

the library can be used as a reading room for the students. August 26, 1935

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On my return from vacation your letter of July 9 was awaiting me. I have immediately written that the book you mention will be purchased. I believe several items a great deal better than the ones you have and in that way substantial growth will result in a few years to your collection. This book of DuBois, "Black Reconstruction" had been suggested already by a member of the Library Committee.

Very sincerely yours,
It is fine that you had ten days in the country but I hope it has been multiplied by this time so that you escaped the harvest of the summer heat in New York. My vacation was more extended because it included the week in Denver attending the American Library Association Convention. After that I went to California, stopping a day enroute at Grand Canyon and then via the Santa Fe to Pasadena where I saw my Aunt who is very ill indeed in the Hospital. The stay included closing her bungalow, packing her belongings and putting them in storage besides having a guardian appointed for her since the strokes she has had have incapacitated her from doing any business. It was very hard to leave her.

Several half days were spent working in the Huntington Library where I studied the methods of caring for old books and manuscripts. Two days were spent at the San Diego Exposition. It is beautifully situated in Balboa Park and the small is full of interest. In San Francisco I had five days which included Berkeley and the University of California Library and some other libraries near by. In Seattle I was with my first college roommate and went to Vancouver to see an aged uncle, 91 years old on August 6, and saw all that wonderful Puget Sound country. She took me to Mt. Rainier Park also and for drives about the country and I learned to know the City of Seattle quite well. Forty vessels of the fleet were in the harbor while I was in Seattle. The return trip included Yellowstone Park and two days in St. Paul, again with a friend of college days, with whom I had a happy time. I came from St. Paul to Chicago on the Zephyr, the streamlined train that makes such fast time. The trip was so interesting and informing as well as recreational that I enjoyed it a great deal and came back quite refreshed.

On Saturday evening Dr. Elliott was taken to the City Hospital where an emergency operation for appendicitis was performed. He is doing as well as can be expected tho it will be five days, I am told, before he will be out of danger. Our one time janitor, Mr. Morford, beloved of many generations of students before and after my undergraduate days, died last night. He and Mrs. Morford always kept their interest in the college.

The library of the late Albert Smith of Warren, Pa. is to come to the college after a little time. Mrs. Smith has not decided whether to keep her house or to sell it and the delivery of the books depends on that. It consists of 2000 volumes of the best works of the Victorian era and of some authors before and after that time. We hope she may feel she can s-

establish a small trust fund that will furnish money to add to the books so the library can be used as ²⁸⁸⁶⁻²⁵⁻¹⁰⁰⁰⁰ a nucleus for a browsing room for the students.

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We are pleased to have suggestions from you and shall welcome any you make. I hope you will make the college visit with all.

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