

I may displace one of our teachers
(Alabamian) who is very inflexible
and make room for a Yankee, if
so I will let you hear from me.
Our Board think best to keep
the fellow if he will possibly
answer since we have so many
Northern teachers among us. I
am pleased with your description
of your son - he is just what I
want. Particularly his aptness
in Elocution & Reading - You
know the South thinks much
of sporting & stumping in the
field. Am happy to hear
from you even on business.
Let me have another as you have
time - very truly your friend
John F. Pearl

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- post-war feelings
re Northern teachers

Nashville Oct 14. 1865
Prof. Brocklesby.
Dear Sir.

I am in
receipt of yours of the 10th inst.
It hardly seems possible
that you are honest in
saying that you have a
son, an alumnus of our
"Alma Mater" whence we were
graduated but yesterday as
it were - Your reminding
me of my stewardship and
the sewing up the Fair
Haven be-values in College
makes it seem more strange.
But why am I taken so much
by surprise that you have
an adult son when I am

constantly reminded of my
own son now 27 years old -
who ~~has~~ made my heart bleed
for the past years by being
in the Rebel army. Thank
God, he has come out safe
and I trust "clothed and in
his right mind" He is in
the Third National Bank
in this city on a good salary
and I hope he has not contracted
dissipated habits. I congratulate
you that your son took a
different course, may you
never know the feelings of
a father who was proud of
the integrity and nationality
of his country as I am whose
son rebels against his govern-
ment. I regret you did not
write me three weeks earlier, I

could have placed him in
a good position in our schools.
But we are now fully supplied
and unless some vacancy occurs
not now expected I see no opening
for him. I could not recom-
mend him to come South
at random - The Devil is
not yet dead and I do not think
it prudent for Northern
teachers to take position
indiscriminately. I think I
know well the condition
of every part of the state of
Tennessee and if I hear
of a place safe and desirable
I will inform you speedily. I
will exert myself in his be-
half - in fact, I wish he were
in the place of some of my teachers
now - I have a little hope that

Prof. Geo. Brocklesby
Hartford
Ct.



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