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Mrs. Louise Moore Plybon, Librarian  
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Dear Mrs. Plybon:

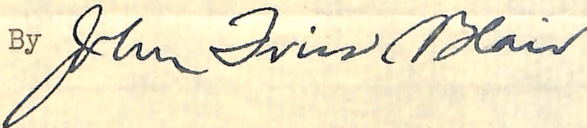
One day last October there appeared in our local paper an interesting article by Mr. F. B. Dedmond about Tom Dixon and his unpublished autobiography. Since I have started into publishing in a small way, I wrote to Mr. Dedmond to inquire why the autobiography had never been published, thinking that, if it was available, I might like to read it and consider publishing it myself. I have heard nothing from Mr. Dedmond.

Since I understand the manuscript is in your keeping, I should like to know whether the rights are available, and if so, how long the manuscript is and whether, in your opinion, it is worth doing anything with. As a member of the generation which was allowed to see "The Birth of a Nation" as a great treat and only after reaching a certain maturity, I have always been interested in Dixon but do not, of course, know at what length he wrote autobiographically nor whether his style retained the verve that his earlier writings had.

Any information you can give me will be very greatly appreciated. I enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. BLAIR, Publisher

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