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TITUSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Ida, -

I must tell you first how pleased I was, and always am, to receive a letter from you at any time for any reason whatsoever, and upon any subject.

I thought I would find out the answer to your inquiry at once and write immediately. But I learned that John Schaide was out of town that week. The next week I was out of town several days myself, and for different reasons I failed for several days longer to get into

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actual communication with Mr. Scheide. Finally we did have an interview and he was very much interested in the fact that the question had come in just that way owing to your former residence in Titusville.

John, as you doubtless know has one of the finest private libraries in the U.S., and his collection of Bibles and sacred manuscripts is said to be unsurpassed.

I supposed bibliographers know where these prized possessions are kept and try to keep their records as complete and up to date as possible, hence this new cataloguing. John seemed to know and understand about it and talked to me quite a while, telling me some of what he seemed to have, and about which I know as little that I am afraid I did not understand it all.

I think he must have some in the line of mediaeval manuscripts which are considered valuable, for he seems to have had correspondence on the subject with Dr. Putnam.

He said I could tell you that last spring he had an interview in New York with — I am quite sure he said —

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Seymour de Ricci, which he enjoyed tremendously. He says he is a citizen of the world whose original home was probably Paris, probably the foremost of bibliographers, with a knowledge so wide and a personality so pleasing that it was a delight to meet him. He was about leaving for Paris at that time, but was to return in the fall, and the result of the interview was that he will come to Titusville to look over what Mr. Scheide has, and according to the arrangement will be due here very soon.

John says he thinks that will cover what Dr. Jameson

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has in mind, for he is evidently working with or for the Congressional Library, and he would like me to tell you that, and says to Dr. Jameson if you have opportunity and occasion to do so.

He is tremendously interested in anything connected with his own, or any library for that matter.

I wonder if you know that John Scheide and his sister Gertrude Caldwell have given a public park to the city. It is the entire block bounded by Spring and Central Ave, Perry and Central Ave - with all the

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old buildings removed except the Second National Bank - When completed it will be a beautiful addition to the city - It is a memorial to their father and mother but is named Ch. Drake Park - I must close now. I want to say that this is only the answer to your question and, before many days, I am going to write you a letter.

I have thought of doing so many times, and now I certainly shall for there are so many things I want to say.

Sincerely and affectionately yours,

Annette F. Grumbine

Nov. 13, 1930

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