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October 28, 1940

Mr. C. W. Bagby
Hickory, N. C.

My dear Mr. Bagby,-

I am enclosing herewith Report received from
Mr. Dillard S. Gardner, which I have signed.

I think it is all right as far as it goes, but
it is quite general as to all matters involved. I am enclosing a
small supplement containing my personal views, which you can sign
if you desire to do so.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

Encl.

Mr. Dillard S. Gardner, Raleigh, N. C.
Mr. Clayton L. Burwell, Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. Norman Block, Greensboro, N. C.
SUGGESTED BY J. G. MERRIMON:

A Law Library should be in every County, containing at least the statutes and the Supreme Court Reports of the State. It could be easily maintained in a fairly satisfactory way, I believe, by appropriation of $1.00 from the costs in each case for such purpose.

A Librarian is a necessity, and the Clerk or a Deputy Clerk could act as Librarian. This method has produced very satisfactory results in Buncombe County, where we have at present a magnificent Library, maintained by such costs, and increased from time to time by donations and by the purchase of used books from dealers. We probably save three or four hundred dollars a year by this method, and the books frequently are only shelf-worn.

The suggestion of a book exchange made by Miss Covington is an admirable one, and the Law Library in this County has a very large number of text books, Reports and Laws, a list of which is being furnished to Miss Covington.