

the filing with of forms for the extended
use of the library.

I thank you for your interest and
courtesy in my behalf.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 5, 1908. Norma L. Swain.

10 Wellington Square,
Oxford.

My dear Mr. Robertson,

Your letter, with
that of President Judson to the Librar-
ian of the Bodleian came this morn-
ing. I am greatly pleased to find
that you appreciate the situation so
thoroughly. When I gave the Librar-
ian President Judson's previous
letter he glanced at it and returned
it to me saying, "Your principal,
speaking as tho' I had come from
some girls' school, should have the
form we require - it is sent to all
libraries." Upon referring to some
records he said, "I believe only the
Newberry and the Chicago Public receive
our Statutes." I told him that I had

cepted it grudgingly, saying that I might read till the end of the term and after that I should have an endorsement from some ~~man~~ ^{man} who knew me personally, for further privilege. Having once granted me permission, I did not see why he should withdraw it without just cause, but being a woman, I said nothing. At the beginning of next term I shall present President Judson's letter which, it seems to me, should prove entirely adequate.

On my way to Oxford, I stopped in London to make plans for spending my Christmas vacation there. When I explained at the British Museum where I was from and what the nature of my reading was, everything was done to facilitate my work and the privilege of reading for the few days I was in London was offered me without my requesting it, pending

done considerable reading in both of them. However, he said I must get further endorsement. He assured me that reading in the Bodleian was a very different matter from reading in an American library, that if an American library burned down everything could be replaced, but that the material in the Bodleian could not. As I was innocent of carrying matches on my person, I did not see the point of his remarks, but I listened as to an oracle.

Later, thro' the intervention of Miss Wardale, a tutor here, my application was signed by an Oxford M.A. who had never seen me but who was willing to endorse the blank "upon the recommendation of Miss Wardale and the principal of the University of Chicago." Bodley's Librarian accepted this because it met the requirements, but he ac-