Dec. 14, 1945

Dear Mr. Heathers:-

Thank you for your letter of Nov. 30th. I wanted to answer it sooner but Mr. Dixon has had a particularly bad time - He is much better today and I'm sure he is going to be all right.

Thank you, too, for your interest and the time you took to write to the Charlotte Observer. I'm sure it would be well worth consideration.

I will be glad to do the work you ask for the paintings - just as soon as possible - I will have to sketch through the books. I thought the title of each book and scene of the subject of each painting was present on the back of each canvas - I'll also try to
have the ones in Cleveland sent to you. It may take some persuasion to know my sister treasures them. I feel so indebted to her for her loyalty and help through the years.

Mr. Dixon's long illness that I rather hesitate to ask the favor but I would like still undertake it. I would like the collection to be as nice as possible. The ones in Cleveland are just the ones in Cleveland and are just the opposite. Lovely portraits of different heroes - a courtship scene from the Leiford story - the burial of the robo from The Carolinas - the best ones, in fact. I know they would add a great deal.

Before I close, Mr. Matthews, I would like to ask your advice.
in a matter that has been on my mind for a long time. It is about Mr. Dixon's burial. He has a plot here where Mr. Dixon is buried - I bought a very nice bronze plaque for it & a marker for her grave - but I would like to have her buried in Shenly. It seems to me that would be the proper place. What do you think of it? And could you get the information for me of about what the cost of it would be? Mr. Dixon carries no insurance. He sold what he had years ago when he was having such difficulties in New York. He has about $400 due him on his Civil Service Retirement - I have requested them in Washington to hold it until his death, as it draws a small interest - and I've known I would need it for that purpose. I know it is not enough but
Maybe some arrangement could be made whereby I could pay the balance — if no money comes in before his death. Of course if I sell his biography I could manage it all at once. Mr. S. wouldn't want an elaborate funeral. Neither am I. I believe in it — of course he may live for many more years. If it were not too selfish I would pay it sincerely hope so — for I shall miss him terribly — but for his own sake I knew it would be a release & a blessing. I do want him to have a worthy burial. Here in Raleigh he is quite forgotten — many people think he is already dead — since he has not been seen about for nearly four years. Some day too, after he is passed — I think I could raise a fund for a simple but lasting memorial — plaque or monument — I would like it to be in Shelby instead of Raleigh. Will you be so kind as to give the matter a little thought and let me know exactly how you feel about it? I will be deeply grateful. 

With kindest regards,

Sincerely, Mrs. Thomas S. —