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Dear Jim:

My guess is that the situation has settled back to something approximating normalcy at Ole Miss since Cabaniss is again asking for votes of confidence, you are settling down to writing your presidential address, and Marquette has written another semi-literate book review for the Journal of Mississippi History.

The pictures from last summer will be on the way next week. Frankly, the situation seemed so desperate in Mississippi that we felt the frolicsome pictures and reminders of good times would be supercilious. Anyway they will be sent shortly.

I have spent most of the time since I've been here researching and writing a report on the Delaware woolen industry using primarily the business records of a du Pont woolen mill. It is finished now and ready to be typed and put away in a file drawer. My next major project has not been decided upon yet, and I am working at some minor editorial job and minor articles for possible publication.

Although I taught an extension course in Dover for the University of Delaware, I miss teaching, students, and a campus atmosphere. Possibly after another year or so I will try to get back to a college. I had offers from Bucknell and Lycoming but turned them down because I have been here such a short time. Judy and I would prefer a southern or southwestern school, but that is in the future.

Regarding your request for insights into Mississippi as a "peculiar institution," I have little to offer, but I have strung together a few thoughts on a separate sheet of paper and trust that you will not think me too much of a fool for what I have written.

Judy and I look forward to seeing you and the "Duchess" in Asheville.

Sincerely,

George H. Gibson