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Dear Tommy:

I am mighty happy to hear from you, but I am
sorry that I have delayed so long in answering your good letter
of the 12th instant. The fact is, I have been overburdened with
work.

It is nice of you to write me concerning Mr.
S. L. Meade's son, Arthur. I want you to know that it would be
a pleasure for us to give him some work. Of course, Sully, I
am sure that Mr. Meade realizes that a boy cannot work too much
and make good grades here at the University. I do not mean by
that that it is not possible for him to work some, but if he
works more than two hours a day there is a University requirement
saying that he must carry a lesser number of hours in his school
work.

It takes 15 hours of college credit a semester
for a full academic load. If a boy passes in 15 hours for two
semesters, then he would have 30 hours of credit. It is necessary
that an athlete have 27 hours in the College and 28 hours in the
Law School to be eligible for athletic participation, so you can
see that if he was permitted to take only 12 hours a semester, even
though he passed every subject, he would have only 24 hours at the
end of the year and he would be ineligible for varsity competition.
Therefore, he would either have to go to summer school or take
correspondence work to make him eligible.

We can give him work for two hours a day at 35¢
an hour, which would make 70¢ a day. This would be six days a week
and if he wanted to work a full Saturday I believe he could get the
additional work. But the bitter truth is that I find more boys
fail by trying to carry extra work to get a little extra money, and
in the long run it is very disastrous. For instance, suppose a boy
could go to college for $300 a year, and if he carried 30 academic
hours and passed them he could evaluate each academic hour at $10.
Now, suppose a boy is working at 35¢ an hour and endeavored to take
say $25 or $30 extra by stretching his working hours. In the face
of this if he should fail a 5-hour course he would actually lose in
money five times $10 per academic hour, or $50. I am sure that you
can get what I mean.