

Greenboro. Guilford. No. Ca.

To.

April. 27. 1874.

From A. W. Tongee

Dear Sir:

Your Letter of yesterday was received this morning. I am at a loss how to answer because I was so stunned and so much regret the occurrence. I would not have had it to have happened for any consideration. Do not think for a moment that it was intentional. I would scorn, and would condemn myself if I entertained such feelings, or thoughts, or purpose, as you intimate, in such a place or on such an occasion. Be assured it was far from me.

Mr. Tongee being by your side would have made it doubly criminal in me to be knowingly guilty of such conduct. Such an act of slight and disrespect to you would have been inexcusable and in her presence doubly so. If you had ever united with us on such occasions, or given the Pastor information to that purport, I was not aware of it, and I passed by you simply as I passed by others

being under the impression that you did not partake.

Mr Smith, as is always his custom, invited cordially all of every denomination to come and join with him in the service - and when any are passed by or overlooked, they signify it and are gladly waited upon.

I feel greatly mortified, and I am very sorry indeed that you did not stop me, and partake with us. It would have been a gratification to me and to all around us.

I hope you will bury it, and not think of it more - and continue to be an attendant upon the church - and at the next communion - last Sabbath in May - unite with us in the service.

Very Respectfully Yours
Joseph H. Lindsay.