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Dear Mrs Brack :

First of all, my sincere congratulations on the achievements of the head of the family --- how proud you must be of him. He has evidently inherited the honorable tradition of of the Big Four and, indeed, of Johns Hopkins. The younger generation seems to be showing the mettle of its pasture and your own exploits must be a spur to them.

I am far from any desire to cramp your style but I do find myself hoping that you will conserve sufficient time and energy to guide the destinies of the History Committee through what may be a crucial period. It would be a distinct relief to be assured that someone will be at the helm who has a discerning eye for literary values as well as for historical accuracy.

All summer long, I have been toiling at the oar and, as a result, the entire manuscript is practically being re-written. The content and sequence are substantially the same but there is considerable amplification and a general loosening up of the style which I hope will make the blooming thing more readable.

You will perhaps remember that in my last report to the Editorial Committee I said that I hoped to deliver the revised version "by the end of September" and, leaning firmly on wood, I hold to that noble intention.

But not a day sooner.

"ith all good wishes,