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Dear Ms. Parry:

I am most grateful to you for your letter of February 25. I feel that I have to apologize for what must appear at times as an incredible lack of knowledge on my part. I am very familiar with film history, and, of course, my approach to Thomas Dixon is somewhat limited, specializing in his film-related career. But I am not always that knowledgeable about what appear to be the many careers of Thomas Dixon. In fact, the more I read of him and the more I read his novels, the more fascinated I become. He was a most remarkable man.

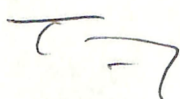
Prior to receiving your letter, I had acquired a copy of James Zebulon Wright's Thomas Dixon: The Mind of a Southern Apologist, and I am most impressed by it. It is certainly the best text on Thomas Dixon, and far superior to Raymond Cook's published biography. I suspect that Wright is deceased, but, if not, I wonder if you have an address for him. I ask because I notice he was a graduate of Gardner-Webb. By the way, many thanks also for the newspaper article on Wright, and which I am quoting.

As to the Record of Plays, I had hoped these might be clippings on his produced plays and films. Based on your description, these are obviously Dixon's own reviews of plays from 1883 that appeared in the Baltimore Mirror.

Finally, Does Gardner-Webb have any photographs of Thomas Dixon, and, if so, can copies be made for reproduction purposes?

Thank you again for all your help, which, of course, will be acknowledged in the finished work (of which you will certainly receive a copy).

Best regards,

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