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Dear Madam:

Your good letter of July 21st deserved a much more prompt response. I have been waiting, with the hope that I might be able to make a definite statement, and an authoritative one, the Dep. in our University, which you suggest. Bishop Hurst is in Europe & our Ex. Com. is scattered during the hot weather. I have only been able to talk with a few individually about it. All have the highest appreciation of the magnificent work you have done. Our authorities are in full sympathy with you. You are probably aware that a subscription of $10.000 has been withdrawn because of Bishop Hurst's pronounced utterance on Temperance.

I feel that a Dep. on the grade you propose would be in harmony with our Scheme. We could hardly take up work of a Normal grade for the ordinary Common School Teacher, but for the grade of "teachers of teachers, we might. Our work is to be post-graduate. It must be scientific in the highest sense, and must, at the same time, have a practical side.

There are several lines on which I would like to see Original Research and practical pedagogical work done. The Scientific study of all intoxicants and narcotics

and their effects; the thorough study of all legislation in regard to them, both past & present, and the results, as a basis for future legislation = the most thorough study of all phases of reformatory work, successes and failures, and so to the best methods and plans.

All this might be begun by a Professor, but it is too large a field for one person. There is room for several; though from one, it might grow to several in a full Dep.

The different phases might be taken up by men in various Dep'ts = the Scientific by men in the Dep. of Sci.; the legal by some one in the Dep. of Law: the Historical in the Dep. of Hist.; &c. though I fear it might be difficult to get just the practical results desired in that way. It would be better to have specialists to do the special work you suggest.

I think the chief difficulty in our way would be that which confronts most institutions in regard to special work: namely, the money. We are splendidly located for such work in Washington. It is our desire & purpose in engaging in Original Research, not to bury the results of such work, but to publish it as broad-cast as possible, and so disseminate true knowledge on all such historical, legal and scientific lines.

I should be glad indeed to hear further from you, and will be glad to lay the whole matter before our Ex. Com. in early Sept., if it could be put in some definite and practical form.

Yours Sincerely =

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Vice-Chancellor.