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My dear Miss Rowley:

I have your letter of March 10th about the old college documents. I should say what you propose, that is filing them in folders to be put in a proper case with a catalogue card for each paper, is the proper way. There are certain of these old papers, the most valuable ones, like the letter from Jefferson, that it seems to me ought to be framed, or at least put under glass. If there could be a show case in which these papers were properly arranged, it would be a good idea. My idea was that a few of us raise the money for it. If you can tell me how much the folders and the case for the papers would cost, I will be glad to start in my own class a little subscription. If that does not cover it, I will go outside. It is the early papers of the college, I was thinking of particularly.

It seems to me the literary society should take care of its own papers. Ossoli is, I believe, dead, but I am sure the old girls of Ossoli would be glad to contribute to a proper filing of the documents relating to their history.

As to the Standard Oil papers, they are not at present in condition to turn over to you. To begin with, they are not all in one place. They are not properly classified, and a good deal of work must be done. My notion was really to make this collection as nearly as possible, a history of petroleum in N. W. Pennsylvania, the Standard Oil case being a part and not the whole of the documents. As soon as I have had time to go over my material and to start the machinery for filling up the blanks in what I have, I will let you know. I am afraid as things are now that it is going to be some little time before I can do it, as it is a good deal of a task.

When you have found out what you want and how much it costs to take care of the first case, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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