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Mr. Scott Malone
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Dear Scott,

I have finally obtained a second-hand file cabinet made for cards.

This means that I will now be able to have available for others the entire index to all my published work. The cards are already alphabetized and coded by book.

The cabinet is somewhat rusted, which is why I could get it at all. These are frightfully expensive. The rust is at the bottom, which means I can't do the little to it that is necessary. It needs a wire brushing and painting.

I have an electric drill and a wire brush to fit it so the amount of work is not great. It is merely that I can't now do things that are low. Even much filing in the lower file drawers of the regular files.

The cabinet is still outside, which means there is no problem of dirt in the house from rust and small pieces of wire that wear off in brushing. It will also simplify painting.

So, I'm wondering if you can find time without hurting your school to do this small job for me or if you know another who can.

After it is done we'll get those cards in and there will be a valuable research tool for all students.

It is simply impossible to get small jobs done up here. Two different carpenters were to have come recently. Neither did. Neither even called. One of these jobs a neighbor, who is a carpenter, promised to do this morning. It is going on 11 and no word.

All that job is is taking the small chest behind my desk out. I don't want to mar the wall of damage the chest, which can make a nice little end table. Because I can't get down to work on it from the bottom, which is what it takes, I'll probably have to wind up breaking it apart, piece by piece, to be able to use that side of the desk.

Mail just came, with notes ^{Lila} has from ^{Jim} and ^{Lila}. Lila is coming down the 3rd. Floyd is planning the cookery. Looks like we'll have a nice weekend.

Thanks and best to all,