

have had to write out my lectures. I seem to suffer a forgetfulness, now for a word, or its spelling, & now for some fact that I thought I knew well. With this forgetfulness I have the further trouble that I cannot get up new material, & any creative ability that I had seems gone. I can't think up material for graduate students. In late years bacteriology has become more chemical & mathematical. I had a fair knowledge of chemistry, but to day I cannot use it. The formula seem to go, & I can't trust myself to write the simplest formula on the board. & this spring I had to resort to the subterfuge of writing such on the board before my lecture. Such 'bluff' I can't keep up, & feel that in the interests of the University I should confer to you. As for mathematics, I wanted some for my work, but after working at them for some time my mind refused to carry them. These are the broad outlines, the details I am ashamed to set out. I feel that the University should have a well equipped bacteriological professor at this juncture, a man who knows his chemistry & bacteriology, & can plan & do the necessary research work as well as lecture on the later developments. Physically & mentally I do not feel able to do it, & unless I can rest & get away I feel I am in for a worse breakdown. I have no confidence in myself, & feel that as a University teacher I cannot do more. In view of this I am writing to ask you to retire me as soon as this term is over.

Finally I want to say how much I appreciate your many kindnesses, unvarying courtesy, & the confidence you have so often given me.

Very sincerely yours,
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