Chapel Hill, North Carolina
June 6th, 1868

To D. L. Swain,

Dear Sir & Instructed,

The committee named in behalf of the Virginia class of 1868 desire to present you this bespoken case, which accompanies this as a memento of the high esteem, which each of us feels towards you and honored self. The peculiar circumstances, which have characterized the connection between you and us as instructors, pupils lead us to believe that your future course of life will be watched by you with more than ordinarly interest & severity.

Now have been appointed to each of us during our university college life & we wish at this it is close to add the unqualified testimonies of what may be your last Virginia class to your unchanging worth as President of this University, or Professor of Animal & Constitutional Law & as a Christian gentleman.

Sincerely your friends & pupils,

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