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Letter to Dillard Gardner regarding model law libraries, May 18, 1939

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Mr. Dillard S. Gardner  
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Raleigh, N. C.

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My dear Mr. Gardner,-

I am just in receipt of yours of the 16th., relative to law libraries, and am taking the liberty of enclosing you two letters I have written recently on this subject, together with letter from Mr. Keemeier, in which he asks various questions, and which I undertook to answer. I think these will give you my views in regard to the questions you propound, and my answer to Miss Covington, who sent me the data regarding libraries which you mention in your letter, goes into it rather fully. I saw Miss Covington at Duke a few days ago, and had some discussion with her in regard to the matter.

I shall not burden you with undertaking to answer your letter, unless you find the letters I have written fail to state my views in regard to the matter.

In my files I find a letter to Mr. Roalfe about this same subject.

I have no doubt a law library to be kept up by Bar Dues assessed will not be a success. We tried it here, and it was a complete failure, costing us something like $1,000.00 or $1,200.00, and then we had to give up all our books.

I am delighted to see the steps taken in this matter, because it is a great saving in money, especially to the younger lawyers, and indeed to the older lawyers. We are fortunate here in having the Circuit Court of Appeals meet, because it gives us access to all the West Publishing Company Series of Reports, and in addition a great number of books relating solely to Federal procedure, as well as the statutory laws of the States comprising the Fourth Circuit.

With regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

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