My dear President Harper:—

Can you possibly help Hammond Lamont, the editor of the New York Evening Post, and myself by writing a note, no matter how short, to the Post approving, suggesting, or criticising in whatever way you please the accompanying proposal for a Central Library of Research? Inadequately provided as we are in this country with the materials of first-hand scholarship, we can never accomplish what our brothers near the great libraries of Europe have accomplished. Professor Gildersleeve writes me that the realization of such a project as this during his youth would have changed entirely the tenor of his life and achievement.

It is not at all our purpose to republish manuscripts in the mass but only after careful selection by experts of those most desired by scholars from year to year. Nor shall we necessarily restrict ourselves to photographic fac-similes, though in the ultimate resort that is the only method satisfactory to the historical or philological scholar. For the benefit of larger numbers of historical and literary students we may also aim at transcriptions of rare and difficult manuscripts and perhaps in certain cases at republication by method of printing. The aim is to have on the one hand a central library increasingly stocked with the materials of research, and on the other to supply to individual libraries such particular fac-similes and transcripts, etc., as each may desire.

We should appreciate it greatly if you would throw your influence in our favor in the way that I have indicated.

Very sincerely yours,

C. M. Gageley

Since this broadcast over 300 letters have been received from President Harper, the Dean of Columbia, and from the whole Stanford faculty, as well as from many of the Harvard and Yale, as well as from many of the Harvard and Yale institutions, asking The movement to join the movement. Please support the movement.

Think what it would mean for scholarships!