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~~Dear~~ Mr. Sherwood:

I have had limited success in rounding up any information on Vinnie Ream which will be of assistance to you. What little information I am presenting may already be known to you.

Thomas Dixon was indeed a local author, and we do have his personal library of books here at Gardner-Webb, but no letters or other artifacts. I tried poking through all the likely volumes, but found no mention of Vinnie Ream. From the Thomas Dixon angle you might have better luck with one of the following: 1) the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, 2) the Cleveland County Memorial Library in Shelby, 3) Duke University in Durham - though I understand the Thomas Dixon Papers are from the last years of his life, or 4) Wake Forest University (which he attended) in Winston Salem.

We tried doing an OCLC scan for (May) Ruth Norcross (single and married) and the only item of any use we found was on the enclosed OCLC record. Definitely not a three-volume biography, it appears to be a three-page article, "Lincoln and Vinnie Ream" by Ruth Norcross Hoxie in ~~the~~ February 1923 issue (volume 2?) of The Penwoman.

You have almost certainly seen the one volume we have on Vinnie Ream, but on the off chance that you have not I am enclosing photocopies of the title page, acknowledgements, and bibliography. I can't think of anything else we have that would be helpful to you.

I regret that I could not provide you with more assistance. Perhaps by now you have already obtained the information from another source. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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