

Bellamy

Kansas City, Mo.

Oct. 6, 1915.

My dear Miss Simpson, -

At the time

I received your letter concerning a memorial for Miss Sharp, I happened to be at very heavy expense, for I had been ill. I put the letter aside, intending to answer it later.

Then, from time to time, I neglected it. However, I hope that the enclosed money-order

for five dollars will not arrive too late to serve as a contribution to the memorial. I shall be interested to hear what the committee finally decides to do.

The little contribution which I am able to make expresses very inadequately my admiration for one of the most remarkable women, I have ever known. Not only do I feel a debt of gratitude to the founder of the Library School, but also to you and other members of the Library

School faculty for the help and encouragement which you gave me in starting out in an occupation which has proved so congenial.

As you perhaps know, I have charge of the public document collection here in the Kansas City Library. I am cramped for lack of room, and need assistance badly, but I have hope that things will soon be different.

About a week ago, five of the Illinois library school people had a dinner at the Tea Cup Inn. Miss Wales of the Missouri Library Commission

Miss Grace Phillips, Miss Florence
Smith, Miss Agnes Cooper and
myself were present.

I hope that your summer
vacation has been a pleasant
one, and that you are enjoy-
ing the present year. I am

Very Sincerely Yours,

Mary P. Billingsley.