

March 16, 1921

Mrs. Grace Humiston,  
512 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Humiston:

Do you know anything about Anna Louise Johnston, who has been this past winter in New York and who was formerly in some kind of an institution in ~~Birmingham~~, N. Y.

For some two years Miss Johnson has written me at intervals, now and then sending me a little of her writing and urging me to get her a regular position. There has been nothing about either her letters or her work that made me feel that this was a practical thing. I have had doubts about her mental condition but feared that I might have been influenced by the fact that she had been in an institution.

In a letter sent me in January (I have been away since the middle of January, in the West), she says that she has talked to you about giving an account of her experience at the state hospitals, that you had "virtually promised" to place her copy and then had changed your mind. Now she proposes that I should take up this material. Will you not (confidentially) give me your opinion about Miss Johnston? Is there anything I could do to help her? It is quite out of the question that, in the present condition of my work, I should undertake to edit a manuscript for her. And, from the character of her letters, I should feel that anyone should make a very careful investigation of her statements before attempting to publish them. I would be very much obliged if you would let me know at your leisure - confidentially, as I say - what you think about her.

Very sincerely yours,