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Dear Henry:-

I doubt I owe you a social letter, but I do owe you thanks for what I take to be Geology of Texas, vol. I. It is still in the wrapper.

This job gives me a new perspective. Was taking stock the other day and it occurred I have covered about $\frac{1}{8}$ the column I would have commercially. It should be about $\frac{1}{6}$ by the time I get the first job out. The conclusions would be no better than if done in the oil company manner, but we will have the evidence in shape for others to see.

You were quite right that you can't run away from things. I am finding that out too well.

The St. Louis program looks quite interesting. I note that that blushing violet, Stengel will lead the discussions. Wish I were rich enough to attend.

Am interested in both the S.E.P.M. and A.G.P.G. election results. If you haven't sworn with the opportunity to handle the ballots, I can not grieve for you. But I'll bet you have.

Got blackjacked into giving a one semester forum course. It is hard on both the kids and myself. But two of the boys are brilliant, 3 very good & one so so.

In spite of not getting away from trouble, I feel so much better it isn't funny. The dry air is what is doing me good. Probably San Antonio, Austin or W. Texas would have the same benefits.

Let me know about the election when ethical to do so. I would like something to cheer about.

As ever,

Merle