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My dear Mr. Lange:

I am sorry not to be able to give you very full information about two of the people mentioned in your letter of April 3.

Dr. Libby was for a time at Northwestern and I met him casually but did not get at all well acquainted with him. I have lost track of him for some years past but I should not think of him as especially suited to your place.

Miss Rogers I have met at some of the association meetings but know nothing at all about her work or her training.

W.W. Charters, now of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, I know very well. He did an excellent piece of work in organizing the School of Education at the University of Illinois. He is a very genial fellow, a man of broad views on educational matters and of a good deal of skill in conducting classes. He has produced relatively less than his ability would seem to promise, pretty largely, I think, because he has had a good many irons in the fire. He is said to be a very successful business man withal and has accumulated some property. He moves through the world very leisurely, and while his academic work has been excellent it has been, as I say, small in quantity. He took his Doctor's degree here in 1904 under Dewey and is one of the older group connected with the School of Education in its early days.

Mr. Charters left the University of Illinois, where he was getting a salary of \$6,000, to go to his present position where he gets a salary of \$8,000. He is interested in putting out a series of textbooks on industrial education. I doubt very much whether he can be drawn away from his undertaking.