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The Society of the Cincinnati,  
Transportation Building,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dick:

Referring again to the correspondence which has passed recently between us and to our telephone conversation when I called you from here this morning, all pertaining to the possible prospects of a North Carolina member being chosen at the Triennial this month to the position of Assistant Secretary General, I desire to reaffirm in both hopeful and positive fashion my suggestion that Mr. Bartlett Braxton Jones be named to that position.

Although I may be partial because of intimate and personal acquaintance with and knowledge of Mr. Jones, I am still willing to say that it is doubtful to me that the Society could do better to choose from any other of the thirteen States. And on this matter, I would also like to say that likely developments at the meeting this month may make it appropriate for Mr. Jones to be chosen from the South.

Dealing with the personal aspects of someone to fill this office, I, without reservation, declare that I think Mr. Jones, when squared, possesses in the fullest measure qualifications which both become and would fulfill the requirements of the services involved. He is cultured, intelligent, refined and is a gentleman in the most comprehensive meaning of the word. A lawyer by profession, he is a graduate of Duke University in both its academic and legal departments. On leaving the college campus, he taught in the Kinston High School here for two years and then took up his legal practice at the Kinston Bar. After two years at the Bar, I invited him to become associated with me here in the general practice of law, in which connection he more than justified every anticipation and expectation I had entertained for him.

After remaining with me for approximately eight years, for some reason then and now unknown to him or to me, the Government sent a messenger personally to see him here who offered him a position with the Department of Justice at Washington. He declined it. A few months later the same thing happened again and on that occasion he accepted the position. He has now been with the Department of Justice, stationed at Washington, for approximately fifteen years. And while he resides at 3666 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Virginia, he continues his legal residence at Kinston, North Carolina.

In addition to all personal qualifications which I believe Mr. Jones has for the work in question, the General Society would have the advantage at all times of his presence at Washington. That would mean much in my opinion

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towards the advancement of the general interest of the Society. He could be of outstanding service in many ways.

I could say many additional things but it would not be worthwhile. Nevertheless, I have desired to say at least what I have said for whatever it may be worth in the effort the Society should make in getting for the positions involved the best qualified people. If this matter should be impressive to you, we of the North Carolina Society would be grateful for any observations, within the scope of propriety, which you may be willing to make.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you in Newport on the morning of 20 June for a meeting of the Standing Committee of the General Society that afternoon, I remain

Cordially yours,

John G. Dawson.

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