



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

HENRY P. SCHERER, MAYOR.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Feb. 16, 1901. 1899.

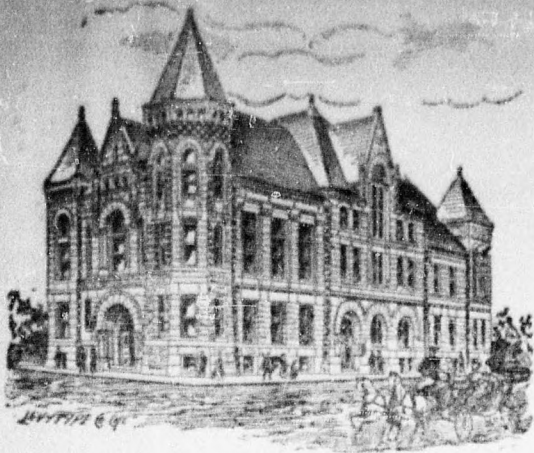
Hon. Andrew Carnegie,
New York City,

Dear Sir:-

We have noted your willingness to give money for the erection of library building and as this city is badly in need of a building for that purpose, we venture to address you.

We hope you will be able to devote a few moments to the statement of the case. Fort Wayne, Indiana, is a city of fifty thousand inhabitants. It is composed chiefly of artisans in shops and factories. The great Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad has some of its principal shops here and employs twelve hundred men. The Wabash shops employ three or four hundred. The Bass Car Wheel Shops, said to be the largest in the world, employs eight hundred men. A large electric factory, owned and operated by the General Electric Company, employs five hundred persons, besides which, there are scores of smaller concerns, employing from twenty to fifty each. We have over fifteen hundred girls working in shirt waist and overall factories, knitting mills, and electric light shops. This is outside of the large number of girls employed in stores and offices and in our own homes.

March 14



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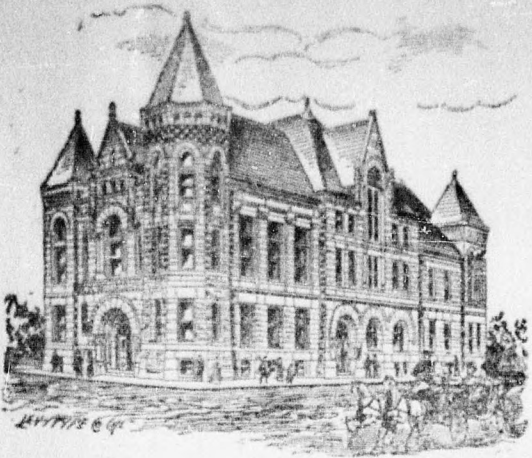
We have established a public library supported by a tax which gives us an income of \$7,500 a year. This income we pledge ourselves to continue. We have also purchased a Library site, a large, valuable, corner lot, centrally located, and in every respect an ideal spot on which to erect a detached, fire-proof building, but we have no funds with which to build it. We have liberal men, but no very wealthy ones, able to present us with a building. The patronage of the library is good. Our city is growing rapidly and we would like to erect a fire-proof building suitable for years to come. It would cost probably in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Will you help us? As far as we know, no city in Indiana has been the recipient of your favor in that direction, and, next to Indianapolis, Fort Wayne is the most representative city in the State.

Mr. Carnegie, we need a library building and will be glad to comply with any terms you may see fit to impose. Will you mention a date when a Committee of our citizens may see you about this matter and give you any further information you may desire?

We shall consider it a great favor if you will do so.

Very respectfully,

W. P. Scherer
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A. B. C.



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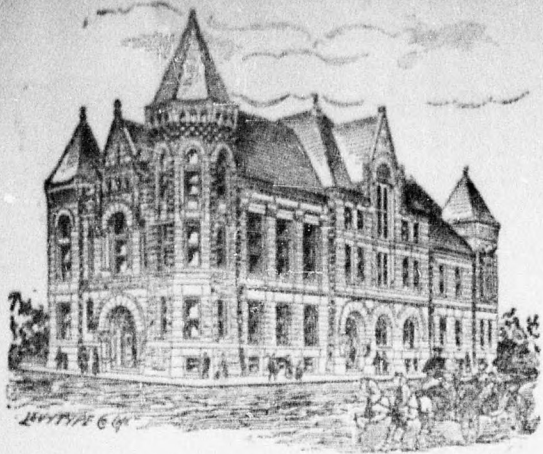
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City Council.



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Charles W. Columbus, Pres. Hamilton National Bank

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H. K. Rockliffe

Board of
School Trustees.

Perry A. Raudall

President of Commercial Club.

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L. E. Woodworth

President Caledonian Club.

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First National Bank.

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President Old National Bank.

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President White National Bank.



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FORT WAYNE, IND., ~~Mar. 16, 1901~~ 1899.

Andrew Carnegie, Esq.,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

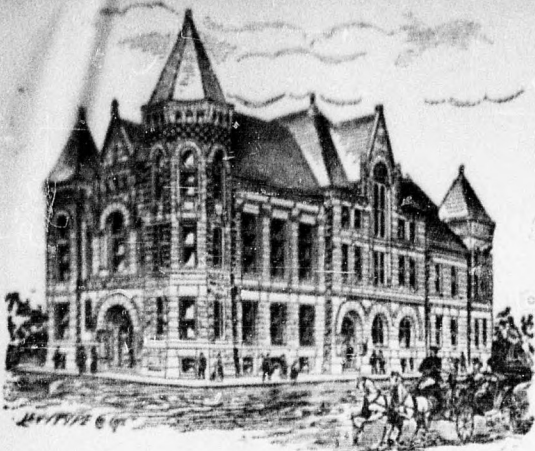
Your letter of the 14th, containing the generous offer for library, received this morning, and in reply will say that in behalf of the citizens of Ft. Wayne, I accept your most generous offer with our sincere thanks, and will say that at the next meeting of the Common Council, the School Board and Library committee, the necessary steps will be taken to give you assurance on the part of the city to carry out your wishes in regard to same. We have a fine location for Public Library just off from the business street, 120x150 ft., which is fully paid for, and our tax levy for library purposes is $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the hundred dollars, but can, under the law, be raised to 10% per hundred dollars. Our assessed valuation is \$22,000,000, and with our present levy, this will bring an income of \$7,700 per year for maintenance.

We are ready to start the building at any time, and when convenient to you, please let us know what further steps we are to take.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Henry P. Scherer
Mayor.



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HENRY P. SCHERER, MAYOR.

FORT WAYNE, IND., March 28- 1901.

Mr. James Betram, Sec'y

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Common Council of our city met Tuesday evening March 26th, and passed a resolution accepting GIFT of the Hon. Andrew Carnegie, also did the Board of School Trustees. I enclose all to you also a copy of the Indiana Statute relating to Public Libraries. By it you will see that the "Board of School Trustees" has exclusive control of all property belonging to Public Library. The city of Fort Wayne now owns a beautiful piece of property centrally located where public library now is, and where it is intended to construct new building.

A tax levy is now being maintained and has been for several years, that will yield a revenue sufficiently large to meet the conditions upon which the donation is made. In addition to that, the Treasurer of the "Board of School Trustees" annually pays to the library fund, the interest earned by the surplus school fund that each year stands to his credit. A large part of the purchase price of the present site has been paid out of money received from Treasurer of "School Board."

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No person can be elected a member of the School Board by the Council that does not pledge himself to the contribution of the interest on idle school money on hand, to the "Library-Fund."

I merely make mention of a few things as evidence of the fact that the people of Fort Wayne in the past have taken an interest in the Public library and they now hail with delight and grateful appreciation the opportunity presented for enlarging and maintaining such a library as a city of our size reasonably demands.

I want to say further that the resolutions herein enclosed may not be in all things what you require in arranging for payment of money, but should they not, please make known to us your wishes, and the same will at once be taken up.

Very respectfully yours

Henry P. Scherer

Mayor;

In Cities and Incorporated Towns. 1. In all the cities and incorporated towns of this State, the Board of School Trustees, Board of School Commissioners, or whatever board may be established by law, to take charge of the public or common schools of such city or incorporated town, shall have power if, in their discretion, they deem it to the public interest, to establish a free public library in connection with the common schools of such city or incorporated town, and to make such rules and regulations for the care, protection and government of such library, and for the care of the books provided therefor, and for the taking from and returning to said library of such books, as the said board may deem necessary and proper, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof: Provided, That in any city or incorporated town where there is already established a library open to all the people, no tax shall be levied for the purpose herein named.

Tax to Maintain. 2. Such board shall also have power to levy a tax of not exceeding one-third of a mill on each dollar of taxable property assessed for taxation in such city in each year; which tax shall be placed on the tax duplicate of such city, and collected in the same manner as other taxes; and when said taxes are so collected, they shall be paid over to the said board for the support and maintenance of said public library. Such board shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to disburse said fund, and all revenues derived from gift or devise, in providing and fitting up suitable rooms for such library; in the purchase, care and binding of books therefor; and in the payment of salaries to a librarian and necessary assistants.

----- RESOLUTION -----

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees held March 25, 1901, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Board of School Trustees hereby pledges itself that in case the City Council shall accept the donation of \$75,000 for Public Library Purposes at the hands of the Hon. Andrew Carnegie, said Board of School Trustees will annually levy a tax sufficient to produce a revenue of not less than \$7,500 for the support of said Public library and furthermore, will provide a suitable site for the erection of a Public Library building.

(Signed)

Allen Hamilton)
Geo. F. Felts) Board
W. W. Rockhill, (of
School Trustees

Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 25, 1901:

----- R E S O L U T I O N -----

WHEREAS, The Hon. Andrew Carnegie of the city of New York has generously tendered to the citizens of Fort Wayne the sum of \$75,000 with which to erect a public library building, on condition that they furnish a suitable site for said building and annually raise a sum of not less than \$7,500 for the maintenance of such library, and

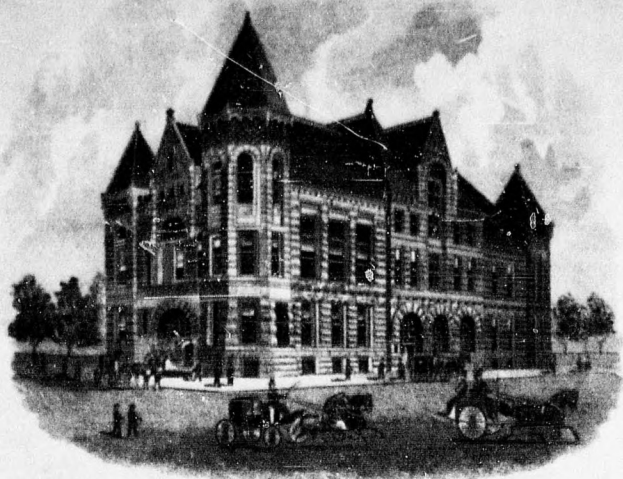
WHEREAS, under the library law of the State of Indiana, the care and control of our public library is lodged with the three school trustees, one of whom is elected each year by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the law also confers on such Board of School Trustees the power to levy an annual tax for the support of such library, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the City Council of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby tender to the Hon. Andrew Carnegie, on behalf of all our citizens, our most profound thanks for his exceedingly generous gift, which is hereby most gratefully accepted.

RESOLVED; That the members of this body pledge themselves that they will select as School Trustees only such persons as will agree to carry out in good faith the condition that a tax be levied each year sufficient to produce a sum of not less than \$7,500 for the purchase of additional books and for the payment of all the running expenses of such public library.

RESOLVED, That this Council is gratified to state that the city already owns a large and most desirable lot, in a prominent and central location, which has heretofore been purchased for a library site and



Office of City Clerk

CITY HALL.

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

3/29, 1901

I, Henry B. Monning, Clerk of the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true and complete copies of Resolutions passed by the Common Council at their Session held March 26th, 1901:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the city of Fort Wayne, this 29th day of March, 1901:

Henry B. Monning

City Clerk

Library at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Granted \$75,000.

Ask for increase of \$20,000.

Can guarantee annual support of not **less**
than 10%.

Population 45,115.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ALLEN HAMILTON, President.
EUGENE B. SMITH, Secretary.
W. W. ROCKHILL, Treasurer.

J. N. STUDY, Superintendent.

OFFICE OF

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 13, 1902.

Population 45,115

To the Hon. Andrew Carnegie,

Hoboken, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

On March 14, 1901 you very kindly proffered to the City of Fort Wayne a donation of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of the erection of a Public Library, on condition of an agreement upon part of the City to levy an annual tax sufficient to raise a revenue amounting to at least \$7,500.00 for the maintenance of the library.

The proposal was turned over by the City Government to the Board of School Trustees—the official guardians of the Public Library—and said Board having complied with the conditions as to a maintenance fund, formally accepted the donation March 25, 1901.

Plans were prepared by Mr. Alfred Grindle, Architect, and a contract let Nov. 26, 1901 for the building, as far as contemplated to be completed, as follows:-

To Wm. Geake - Construction -	\$71,333.71
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Since then contracts have been awarded as follows:-

To Macphail Bros.-Heating-	3,020.00
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To A. Hattersley & Sons-Plumbing-	1,449.70
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To Braun Electrical Co.-Wiring for Electric Lights -	740.65
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Making a total of contracts to date of	\$76,543.52
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in addition to the Architect's fee of 5%.

While the contracts as let are only slightly above the \$75,000.00 donation, yet the Board in consideration of the fact that the Library Building must suffice the City of Fort Wayne for a great period of time, felt it a wise course to make the building larger than the immediate

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needs of the library would demand. The City is having a steady growth, and is a great railroad center, and also has large and rapidly growing manufacturing interests.

Allen County, of which Fort Wayne is the County Seat, is the largest county geographically in the state, and the second largest in population. To provide quarters for a public library commensurate to the future needs of such a community, it was deemed advisable to provide space for a Children's Department where special pains can be taken with providing literature suitable for the younger patrons of the library; to provide room for the keeping of Government Documents, and the storage of historical collections for reference; and to provide rooms where meetings of people interested in matters pertaining to library interests may be held.

To provide these things deemed essential to a library building which is to be for all time to come the principal library building of the city, it was considered advisable to provide for them in the plan, even if a part of the building should be left incomplete—to be finished in coming years—as owing to the advance in cost of construction the means at command of the Board will not permit the completion of the building according to the plans adopted, at present.

In view of the fact, however, that a completion of the building now according to the plan would be much more satisfactory, permitting the carrying out as it would of the plans for keeping and circulating books, and putting into practice many things connected with good library work which otherwise would have to be deferred, the Board of School Trustees have concluded to present to you the facts, and appeal to you for an increase of \$20,000.00 in the sum allotted by you to Fort Wayne.

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The Board of School Trustees present this request with reluctance and only because they foresee that the new library will demand so much in the way of new books and increased attendance, that the work of the completion of the rooms for the purposes hereinbefore specified, must be delayed a long time.

Furthermore, the Board of School Trustees are at this time engaged in building a Manual Training High School imperatively demanded by the needs of the city, at a cost of more than \$200,000.00, and are also confronted by the demand for several new Ward Schools which must be met within the next three years. These demands will task their revenues to the utmost, and preclude for some years their giving to the Library financial assistance enough to complete the building in its entirety.

The taxable property of the City is in round numbers \$24,500,000.00, and the Board of School Trustees have this year levied a tax of 5 cents on each \$100.00 of said valuation for library purposes which will make a fund of \$12,250.00 to be used in maintaining the Library, and they do agree to keep such tax levy for library purposes at a rate to insure always a maintenance fund of not less than 10% of the original donation and the increase, if such be granted.

We would also call attention to the fact that in Fort Wayne the Treasurer of the School Board turns over each year to the Public Library the interest on current deposits of the School and Library Funds under his care, thus adding to the library fund a considerable amount each year that in most cities is treated as a perquisite of office.

The interest thus turned over by the Treasurer for the year ending July 31, 1902 was \$1,544.30, and as much may be expected annually, hereafter.

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The tax levied and this additional item of interest assures for the maintenance of the Library much more than 10% annually of the whole cost of the building when it shall be completed. If the building is to be completed, economy would dictate that it be done before the workmen leave, and before any part be opened.

Hoping that this matter may receive your early attention to the end that we may know your decision and govern ourselves accordingly, and begging to assure you that we appreciate most highly the munificent donation already made, we are

Yours very respectfully,

Allen Hamilton.....Pres.)

Eugene B. Smith.....Sec'y.)

W. W. Rockhill.....Treas.)

) Board of
) School
) Trustees.

20th December, 1902.

Allen Hamilton, Esq., Pres.,
Public Schools,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13th received. r.

Carnegie regrets that he does not see his way
to increase the allowance made because he con-
siders that seventy-five Thousand Dollars or
thereabouts is sufficient to erect a creditable
and adequate Library Building for Fort Wayne.
Instead of a large central building which you
propose, Mr. Carnegie believes in erecting
branch libraries where the City is large enough
to require such.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

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J. N. STUDY, Superintendent.

....OFFICE OF....

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Fort Wayne, Ind. Jan 10th 1903

Mr Andrew Carnegie
2 East 91st Street
N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Received your reply
promptly. The Fort Wayne Board of Trustees
of course are very sorry you could ~~not~~ see
your way clear to grant our request.
Be very sure we are very grateful to you
for the handsome donation you gave

Very truly

Allen Hamilton
125 Holman St.

"I should feel that I had not done justice, however, to all concerned, if I did not extend our special thanks to a member of a former board, and I do so with due recognition of the loyalty of all members. This one gentleman I refer to, was the first who used his keen, business sense to guide him in public affairs, and to demand that public money on deposit in our banks, was entitled to interest as well as private funds, and who with lofty honesty, established the now fixed rule that all interests on school money, of right, belong to the people, and not the individual to whom these funds are entrusted during the few years of his official life. He so faithfully accounted for the same, that at the end of his term, he could turn over to his successors the lots upon which this building stands, practically paid for. You all know the gentleman; he is the fearless champion of pure government, a man of practical benevolence, and of high attainments, a philosopher and scholar, as well as a successful business man, the founder of this library
—the Hon. S. M. Foster.

Samuel M. Fesser
Manufacturer of
Shirt Waists and other Specialties.
for the
Dry Goods and Clothing Trades.

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Fort Wayne, Ind. Jan. 8, 1904.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carnegie:

There is just one thing lacking in the new Carnegie Public Library building in this City, to wit; a portrait of the donor of the building. This is needed not only for the present generation, but also in order that coming generations may carry in their hearts the features of the man who has so signally demonstrated the value to the world of a man who has the ability to accumulate wealth, combined with the ability to "let go." I am desirous of giving this portrait to our people and beg your assistance to the extent of furnishing me with a good photograph of yourself. I have an artist friend in Louisville, Ky. who has been very successful in painting portraits from photographs. A year ago, at the request of my wife, he painted a portrait of myself from a photograph without ever having seen me, and which has been universally pronounced by my friends an excellent likeness. All that he had in addition to the photograph was information as to the color of eyes, complexion, whether inclined to florid or to pale, and color of hair and beard. The photograph used was one in which the natural lines of the face were not all "worked out" as is so often done by the photographer, and to this fact is perhaps due the excellent result obtained. That you may feel that my interest in this matter is legitimate, and that your confidence will not be abused I take the liberty of enclosing herewith an extract from Mayor Berghoff's address bearing upon myself.

Samuel M. Foster
Manufacturer of
Shirt Waists and other Specialties.
for the
Dry Goods and Clothing Trades.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Trusting that you will see your way clear to comply with my
request, and assuring you that your generous gift to this City is,
and always will be, most gratefully appreciated, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sam'l M. Foster

H. Wainwright
Jan 7 1904

Andrew Carnegie

Dear Friend

Can't we all call you friend
today? This is the day when
your splendid gift was
formally presented to our
city. Our Library - maybe
you will get a bushel of
letters today, from thankful
hearts - and this will be just
one more - You should have
heard all the good things
said about you - and the
applause at the mention
of your name - Well, all
that was said, was not
half enough - when we
think of your generosity

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God bless you. I hope you'll
live a hundred years yet.
Your heart is full of love
for your fellow man - and
God knows whom to trust
with money.

May the little daughter, &
the little daughter's children
live to father a love as
deep as yours. I am only
one of that assembly of
today, and a widow that
and a widow don't count
for much, only in God's
sight - unless she is rich.
But I was so filled with
thankfulness, that myself
and the orphan child
go into that magnificent
place and read - and

forget all cares for the
time being. that I
to tell you so -

God bless you and
and all the coming
generations -

Yours in Gratitude
Mrs Emma S. Jones
502. E. Bay St -



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CITY HALL.

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

December 31, 1903.

Honorable Andrew Carnegie,
New York City.

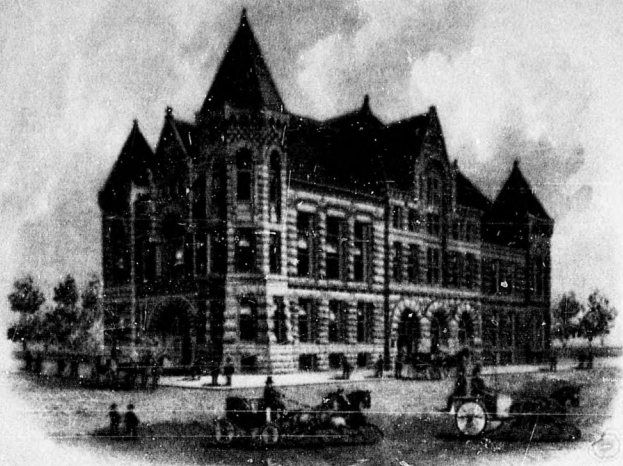
Dear Sir:

In connection with the invitation to you to attend, on January 7, 1904, the dedication of the Public Library in this city, for which the City of Fort Wayne is indebted to you, it will be, of course, a great privilege for us to enjoy your presence at the exercises and have the honor of entertaining you during your stay in the city.

Thinking that possibly it may not be convenient for you to accept the invitation, which we shall profoundly regret, I beg leave to suggest to you that, in the event of inability to be present with us, you do us the honor to write us an autograph letter in response to the invitation, as such a letter could be preserved and would be a prized paper in the archives of our beautiful library.

If you can find it agreeable to be with us, I shall thank you very cordially if you will advise me by letter or wire of the time of the arrival of the train which carries you to this city.

HENRY C. BERGHOFF,
Mayor.



FORT WAYNE, IND. COURTESY OF FORT WAYNE, IND.

Mayor's Office.

CITY HALL.

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Honorable Andrew Carnegie, - 2.

December 31, 1903.

Wishing you the compliments of the season in behalf of the citizens of this city, and trusting that you may live to enjoy many years of health and happiness, I am, with much respect,

Yours sincerely,

Mayor.

January 14th, 1904.

Mayor Berghoff,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir,

In reading over the report of the proceedings in connection with the opening of the Fort Wayne Library, Mr. Carnegie notes that the Library Building is said to have cost something in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars, the amount which he furnished. If you will permit Mr. Carnegie to make good any deficiency, he will esteem it a great favor. He is greatly pleased with the manner in which the affair has been managed and with the opening exercises.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

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Samuel M. Foster
Manufacturer of
Shirt Waists and other Specialties.
for the
Dry Goods and Clothing Trades.

Fort Wayne, Ind. Jan. 15, 1904.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your photograph for which please accept thanks. I trust we shall obtain a good result in the portrait. The photo itself will be greatly esteemed as a souvenir.

Thanking you for your prompt response to my request, I am,

Truly yours,

Samuel M. Foster



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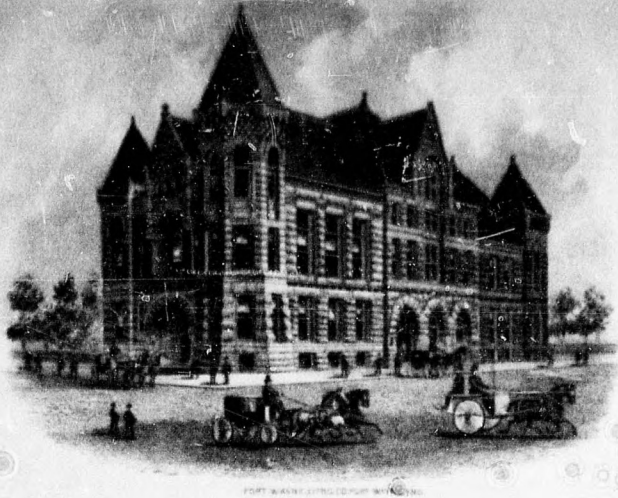
January 16, 1904.

Hon. Andrew Carnegie.

New York.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of January 14, I am at a loss to say whether or not we should trespass any further on your generosity. The building which has been constructed, fire-proof of iron and stone, has cost us, up to date, about \$90,000, but the basement which is to be used as a reading room for children and mechanical exhibitions, is not finished, and we have not money enough to decorate the interior properly, as the magnitude and grandeur of the building requires. None of the money has been expended for fixtures, and the city has for that purpose, paid out about \$10,000; besides that, we have appropriated over \$11,000 a year for its maintenance, so that we can say that our people some day, will have a first class public library that will be appreciated and is now appreciated by all of them. I think, to properly finish the building and decorate its interior, in harmony with the grandeur of the architecture, will require about \$20,000. This work we will have to postpone, because we have gone beyond our limit in the



Mayor's Office

CITY HALL.

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

January 16, 1904.

construction price. Our city is proud of her public buildings, we are now erecting a high school and manual training school at a cost of \$250,000, and we claim to have the finest Court House, without any exception, in the country, and of course should feel exceedingly proud of the best library.

The library is erected upon the most prominent corner in this city, upon two lots with a frontage of 120 by 150 feet, and complete as we desire it, and as it should be, will cost, exclusive of the building site, about \$110,000. If you however, should, in your munificence, desire to favor us and our people, with an additional gift, I assure you that the same will not only be highly appreciated for the present, but for generations to come, and the building itself, will be a living, lasting monument, to the unselfish generosity of its donor for all times.

Very respectfully yours,

Henry C. Berghoff
Mayor.

*Permit me to mail to you under separate cover
souvenir of our Court House.*

January 18th, 1904.

Mayor Berghoff,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 16th received. Mr. Carnegie has instructed his cashier to send you Fifteen Thousand Dollars additional to bring his donation up to the present cost of Building, i.e. Ninety Thousand Dollars. He thinks that the decoration of the building etc., which you speak of, could wait.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

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HENRY C. BERGHOFF
Mayor



Mayor's Office

CITY HALL.

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

January 22, 1904.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

New York.

Dear Sir:-

As Mayor of this city, I want to thank you sincerely in behalf of our people, for the additional gift of \$15,000 towards our library, and I am authorized to say to you that we appreciate it the more, considering the spirit with which it was given. This amount will be sufficient for all purposes, because we do not think it more than right and proper that if a sufficient amount of money has been kindly donated for the purpose of erecting a library that will give our people full opportunity to use it, and any additional expense is incurred in decorating the same, such an expense should at least be borne by the community itself. We will see that the building is decorated properly, in harmony with its purpose and the building itself. Thanking you once more for all that you have done for our people and the people in general, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Henry C. Berghoff Mayor

Fort Wayne, Indiana,
December 31, 1903.

Honorable Andrew Carnegie,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The citizens of this city take pleasure
in apprising you of the completion of the
Public Library,

the result of your munificence. It will be formally
opened in the afternoon of January seventh, nineteen
hundred and four, at two o'clock, when the dedicatory
exercises will take place.

We trust that you will find it agreeable to
do us the honor to grace, by your presence, this occasion,
which will be memorable in the history of this city.

Yours respectfully,

James C. Deugh **Mayor.**

Charles S. Bash

Allen Hamilton

Eugene B. Smith,

Board
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We dedicate this afternoon a public library & monument to your generosity please wire at our expense on this occasion to the Journal Gazette we expected you Come in spirit
Yours truly

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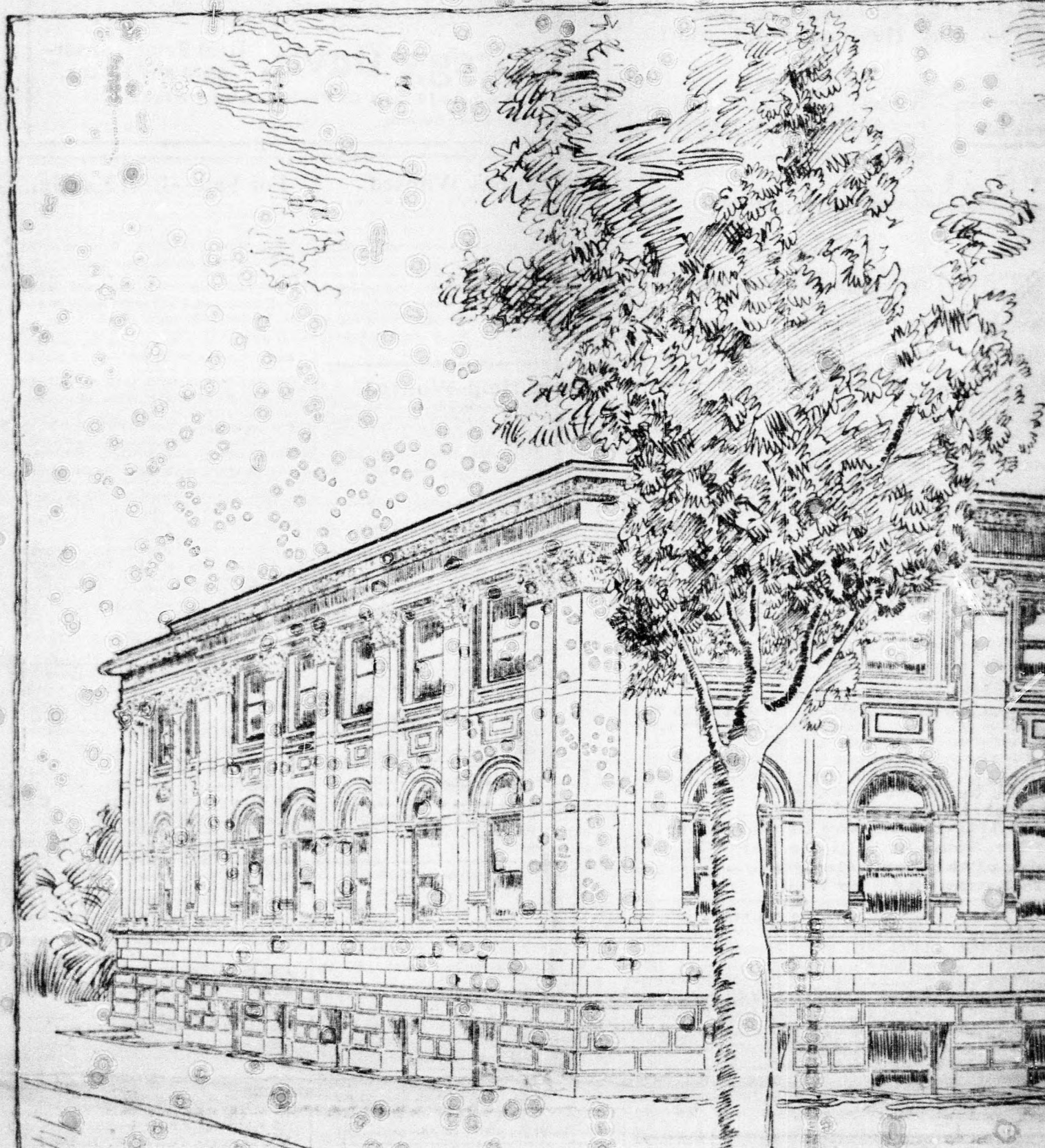
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free public library an ample selection of fiction which contains only the best.

In the third place, it is to be remembered that fiction plays only a small part in the reading done in the library. Of the 24,000 persons who used the reading room last year the great majority were in search of solid information, mostly contained in books of reference which they could not obtain elsewhere.

This use of the library is one which will grow with its growth. As it becomes richer in books on science, art, history, travel, economics and statistics it will be frequented more and more by students, thinkers and writers. The presence in it of a rich store of information not found in private libraries will attract persons in search of solid knowledge and promote study and investigation.

There is one special utility of a

had not come for it in Fort Wayne. Right there is where these dignified gentlemen of the Paleozoic age slipped down. The time had come, then and there, for a public library in Fort Wayne. The ladies retired and called a conference. The city was divided into small districts and these allotted among the members of the league, who, with petitions in hand asking the common council to levy a tax to form a library fund, canvassed the town from door to door. The tax was levied.

As a starter the members of the league brought together a few books from their own homes to the number, I think, of about a hundred. I know that a copy of Taine's English Literature which I prized very highly, but had read very little, deserted my library in order to get in on the ground floor. With them went an ash bookcase that once held my whole law library. I believe that its shelves, for a short time, held the entire public library for which, in its present swollen proportions, we this day set apart this splendid building.

things of that sort that each is only one among many public benefactors. But Mr. Carnegie has gone into the business of building public libraries. His gifts of such buildings are scattered all over the land. I have never seen any statement of the number of them, but from what I have seen with my own eyes I should think it would run into scores—maybe hundreds. Unless the people of this country should lapse into a barbarism so low that they will cease to read books and tear down their libraries in order to use the stone in rearing heathen temples, these buildings will stand for ages to come, imperishable monuments to the name of their donor. There is nothing like it in the history of the past. There may be something like it in the future; but if there should be, Mr. Carnegie will still stand as the pioneer in a scheme of public benefaction unapproached by anything preceding it.

It is not to be supposed, however, that Mr. Carnegie was moved by no higher motive than the mere perpetuation of his name and fame in the

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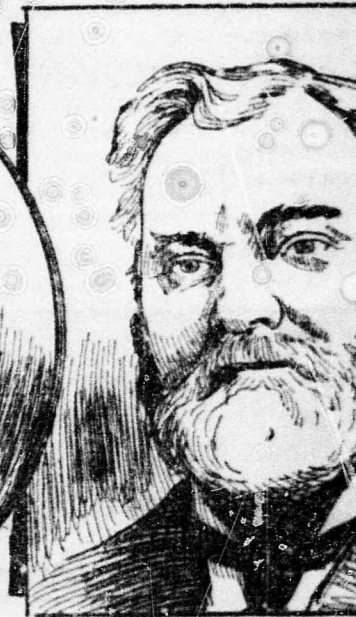
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Mr. A. H. Hamilton.



Mr. Charles S. Bash.



Mr. Eugene B. Smith

public library which might not happen to occur to you just as it has struck me. We have heard a great deal in recent years about the "new woman;" and a great deal of cheap wit has been expended in silly jokes at her expense. But there is a "sure-enough" new woman in the land, and she is not the new woman of the comic papers, either. She is the woman with a little leisure without wealth and with a thirst for knowledge. She is the product, in large measure, of labor-saving inventions. Those inventions, first, which have

All honor to those noble women who founded this library. They won it by a fight. I would like to mention a number of them here, but to name all who deserve it would be to call the roll of the Woman's Club League; to mention a few would be to make delicate and embarrassing distinctions. I will name, however, two who are no longer among us, and whose activity and usefulness in the work were so conspicuous that I am sure no club woman in the city will feel hurt by anything I can say in praise of them. One of these is Mrs. Alice B. ... removed from Fort

world when he entered upon his great program of library building. We may well believe that the problem which he sought to solve was, simply, how to spend so and so many million dollars in such a way as to promote the welfare of society in the highest degree and for the longest time. The country is well supplied with universities and colleges. They fight for students now like rival piano-makers. There is no dearth of hospitals, though a good one could be filled with audiences or supplied with good preachers. But in many parts of the

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bread-winner for his mother and younger brother. He took up the duty with a smile, determined a few years later that he would not marry as long as his mother lived and kept his self-imposed word. She died in 1886, his brother Thomas a few months afterward. Mr. Carnegie married in 1889 when he was 54 years old. At 15 Andrew was an expert telegraph operator. And so it happened that when the Pennsylvania Railroad company needed an operator he was chosen for the place. He soon mastered the details of train dispatching. His marked ability led to his transfer to the headquarters of the company, and soon afterward he became superintendent of the western division of the Pennsylvania railroad. He was then 24 years old. There he became the friend of Thomas A. Scott, who was superintendent of the Pittsburg division when Carnegie entered the service of the company. Scott became assistant secretary of war, and he asked Andrew Carnegie to take charge of the military railroads and telegraphs of the government. The young man accepted, but war did not appeal to him and he returned to his railroad duties. Carnegie and Scott became firm friends, however, and the two men projected a commercial enterprise which proved the foundation of the Carnegie millions. That was the investment in oil fields. Previous to that, however, Carnegie, on Scott's advice, made the first investment of his life. He bought ten shares of stock in the Adams Express company, valued at \$500. It proved a good move, although he made it with great trepidation. It represented hard-earned money.

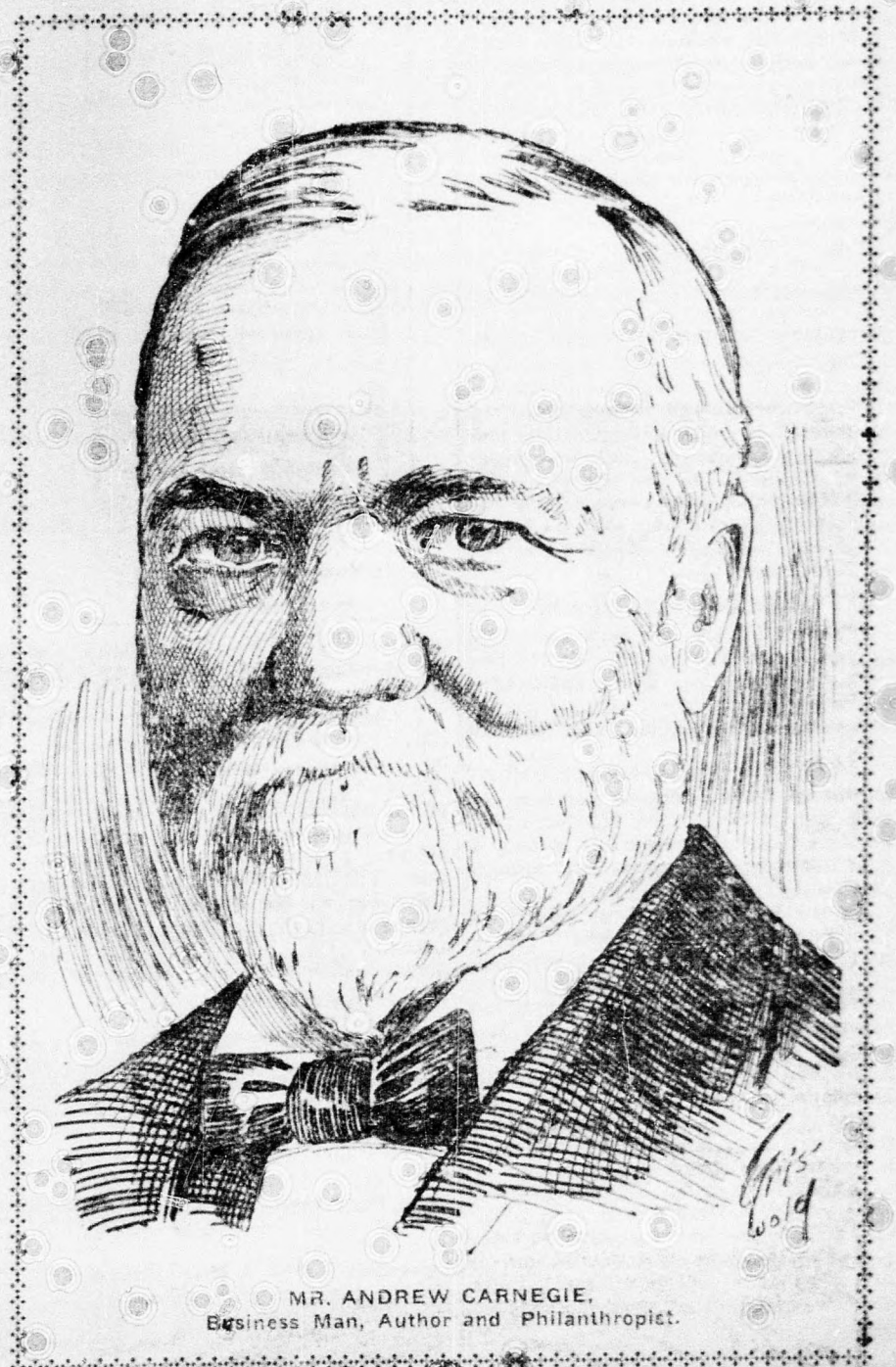
Shortly afterward he met Woodruff, the sleeping car inventor, and saw the enormous advantages in such a car. He not only invested, but interested others in the invention.

With Scott, Carnegie bought several farms in upper Pennsylvania, on which oil was later discovered. The value of the oil sold from these farms for the twenty-five years following their purchase in 1861 was \$10,000,000. In one year land bought for \$40,000 increased in value so that it paid a dividend of \$2,000,000. At 30 years of age Mr. Carnegie began his wonderful career as an iron master. With the help of money he had saved and some borrowed from a bank, he started the Keystone bridge works. It was a time when steel was a prince, as he said lately. Before long he had acquired the Edgar Thomson steel works, the Homestead iron works and the Union iron works. By 1888 Mr. Carnegie owned seven distinct iron and steel works and had controlling interests in several coke works. Since then he has acquired mines, railroads and steamboats and can start at the ore and turn out the finished product. He gave many young men stock in his companies, and several of his partners are millionaires. Before Mr. Carnegie began giving away his wealth he was worth, according to his own estimates, \$275,000,000.

The foundations of a great fortune

Carnegie library, Louisville, Ky.	125,000
Carnegie library, Penn. State college	100,000
Carnegie library, Dungermine, Scotland	100,000
Carnegie library, Lincoln, Neb.	75,000
Carnegie library, Duluth, Minn.	75,000
Carnegie library, Johnstown, Pa.	60,000
Carnegie library, Greensburg, Pa.	60,000
Carnegie library, Aberdeen, Scotland	54,000
Carnegie library, Ayr, Scotland	50,000
Carnegie library, Dumfries, Scotland	50,000
Carnegie library, Keighley, Eng.	50,000
Carnegie library, Hawick, Scotland	50,000
Carnegie library, Dunblane, Scotland	50,000

Carnegie library, Jedburgh, Scotland	10,000
Skibo Estate library, Scotland	10,000
Carnegie library, Linlithgow, Scotland	8,000
Carnegie library, Grand Junction, Col.	8,000
Inverness Public library, Scotland	8,750
Bonar Ridge library, Scotland	7,500
Grangemouth Public library, Scotland	5,500
Public library, Erie, Pa.	7,000
New York Free Circulating library	6,000
Public library, Butler, Pa.	5,000
Carnegie library, Pittsburg, Tex.	5,000
Carnegie library, Erie, Pa.	6,600
Public library, Banff, Scotland	5,000



MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE,
Business Man, Author and Philanthropist.

Carnegie library, Greenock, Scotland	40,000
Carnegie library, Sedalia, Mo.	50,000

Public library, Peterhead, Scotland	5,000
Public library, Butler, Pa.	5,000



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tarian and non-partisan; that its scope of usefulness shall be increased and widened as the necessities of the public require; that its affairs shall be managed on strictly business principles at all times, thereby guaranteeing the greatest good to the greatest number; that every encouragement shall be given the young men and young women of this city to rise higher in whatever sphere they may occupy.

Solomon said: "Get wisdom; get understanding; forget it not. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding."

Education refines, civilizes and christianizes. It develops all that is elevating and ennobling in man. The practical lesson in giving, marked by this building, will have its influence upon succeeding generations and will be a perpetual stimulus to the people of Fort Wayne to emulate the deeds of the giver.

Being fully mindful of the assistance given the younger men in the employ of the Carnegie institutions and the rapid advances which those starting in humble life have made under his influence and encouragement, we desire indelibly to stamp upon this work and to impress upon the minds of future generations the policy of education and encouragement of the young and thereby commemorate and perpetuate the memory of the donor of this beautiful building, the Hon. Andrew Carnegie, of New York.

Mayor Berghoff's Speech.

When the applause had subsided, Mayor Berghoff was presented to the audience and, after the formal salutations, said:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

It is a duty of so noble and exalted character I am about to perform, as does not devolve upon the mayor of an American city every day, a duty I consider a great pleasure and a high privilege.

As the head of the body politic of this, our city, I am to receive in behalf of its people, a most precious gift, the value of which, to the present and future generations, cannot be estimated, for it is far above any material standard, though material fruits will not be wanting among its blessings.

The gift to our people comes to us from the generous hand of a man who is desirous of investing a large part of an ample fortune, his wisdom and his energy has won for him in this country, at a higher rate of interest than it could bring in a business enterprise, and that interest he intends should benefit the largest number of his fellowmen.

Mr. Carnegie could not have adopted better means to his end, than the establishment of libraries, free libraries to all people in our land, in such communities that warrant the great-

the past or present of this or any other nation.

Our city is fortunate, indeed, to be favored by Mr. Carnegie's magnificent gift; it is not the only one. He has done in substance for towns larger and smaller than ours what he has now done for us, and yet the thought occurs to me that we are perhaps benefited more than others, not because we are, in this case, directly interested and favored, but because our city is just of that size, where a public

refer to, was the first who used his keen, business sense to guide him in public affairs, and to demand that public money on deposit in our banks, was entitled to interest as well as private funds and who with exceptional honesty established the now fixed rule that all interests on school money, of right, belong to the people, and not the individual to whom these funds are entrusted; during the few years of his official life, he has so faithfully accounted for the same, that at the end

ed here, make interest upon it.

May any of us find here that enlightened soul that they became make this nation.

The American to learn of the of past ages.

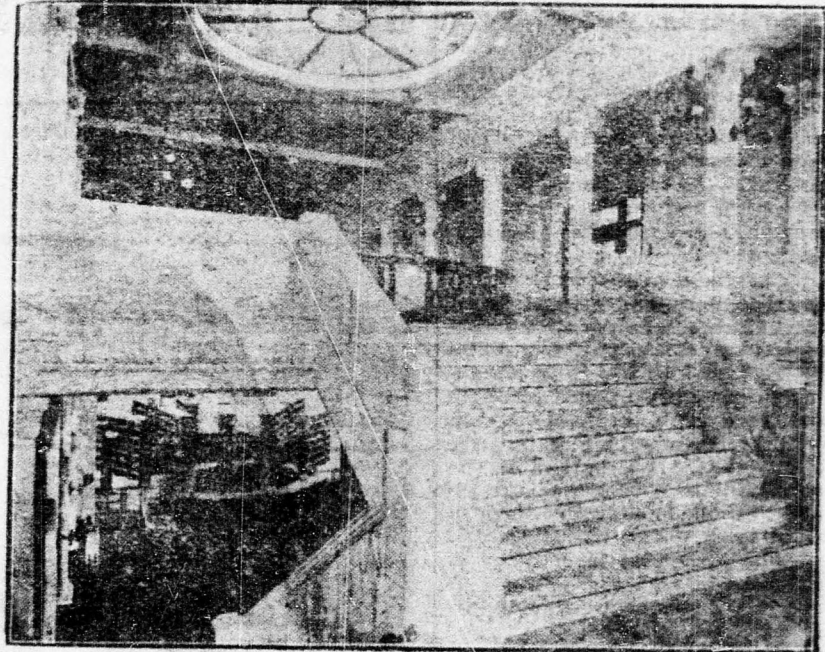
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Mr. Chairman government, w the city's interest most grateful cent and use the most elevated most sublime light, light, m

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library may be best appreciated and sustained, and, therefore, do the most good.

We shall not be tempted like bigger cities, to achieve the reputation of having a large library, which is chiefly done by catering to the lower tastes of the masses in filling the shelves up with useless, soul-killing and harmful fictions, which create a large circulation. That cannot and dare not be our ambition; we are, therefore, unembarrassed in that direction. It is not quantity that we shall seek; that leaves us free to pay proper attention to quality only.

Our library will be large enough to contain everything of value in the sciences, arts and belles lettres, for I do not mean to say that the better, the pure and moral class of fictions should be excluded.

Trash should, however, be, under all circumstances, excluded, for it is no more the duty of the tax-paying community to furnish the people reading to satisfy their passions, or for mere amusement, than it is to furnish them tickets for theaters and other pastime.

But if we stock our library wisely and well, we have just the people in number and intellectual calibre to appreciate, use and sustain it properly; we should remember that the entire city pays towards its support and



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 ness is clearly a duty of the public library
 and your library committee has wisely
 ministered to this play element.

"Recreative reading furnishes an antidote
 to vice. The foolish man of today will
 say, let us build more reformatories and
 prisons and insane hospitals, that we may
 safeguard our citizens. The wise man
 says, let us preach the gospel of preven-
 tion promulgated by Sir Thomas More 400
 years ago; let us build schools, libraries,
 trade schools, public baths, domestic sci-
 ence schools and open golf links; tennis
 courts, public playgrounds, parks, etc.,
 and stay the destruction of human souls.
 Let us save the whole man, not a fraction
 of him, so that he may the better serve
 himself and his generation. The rapidly
 changing conditions of our times demands
 an ever increasing knowledge to meet
 them. Our universities and colleges re-
 spond quickly to the quick changes in
 the commercial world. The public library
 should afford the pupil of the past an
 equality of opportunity that he may cope
 with the pupil of today in his life's work.

Great as is the gain afforded by the pub-
 lic library for recreation, its greater value
 is as an educational institution. Here we
 have the keynote of its existence, the best
 reason for its being. The fundamental
 principle of education is this: "Every be-
 ing whom God has ever made has a right
 to become all that it is possible that he
 should become, and therefore a right to
 whatever may be necessary to enable him
 to fulfill the divine ideal."

The object of our public library is, I

read it for the love of it, thereby enrich-
 ing not only their own lives, but the lives
 of those around them. There is as much
 necessity for children's librarians as for
 grade teachers.

In a certain sense the public library
 must supply the place of the continuation
 school of Germany. A man starts in life
 and finds that he needs some special course
 of study to make him more efficient in
 his work, perhaps to keep pace with one
 who has had greater educational oppor-
 tunities. Such a one should be able to
 find in your public library books which
 will enable him to pursue such a course of
 study. This applies to all artisans, teach-
 ers, doctors, editors, lawyers or preachers.
 All subjects are of equal value, all equally
 well taught and studied. The public li-
 brary should mean equality of opportunity
 for all classes of citizens.

Says John Graham Brooks in his recent
 book entitled "Social Unrest": "Popu-
 lar education and the spread of democ-
 ratic ideas evidently introduce influences
 calculated in their very nature to stimu-
 late the feelings out of which unrest
 grows. * * * Unless we assume the
 hope of an education profoundly modified,
 an education, the supreme purpose of
 which shall not only be to sharpen the
 edge of intellectual cunning, but at least
 in equal degree to strengthen the moral
 and social sympathies, we seem likely to
 the end of time to be whipped on by a
 multitude of wants that will overtop every
 means to gratify them.

This, I take it, to be the function of the
 public library, the deepening of the knowl-
 edge imparted by the home, the school and
 church until it shall have become a well
 spring of contentment from which strong
 characters are nourished.

A public library, when it performs its
 highest duty brings about a unification of
 all the social and religious forces in a
 community, asking no questions as to age,
 sex, social standing or educational qual-
 ifications of its patrons. It opens wide its
 portals to men of all manners, national-
 ities and creeds. It matters not whether
 they are Jews or Gentiles, Roman Cath-
 olics or Protestants, or whether they have
 any form of religious belief. It is truly
 cosmopolitan in its sympathies.

To the editor who delves into past his-
 tory, to gather truths to influence present
 politics, to the preacher who catches a
 glimpse of the infinite, which reaches to
 the hearts of his hearers, to any who seek
 truth, there is in the highest sense a spiri-
 tual inspiration in the public library. The
 light that was shed from Calvary pours
 out upon us today and the public library
 is but one expression of it. We are not
 truly educated if we develop only the phys-
 ical and intellectual parts of our lives
 and fail to catch the inspiration, to read
 into all history, all science, all literature,
 that

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole
 Whose body nature is and God the soul!"

Judge Taylor's Address.

The speaker was heard with rapt
 and approving attention. Judge Tay-
 lor was next presented, and said:

On this day the city of Fort Wayne
 begins an era in its history. By these
 ceremonies we dedicate within it a
 temple of intelligence to which we
 can set no limit of usefulness or ex-
 istence. The best of all

means of physical comfort and rati-
 onal happiness. No matter what
 passions may rage for a time, the bet-
 ter instincts, the love of home and
 family and country will remain in
 human hearts. The day of repent-
 ance will come. The lessons of ex-
 perience, reason and inspiration pre-
 served in the libraries will be heeded
 again, and epochs of peace, progress
 and happiness will bless the world.

The guaranty of the perpetuity of
 this edifice is not alone in the im-
 perishable constitution of the rock
 which waited ages of ages to be quar-
 ried for this high use, but in the dis-
 positions in the hearts of men which
 books have implanted and fostered
 and will preserve. The service which
 this building will render to the vol-
 umes which it will shelter from the
 elements will be returned by them in
 the lessons which they will teach the
 people of appreciation and love of it.

I am afraid these musings are
 hardly worth the time they have
 taken, but I confess I have been at-
 tracted and touched by the thought
 that from the eminence of this occa-
 sion we look down a vista of time
 which seems to have no end. The
 books to be gathered here will not
 constitute a depository of all human
 knowledge, but they will embrace im-
 portant parts and specimens of it in
 all fields. Are you a devotee of sci-
 ence? You will find enough of it
 here to gratify your taste and satisfy
 your desire unless you are a learned
 savant already. Are you drawn tow-
 ard history? Not much of import-
 ance ever happened whereof the rec-
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 enamored of travel? You can sit at
 these tables and circumnavigate the
 globe, round and round. Do you af-
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 the most beautiful thoughts that
 ever burned or blossomed in the
 brains of men are here. Do you re-
 lish fiction? It is to be had here from
 Don Quixote to Booth Tarkington in
 time, and only the best of all ages
 in quality.

Treasures of Great Library.

Where else could you find—how else
 could be accumulated such concen-
 trated product of human toil as in a
 great library? The authors of these
 books have put themselves in their
 works. They have burned up their
 bodies in the heat of its own fires;
 they have woven fabrics from their
 own nerves; they have squeezed the
 blood out of their own hearts in the
 frenzy of their emotions. They have
 lived in far apart ages, far apart
 countries, and widely different sur-
 roundings, and have spoken in many
 different tongues, to be brought to-
 gether at last under one roof. They
 who once set the world by the ears
 with their controversies, are at peace
 on these shelves. St. Paul, Mahomet,
 St. Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Vol-
 taire, Jonathan Edwards and Tom
 Paine are friends in council here,
 each ready to communicate his best
 thought on the subject nearest his
 heart, but with all the old jealousies
 and heart-burnings eliminated. The

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