Wellesley, Mass., Dec. 20 1884

My dear Sir: -

Mrs. Irvine has asked me to write you in answer to your letter of December twelfth. She was interested in your efforts to aid your children and we shall be glad to give you any assistance in our power.

With this, I mail to your address a calendar of our College in which you will find many of your questions answered. The following are the books recommended for preparatory work in history:-

Myers, P. V. N. - The Eastern Nations and Greece, Ginn & Co.

Allen, Wm. F. - History of the Roman People.

Johnston, A - History of the United States.

Mommsen _ History of Roman Republic(abridged)Scribners'.

Bright)

- History of England.

Green)

Schouler - History of United States.

Lodge - English Colonies in America.

Prof. Coman also approves of Harper's Rawlinson's.

We do not feel well enough acquainted with the other books of which you speak to give them our approval.

We recommend Tozer's Ancient Geography. I do not know about text-books in modern geography, spelling, arithmetic and grammar. I would suggest that Miss Eastman of Dana Hall, Wellesley, may be able to give you information in regard to these.

We recommend Harkness' Latin Grammar, revised edition, and Greenough's.

Prof. Lord has issued a little book on pronunciation of Latin. We will send this to you if you desire, pyice 34c.

I think you will obtain many useful hints in regard to your work from the report of the Committee of Ten" issued under the charge of Commissioner Harris. I do not know where this can be obtained but if you will address the Commissioner of Education, Washington, you will be informed on this point.

If I can aid you further, I shall be glad to have you write me.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Sarah Woodman Paul, secretary.

(Dictated.)

Mr. W. H. Belden,

Clifton-Springs,

New York.