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Dear Mr. Goodeve,

Let me thank you for your letter of yesterday containing what I have always thought to be a useful suggestion. I have mentioned it to some business men who approve of the idea and others who offer objections, saying they suppose these young students, if they do anything really worth while in an office, would want to be paid for it, that is, that unless they did anything they would be a nuisance around the office. It was also felt that some business men might use the students to replace a clerk or other employee, and if that were the case the student would feel that he should be paid. If he did the work of paid officials and therefore had some responsibility, it was felt that he could not be a student at the same time, that is, that he could not serve two masters.

The analogy of law apprenticeships does not quite hold. Many lawyers regard these students as a perfect nuisance, thinking they do little else than flirt with the stenographers. But they have an opportunity of reading in the law library of the firm, going to courts, and listening to pleas, and seeing something of court procedure. At our Law School, we prefer to have the student's time for the full three years and we advocate that he should have a year's practice in a law office following his graduation before he is admitted to the Bar.

However, I am getting off the track. Let me thank you for your suggestion, and assure you that it will be given careful consideration.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.