

They are are never to be taken as expressing the wishes of the Faculty. I am
the more glad to be able to promise this assistance — if it is of any use —
since your continued support and encouragement have alone rendered ~~the~~ tolerable
the thankless labours and the many indignities of the past four years.

Perhaps I should apologize for troubling you with a letter which only
states what is obvious, but I am anxious that my absence from your
meeting should not by any possibility be misunderstood. I am writing
quite informally, so that this letter need not go on file, and of course
you need not trouble to acknowledge it.

Sincerely yours

H. B. Smith