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Dear Mrs. Dennis,

I have your letter of the 3rd., and am very glad to hear that the Convention went off so well. It was certainly very necessary that the management of the Theosophic Messenger be transferred to the National Committee and <sup>that it be</sup> printed at Chicago. I hope that it will now be <sup>a</sup> ~~an~~ very much better magazine and be issued regularly, and contain the latest information. I am very glad to hear that Miss Hastings is staying with you; please give our kind regards to her; I am sure that she will have an exceedingly pleasant time with you. Of course I shall be glad to represent the Section at the St. Louis Congress if anything comes of the arrangements there, though I have at present very little idea <sup>what</sup> ~~which~~ such representation would involve.

I enclose a very good portrait of Douglas Pettit, who is at present typewriting vigorously at some copying work. **It seems a curious freak of destiny which has brought us together in California, the scene of the other experiment.** It is early yet to speak, but I have considerable hopes, since so far he is not only willing <sup>but</sup> ~~is~~ very eager to do as much work as possible, and seems to think of almost nothing else. I incline to believe that the enthusiasm will last, because he has already made himself one of us in precisely the way which Robert never would do, although I was always trying to bring about that Condition of affairs. **The parents are very kind and friendly about it, and apparently willing to lend him to us almost indefinitely.** From what the father told me, he appears to have a very good record in school-work, being at the age of thirteen in a class where most of the others are seventeen and eighteen. He holds already apparently a certificate which qualifies him as a junior teacher, whatever that may amount to. So Robert is starting at Chicago University High School; **is that better for him than the Military Academy?**

I have written today to Mr. Dennis about the book. As he will probably tell you, Regan has introduced new and mysterious errors into the final pages, so that I am just a little nervous as to what he may do next. I have asked that he will send this final corrected proof to Mr. Dennis along with the specimen copy of the book, and if you can find time I should be very thankful if you would just compare them page for page, and see whether he has made at least the more prominent of the necessary corrections. He occasionally drops out a ~~the~~ whole line.