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Dear Edna Yost:

We will have to have a talk about the best way of attacking this problem of the Lincoln collection. I ought to have tied it up better than I did at the dinner, but I have been hesitant about it and I wasn't in a talking mood. I think now, however, that the thing is launched that you and I better get together and perhaps ask Mr. Beazell to join us and thrash it out, develop a practical scheme. I do not like the idea of asking for money. If the New York Alumni is willing to take Dr. Tolley's suggestion that it use its moneys for fostering the collection that is all we ought to ask.

I am not sure but that if we could really interest the Alumni in hunting up old Lincoln items and turning them over to the collection we would in the long run be able to do more than we would with money unless of course it was a good deal.

We should settle on a name. What do you think about Allegheny Alumni Lincoln Collection? Does that require - I suppose it does - the sanction of the Alumni body as a whole?

These are the things I think we ought to talk about and I would like it if Mr. Beazell would join us, that is if you approve. Perhaps we better fix a date, as early a date as possible. Monday, the 7th - Wednesday, the 9th, for tea at the National Arts Club would suit me.

Affectionately

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