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Mr. Dillard S. Gardner, Librarian
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Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Gardner:

Thank you very much for your letter of April the 20th. The plan that you have worked out is no doubt a great improvement and I am writing to Mr. Murray to confirm it. I very much appreciate your assistance in connection with a matter that might have been difficult to handle if it had been dealt with from this end.

I can appreciate your difficulties through not having stenographic assistance and realize that writing must be considerably restricted under such circumstances and will therefore not expect too much end you can confine your communications to matters that are of vital importance.

I think you will be interested in knowing that in preparing publicity for the meeting here, the responsibility for which has been delegated to us by Mrs. Lumpkin, we sent a brief notice to the American Bar Association Journal, in response to which Mr. Taylor, the Managing Editor, has written as follows:

"Thanks for yours of April 15 with enclosed note. It strikes me that it deals with a rather significant problem. If you could give us about one thousand words on it - the problem and what has been done and is being done to solve it - we should think it would be of real interest to our readers."

Mr. Taylor's reply of course necessitates a broader treatment and unfortunately designates me as the goat but it does confirm my own view that there is a very definite opportunity for getting information relating to law books and law library problems before the profession as a whole, and I am convinced that this is one important segment of our work. Obviously if the A. B. A. Journal can find room the state and local journals which are always clamoring for copy would be more receptive. I will prepare a brief statement as soon as I can and send it to Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. Walker has sent a news item to the Law Library Journal with respect to the last meeting and prepared a very good account that was published in our local paper. Our news bureau stated that a wire would
be prepared for AP distribution so there should have been a briefer story in the Raleigh News and Observer, but whether or not it was printed I cannot say.

Yours sincerely,

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