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J. H. Davis, Esq.,
Clerk of the Board of Education
of the Township of Nutley,
Nutley, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Davis:-

After mature deliberation I have with no inconsiderable regret reached the conclusion that I should forthwith resign from my position as president of the Board of Education, as well as from the board itself. The single impelling motive for this action on my part is the firm conviction that my usefulness as a member of the board will be materially and perhaps seriously impaired by reason of the time that I shall hereafter be constrained to devote to my professional affairs, which, I apprehend, may not infrequently involve an absence from board meetings or a curtailment of the time that should properly and advantageously be devoted to the consideration of the educational questions that are constantly presented for our solution.

Professional matters over which I was unable, unfortunately, to exercise any control, have recently conflicted with the time that I feel should have been devoted by me to board matters; and even upon the occasion of our last meeting you will doubtless recall that I was, prior to its termination, constrained to leave and request that a chairman should act in my absence.

It is thus apparent that my usefulness necessarily suffers from the limitations that my professional work creates, and there are so many capable and intelligent members of our community who I am confident could and would devote their talents and their time to the concerns of the Board of Education that for me longer to retain a position which I feel I can only do inadequate justice to is, I conceive, a violation of one of the first and most pressing duties that a citizen owes to the community, i.e.- a faithful discharge of his official trust.

I repeat, however, that this step is taken with the keenest regret on my part. My associations with the members of the Board have always been and continue to be of a distinctly congenial and satisfactory nature. Their uniform co-operation has been of inestimable advantage in the performance of such duties as my office imposed upon me, and their treatment has invariably been courteous, considerate and helpful. To sever, therefore, personal relations of a character so agreeable necessarily occasions a very sincere and a very profound regret; but as the community's interests are paramount and as I feel that hereafter the encroachments of my professional work will seriously impair my efficiency as a member of the Board, I have but one alternative open to me, and that is to present my resignation as president and as a member, to take effect

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With renewed assurances, I have the honor to remain

Very truly yours,

John Sherman