination, it may be well for you to consider some other way to use your money,- but this is not for me to say.

You know that I acted in good faith: I was never notified that I was not to act as chairman, or off the Committee, indeed I do not know of it to this day. On the other hand Dean Gilbert has had and signed my "Instructor"s schedules" during the entire present year, on which my work with the Essay Committee was recorded every time. I feel the University owes you and me an apology.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and with best wishes from Mrs. Mez and myself,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Dr. John R. Mez

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