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My dear Mrs Burney,

You have the card I wrote the other day suggesting that the next work of the Children by the Winnie Davis Memorial Scholarship, honoring the "Child of the Confederacy," for she was born in the Executive Mansion, during the War Between the States. Meeting at Bilexi, so near Beauvoir, where every association is that of the Davis family, it appears a peculiarly appropriate time for the inauguration of this special memorial. In suggesting that the next united work of the Children be educational I am actuated, as I told you in Mobile, by a desire to have the C of C familiar with, and interested in every department of the U.D.C. The first work was very appropriately memorial, the first work of the U.D.C. was monument building; but their present work is largely educational, and the future will be entirely educational and historical. After the completion of the scholarship I think they <sup>the children</sup> should take up <sup>some</sup> special historical enterprise, but that is to be considered later.

I suggest therefore, the recommendation as a part of your report, of the Winnie Davis Memorial Scholarship. I suggest that it be \$1,000.00 I believe the Children can stand that amount, and as you know I am opposed to giving them so large a sum as to discourage them. That it be loans; that it be not an endowed but a straight scholarship, that it be administered by the Committee on Education in like manner as the U.D.C. Scholarships, and that it become operative as soon as there is as much