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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Town? Rochester, Ind I.
- Population?

3450.

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- No. Has it a Library at present? 3.
- Number of Books (excluding Government Reports)? (See page 2).
- Circulation for past year? 5.

Library just started.

How is Library Housed?

(See page 2).

- Number and measurements of Rooms, and their uses? (See page 2.) .7.
- Finances according to last yearly report. 8.

Receipts :

Expenditures :

City Appropriation,

\$ 1370.00.

Rent.

this year Bequests,

550.00.

Salaries,

Miscellaneous Receipts,

500.00.

Books,

Money on hand,

Miscellaneous,

Total Revenue for year, \$ 2420.00. Total Expenditures, \$ None. 1905.

Rate at which Councils will pledge support of Library yearly (levying tax for purpose) if building obtained? (See page 2).

Is Requisite Site Available? 10.

Yes.

Amount now Collected toward Building? (See page 2). II.

To facilitate Mr. Carnegie's consideration of your appeal, will you oblige by filling in the above, and returning with statement of any other particulars likely to assist in making decision.

It is necessary to give explicit answer to each question, as in the absence of such, there is no basis for action, and the matter will be delayed pending further communication.

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JAS. BERTRAM,

Designation Rochester.

Secretary.

- No.4. While we have now ordered but 600 volumes, it is our purpose to make monthly accessions, so that by this time next year we will have from 2000 to 2500 volumes.
- No.6. The local Board has secured, for the temporary use of the Library, a room on the 2nd floor of the Court House, designated as the "Prosecutor's Room"which is 15 by 30 feet in size, well lighted and ventilated, has electric light and is easily accessable to the public.

 The room is now seldom used and is available for this purpose indefinitely.
- No.7. One room as indicated at No.6, above.
- No.9. Any rate, within legal limits, adopted by the local Library Board, not exceeding 1 mill on the dollar of valuation. This rate, 1 mill, will produce an annual revenue of from \$1600 to \$1700.

(Have other Boards in this state succeeded in establishing a uniform annual rate, if so, please advise us that we may do the same.)

No.11. No building fund has yet been provided, all moneys thus far having been expended in books as fast as collected, but if Mr.Carnegie's promise of a donation for a building is obtained, the Board assures him that the money will quickly and easily be raised for a choice central location, and the ground furnished free of encumbrance.

ROCHESTER INDIANA April] Mr. Andrew Carnegie. No. 2 East 91st. St., New York City. Dear sir, -The town of Rochester, Indiana, has a library association duly organized under the library association law of Indiana. It has fully complied with the statute, with respect to the creation of a public library board. This board has made the levy provided in the law, which has been fixed at 8/10 of a mill, and which will produce an annual income from that source alone of about \$1400. Besides this annual income from taxation, there has been a subscription made by about one hundred, fifty of the citizens of Rochester, which will amount to about \$1100, when fully paid. This subscription was made in compliance with the library statute and the number of subscribers discloses an unusual interest in the establishment of the library. A public library in Rochester would accommodate not less than 4000 people in the town and vicinity. Besides it would be beneficial to and greatly appreciated by the students of a small, but growing college located here. The undersigned, the Rochester Public Library Association, through its officers and trustees, helfeto respectively subscribed, respectfully request aid from you, for a library building, such in your judgment as would be suitable for the town. Will you not kindly let us hear from you at an early day ? Very respectfully yours.

Holman & Stephenson. ROCHESTER INDIANA Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Page 2. A will Agnew Mrs S. M. Brackett Trustees.

Rochester Bridge Company, Pop 3 Steel and Iron Riveted Bridges, ALL AGREEMENTS ARE BONTIN-IPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS AND DELAY UNAVOIDABLE ON BEYOND Steel Culverts and Arches. Rochester, Indiana. June 22nd. Hon . Andrew Carnegie . New York City. Dear Sir. Some time ago we wrote to you, setting forth our great need of a library, and the effort we were making to properly establish one. We earnestly presented to you our desire for your assistance, and knowing the great number of places you have sided, we have anxiously awaited and hoped for your consideration of our request. We believe that if you would assist us to the amount of \$10,000.00 we would be in position, with the money we alreay have raised, to establish such a library as we need in this place. We are in a position to guarantee its maintenance. May we not have the favor of a reply? Your kind consideration will be greatly appreciated by Yours Very Respectfully. The Public Library Board, man B Smith Secretary.

Rochester Bridge Company,

Steel and Iron Riveted Bridges,

NOTICE. ALL ARREMENTS ARE CONTIN-BENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS AND OTHER DELAY UNAVOIDABLE OR BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Steel Culverts and Arches.

Rochester, Indiana. Oct.18th.

non.Andrew Carnegie.

New York City.

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Dear Sir.

The only excuse that I would make for again intruding on your time is, 'Our urgent need of a library building here', and the fear that in the great number of urgent requests that pour in upon you from other sources, our small need may be put aside.

Having sent a detailed statement of the condition of our library and our cityin a former letter, I will not repeat here, but will gladly furnish them again if desired.

I will simply add, that we are in a position to guarantee a fund of \$1500.00 annually to properly maintain a library building here.

I sincerely hope that our request may have your kind consideration. Hoping to hear from you, I remain.

Yours Very Truly.

Fublic Library Board of Rochester Indiana

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MANUFACTURERS AND BUILDERS OF

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OUR CONTROL

Prochester, Indiana,

Dec. 9th.

Jas. Bertram Secretary.

New York City.

Dear Sir.

I was pleased today to receive from you, a list of questions pertaining to the Library here, and am glad to report promptly on same.

I return the list herein, with all questions answered as fully as possible, and trust that they meet the requirements, and your approval. It will give me pleasure to furnish you with any further particulars that you may wish to know.

Thanking you for your kind consideration thus far, of our request, and anxiously awaiting your reply, I beg to remain,

Yours Very Respectfully

man of comme

Secy. Library Board.

December 20th, 1904.

Omar B. Smith, Esq., geog., Public Library Board, Rochester, Ind.

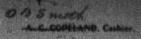
Dear Sir,

Rechester- If the City agree by Resolution of Councils
to maintain a Free Public Library at cost of not less
than One Thousand Dollars a year and provide a suitable
site for the building, Mr. carmegic will be glad to
give Ten Thousand Dollars to erect a Free Public
Library Building for Rechester

Respectfully yours.

Pl Secretary.

ROCHESTER BANK.





All business entrusted to this Bank will be promptly attended to.

Competent Attorneys employed if requested.

Jas, Bertrain See,

Hew york City.

Your Kind favor reporting that nu. Andrew Carnegie had generously offered to furnish den Thousand Dallare Hora Free Puscie Library Building for Rochester Indiana, was presented to the

Cubic hibrary Board here. I was instructed to extend to ner. Carnegie, Through you, our very sincere thanks; and the assurance, that the Conditions named in your. letter would be mes as promptly.

as possible by us, as me are anxious to Commence building as larly in

the Spring as passible ... again thanking you. I remain.

yours Very Truck Sean Public Librar 12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Tra-Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, that,

WHEREAS under an act of the Legislature, Approved Narch 4, 1901, appearing in the Acts of 1901, of the Legislature, upon pages 81 to 87 Inclusive, and as amended by the Act of the Legislature, approved Narch 9, 1903, appearing upon pages 301 to 305 inclusive of the Acts of 1903, a free public Library Board, as provided in said acts, has been created and established with all the powers granted to such Library Board as provided in said acts of the legislature, with full power to establish, equip and maintain a free public Library in said Town of Rochester, and as provided in said Acts, having obtained subscriptions from the citizens to the aggregate amount of \$1300.00, and procured the Trustees of said Town of Rochester to make the annual levy provided for in said acts of the Legislature, and,

WHEREAS said levy, as provided for in said Acts of the Legislature is sufficient to produce an annual fund with which to maintain a rree, public Library in said Town, at a cost of not less than \$1000, and to provide a fund with which to procure a suitable site for the location of a free public Library, and,

WHEREAS, Andrew Carnegie did, on December 20, 1904, in a letter to Omar B. Smith, Esq., as Secretary or said Library Board of Rochester, Indiana, offer to said Library Board to rurnish \$10,000.00 to erect a free public Library Building for Rochester, on conditions that said public Library Board and the Town of Rochester adopt resolutions agreeing to maintain the Library at a cost of not less than \$1000.00 and to procure a suitable site for the building.

Now said several Boards, namely, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rochester, at a regular session on this the E4th day of January, 1905, accepts said Andrew Carnegie's offer and hereby agrees to maintain said annual levy to produce a fund with which to produce said site and the said Library as provided in said Acts of the Legislature.

In Witness Whoreof, the undersigned, as trustees of seid Town have hereunto subscribed their respective names, and distraction and

rects (at) this resolution be entered of record upon the Minute Book of said Town. Done on this the day and year aforesaid. Ho Of Ollower Le Babeach 6 A Mitchell

We, the undersigned, constituting the Free Public Library Board of The Incorporated Town of Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, at a regular session, hereby adopt and fully approve the foregoing resolution, adopted and approved by the Trustees of the Incorporated Town of Rochester, on January 24", 1905.

Done on this the 6th day of Jebruary, 1905.

Mrs. W. Shafer Min. D. M. Bracked.

Mrs. A. H. Holling

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BOARD.

Rochester, Ind., June 9",

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,

2 East 91st. St..

New York City.

Dear sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 20th of December last to Omar B. Smith, Esq., Sec'y. Public Library Board, Rochester, Indiana, wherein it is stated that if the city of Rochester by resolution of its Trustees, agree to maintain a free, public library at a cost of not less than \$1000.00 a year, and provide a suitable site for the building, that you will be glad to give \$10,000.00 to erect a free, public library building for Rochester, will say, that the Board of Trustees of Rochester, did, on the 24th day of January, last, pass a resolution in compliance with the requirements of your letter, and the Public Library Board, by its Trustees, adopted and fully approved said resolution, which resolution of said Trustees and its adoption by the Library Trustees are herewith enclosed, showing compliance with the requirements of your letter.

And that on the 2nd, day of the present month, said Library
Board entered into a contract for a suitable site for said building, as
disclosed in a copy of said contract herewith enclosed. The Library
Board through the undersigned, its President and Secretary, hereby
certifies that said site is acceptable to the citizens of the Torn.

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and that the same is located within one block of the public square, and that the ground described in said contract is 91 by 82 1/2 feet, and is a corner lot, and that its location is about the center of the town and convenient to all of its citizens.

Said Library Board hereby certifies that provision is made to pay for the lot and accept the deed, in escrow, as provided in the contract, upon receipt and notice that the site is acceptable to you, and that the resolution of the Town Board meets the requirements set forth in your letter.

It would please the Library Board very much if you can find it convenient to give it an early answer.

Respectfully yours,

The Public Library Board,

By Mrs. W. S. Shafer.

Rresident.

Emar B Smith

Secretary.

Walker, husband and wife, both of Rochester, Pulton County, Indiana, who shall be known, in this contract, as the first party, and The Public Library Board of Rochester, Pulton County, Indiana, duly organized under the public library act of March 4th, 1901, as amended by Act of 1903 of Indiana, which shall be known as the second party in this contract, WITMESSETH:

That the first party has this day sold to the second party the followering ground, situate in Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, to-wit, Eighty two and one half feet off the east end of Lot One Hundred, Thirteen, and Eighty two and one half feet off the east end of thirty two and one half feet off the north side of Lot One Hundred, Fourteen, New Plat of Town of Rochester, said county and state, for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, subject, however, to the condition hereinafter set forth, viz.,

Whereas Andrew Carnegie did, on December 20th, 1904, by letter promise the second party herein to donate to the second party herein the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars on two conditions named in said letter, first, that the Town of Rochester agree by resolution of its Board of Trustees to maintain a free, public library, at a cost of not less than One Thousand Dollars a year. Second, that a suitable site for the buildings be provided.

And, Whereas, said Board of Trustees, did, on February 6th, 1905, by proper resolution agree therein to maintain an annual levy to produce a fund with which to procure said cite and maintain said library, which resolution appears in the minutes and record of the Board of Trustees of said Town, and upon the minutes of the second party herein on pages 23, 24, and 25.

And, Whereas, 'the second party herein did, at a special meeting called for that purpose on the evening of the First day of June, 1905, by unanimous vote agree upon the site for said library building on the ground, herein above described on the condition that the same can be obtained at the price of Two Thousand Dollars and on the terms acceptable to the

committee, appointed for the purpose of making the negotiations.

Now, therefore, the first party does by these presents and as a part of this contract, sign and deliver a deed, conveying said ground, as herein above described, to the second party, and with this contract places the same in escrow with the First National Bank of Rochester, Indiana, which deed is to be delivered to the second party herein named upon the payment of One Thousand Dollars, in cash, and delivering to said Bank the second party's three promissary notes, due in one, two, and three years, at six per cent interest from the date of the delivery of the deed, with personal security upon said notes to the approval of the first party, hereinor should said security offered be not approved by the first party, the second party shall have the privilege of paying said remaining One Thousand Dollars, in money.

It is understood and agreed that said first party is to have, and hereby agrees, to move off of said ground, herein above described, all buildings, including foundations thereof, now situated thereon, and to move the same at his expense, and he shall also have the right to move off of said ground the driven well thereon and such shrubbery as he may wish to move, and to move the same within sixty days from the date of a written notice to be served upon the first party herein by the second party.

It is understood and agreed that the second party herein is to, and does hereby accepts said conveyance, and hereby agrees to pay said consideration named thereon on the condition and so soon as said Carnegie notifies the second party herein that the two conditions named in his said letter, as provided in said resolution, and as provided by in this contract and the site is acceptable to said Carnegie and that the money promised, in said letter, will be furnished the second party herein, for the erection of said library building; that the second party herein, through its proper officers, will certify to said Carnegie, within ten days from this date, a copy of said resolutions and statement of second party that with respect to the site, the conditions are complied with, and that or receipt of a reply from said Carnegie, approving Said resolution

of said Town Board and the provisions herein for a library site, the second party herein will, then, concluded these megatiations and comply with the contract upon its part as stipulated hereinabove.

The first party herein hereby agrees to furnish the second party an abstract, showing good and merchantable title in the first party up to the date of self delivery.

In witness whereof the first party, in their own proper person, and the second party by its President and Secretary have hereunto subscribed their respective names, in triplicate, this 2nd. day of June, 1905.

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Huldah Walker.	
By Mrs. W. S. Shafe	m.
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We have examined the abstract submitted to us with respect to the title to the 82 1/2 feet off the east end of Lot 113, and 82 1/2 off the east end of 52 1/2 feet off the north side of Lot 114, New Plat of the Town of Rochester, Indiana, and with respect thereto will say, that the abstract shows a good, fee simple title in the Public Library Board of Rochester, Indiana, under date of June 2, 1905, and recorded in Deed Record 45 page 235, in the office of the Recorder or Fulton County, Indiana; and that said abstract discloses that the title is in the Public Library Board free from all encumbrances, except the current taxes, which is not yet due, and which, under the terms of the deed, the grantors, Isaiah Walker and his wife are to pay, when due.

Yours truly,

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Holman & Stephenson, Lawyers. Rochester Indiana.

July 11, 1905.

Mr. R. A. Franks.

President Home Trust Co. .

Hoboken, N.J.

Dear sir,-

Referring to your letter of June 22, 1905, with respect to mine of the 9th of the same month, addressed to Mr. Carnegie, will say, that enclosed you will find herewith opinion of the attorneys of the Public Library Board of Rochester, which fully explains itself, and discloses that the title to the Lot purchased under the contract, a duplicate copy of which was enclosed in my letter to Mr. Carnegie, herein referred to, is now of record and is owned and held by the Public Library Board, and that the lot is free from any liens.

This, as I understand, makes Mr. Carnegie's gift of \$10,000,00 available. I should be pleased to hear from you at an early day.

Yours truly,

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF ROCHESTER.

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Rester, Ind. M. 2 d 190 6 State of Grains. Cagus, of Julian dd; I, Filing M. Show, arisaison of raid Courty do hereby certify that the amount of taxes extended on the day Implied of said county to be calleted during the year 1906 ber Lidray Junposes no as follows, Kewit: Town of Foduska * 1795, 64 Doduster Famuship 420. 24° detal 18 2215,00 Witness my many and seal this 2d, day of March 1906. Aline M. Shore -audien Freder Coming, Presions

Carnegie Library Building Committee Reject All Bids Made.

Plans and Specification are to be Revised by Architect Hutton-Stone Work Too Expensive.

As per the advertisement for bide for the construction of the Rochester Car ie Library the committee in charge of the building met at the First National Bunk Wednesday, and there received bide, but owing to the limited means the committee have at their disposal, all the bids were rejected.

In all there were three contractors to placed their bids before the committee, and these were opened and read at 2 o'clock today. Following are the

George Rickman & Sons' Com-

pany, of Kalamazoo, Mich..\$12,250. John and C. V. Kindig, of this

city, and Peru \$14,800. A. A. Gast, of Akron. \$14,897.

These bids did not include heating system, electric light fixtures or the etal book racks which are to be used. bid for the heating was placed by in D. Kutz, of Warsaw, for \$1,475 .-0. There were no bide for the electric light fixtures, or the book racks.

The confractors all claimed that the rest smount of stone work on the building is what made the price so high, and that fully one third of the cost of the construction would be taken in the cut stone triminings. The building committee could not accept any of the bids as they only have \$10,000.00 at their disposal. The plan now is to have a meeting with Architect Joseph Hutton, of Hammond, and elliminate ome of the stone trimming, and change the specifications to such an extent that the entire building can be con structed and fitted ready for occupancy for the amount Mr. Carnegie, has do nated-\$10,000.00. The plans are to the same in the event the above changes are me

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Fachester. Ind., March 6th,
Mr. Andrew Carnegie,

2 East Olst. St.;

New York City.

The Public Library Board of Rochester, after completing arrangements with you for the donation of \$10,000 with which to erect a public library building, adopted plans for a building prepared by Mr. J. T. Hutton of Hammond, Indiana. Mr. Hutton claiming that the building as planned could be constructed for a sum not to exceed \$10,000.

The Board advertised for bids thereon and the lowest bid received was \$12,250.00, and this did not include the heating, nor some other features that would cost a few hundred dollars. The only bid received on heating was \$1475.00.

The Board then called to its aid the architect to see if changes could not be made to bring it within the \$10,000. He reported that it cannot be done without materially effecting the efficiency and beauty of the building, and that it cannot be done at all without reducing the size of it and he claims that it ought not to be reduced in size.

The extreme measurements inside is 51 x 45.

You will find herewith a certified statement of the Auditor of

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the County, showing that the tax levy for the maintenance of a Library is, from the town \$1795.64, and from Rochester Township \$420,24, total \$2215.88.

Since our former communication with you Rochester Township has, on application, become a member of the Library Association, and its tax contribution toward the maintenance of the Library is now \$420.24, as stated, and will be maintained at that sum, and the present levy of the town is not likely to be less than amount stated above. In no event will the public funds for the maintenance of the library fall below \$1500.

We have a fair start on the library, and it is greatly appreciated by all, especially, the schools, in both town and country.

Owing to the very high price, both of building material and labor, it seems impossible to erect a building of sufficient floor space and of such durability as is consistent with economy for less than about \$15000:

additional assistance, it would be greatly appreciated. To fully execute the plans adopted about \$5000 will be needed, and the \$15000 will come within the 10 % required for maintenance.

Rochester, Ind.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs W. S. Shafer. Main Bo Smith

Mrs. W. S. Shafer, President, Public Library, Rochester, Ind.

Madam.

Yours of March 6th received. What was the population of Rochester Township at the last census, 1900? Please say if the figure you give includes the 3421 entered as the population of Rochester.

Respectfully yours, (

P. Secretary.

Rachester. Ind., March 12, 1906.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,

2 East 91st.St.,

New York.

Dear sir,-

Your esteemed favor of the 8th inst. received.

We are uhable to give you the population of the Township of Rochester, exclusive of the Town of Rochester, for the year 1900, as we have no statistics from which we can get the information.

The school enumeration, however, for the year 1905 was 690, which multiplied by four would give a population, outside of the Town of Rochester, of 2760. This is not included in the 7421 given as the population of the Town of Rochester in the census of 1900. The Town of Rochester and the Township of Rochester are separate and independent municipal corporations.

The present population of the Town of Rochester based upon the school enumeration, multiplied by 4, would give the present population of Rochester as 3956, or a total population of Rochester Township and the Town of Rochester of 6716, or based upon 3 1/2 instead of 4 would give the total population of the two corporations of 5776.

We regret to say that we are unable to answer your question more accurate and definite than this.

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Very respectfully,

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O. B. Smith, Rsq., Sec'y, Public Library, Rochester, Ind.

Dear Sir,

Yours of March 12th received. Do you mean to say that the Town of Rochester and Township of Rochester being separate and independent municipal corporations, did not have the census taken in 1900 as every other community in the United States hac?

If you cannot give the population separately as of that census, give the population of Town and Township together.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

Rochester. Ind., Narch 17" . 1916.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,

2 East Plst., St.,

New York.

Dear sir,-

Your valued favor of the 14th inst. received.

At the time of our letter of the 12th inst. we had been unable to procure a copy of the United States Census of 1900, but since the receipt of yours of the 14th. we have succeeded in finding a copy of Vol I, Population, Part I, and find on page 137 thereof the following,—"Rochester Township, including Rochester Town 5835", immediately under that follows "Rochester Town 3421". This fixes the population of the township, outside of the town, at 2414 in 1900.

This, we believe, fully answers your question.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

O. B. Smith, Esq., Sec'y, Public Library, Rochester, Ind.

pear Sir,

Yours of March 17th received. If the general contract for your building calls for \$12,250 and the heating would cost \$1475, you could not complete your building within the \$15,000 you want. You had better revise your plans. Please send them to us for examination:

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

mch 21-06 ROCHESTER, IND. Mr. Auxiew Canacque
2 East The St

According to the Dear Sir Your favor 19th received Camplying each regreees therein Contained. I am sending you by Heles Jargo 4lo Express, a set of plains for our building. I trust they may reach you mountly and be found Saligfactory. Cleopictfally Jours. Frank Seen Asic Library Board

O. B. Smith, Beq., Board, Rechester, Ind.

Doar Sir,

Yours of March 21st received; also the plan. I should say that building ought to be erected for less than \$15,000. Should calls for bids again, perhaps.

Respectfully yours.

P. Secretary.

Public Library.

Wood of Sold March 31", 19

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,

2 East 91st. St.,

New York.

Dear sir .-

Public Library Building at Rochester will say that three of the bids on the building, under the call for bids, were as follows, \$12,250, \$14,800 and \$14,897. None of these bids covered the heating. The bid of \$12,250 was made by George Rickman & Son, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they stand ready to enter into a contract at that price.

We do not believe another call for bids would secure a better price than the \$12,250, as the call was published for about one month in the local papers here and also in the "American Contractor," besides notices were sent out to different contractors and also the plans, and a copy of the plans was left with the architect at Harmond, who gave us assistance in securing bids.

planned, including the heating and all other necessary work connected therewith, for \$15,000, and if you will furnish the additional \$5000 the Board will guarantee the construction of the building according to the plans within that sum and should it be more the Board will

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make up the difference.

Yours truly,

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- Secretary.

Public Library. Mr. Andrew Caringie

New York City

Sold Near Sin On march31st we wrote you in mply to your letter 27th regarding our hisrary, and stated that the Library Board would bund itory to complete the bureding as planned promed the Cast was ever 15.000.00 and you from proper to increme your donation to that amount. If you are still of the approve that teids should be readvertised for, the Doard is willing to be governed by your dicession, and would respectfully ask for any suggestions you might make with reference to alterations in plans Erusting that me may hear from you soon, so that me may know have to moceed, Jam Tio Respectfully man 10 Druth o

O. B. Smith, Rsq., Sec'y Public Library, Rochester, Inc.

Dear Sir,

Replying to yours of March 51st - Mr. Carnegle will
be glad to increase his gift for Library Building for Rochester from Ten Thousand Dollars to Fifteen Thousand Dollars,
provided Gouncils guarantee a correspondingly increased
maintenance fund.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Town of Rochester, did, at a regular meeting of said Board, held at the Council Chamber, on January 24, 1905, accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie and the Free Public Library Board of said town on February 6th, 1905, also accepted said offer, and both boards guaranteed the maintenance of angannual levy of not less than one thousand dollars for the maintenance of a free public library in the Town of Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, as a condition to the donation of a fund for public library purposes to be made by said Andrew Carnegie, and Whereas said Andrew Carnegie did donate and appropriate for the use of a public library in said town of Rochester the sum of ten thousand dollars, and, Whereas plans were adopted by the Public Library Board, for the erection of a library building, and it being found that the \$10,000 furnished by said Andrew Carnesis was insufficient to erect said building, in accordance with the plans adopted, and, Whereas said Library Board made further application to said Andrew Carnegie for an additional sum, and that on April 23, 1906, said Andrew Carnegie, by letter, to the Secretary of the Public Library Board. reading as follows, -

"Replying to yours of March 31st., Mr. Carnegie will be gled to increase his gift for a library building for Rochester from \$10,000 to \$15,000 provided Councils guarantee a corresponding increased maintenance fund.

Respectfully yours,

James Bertram,

P. Secretary.

offered an additional sum of \$5000, on condition that a corresponding increased maintenance fund be guaranteed.

NOW, the several Boards, viz., the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rochester and the Public Library Board of said free public library, including therein as members of said library board, the Trustee of Rochester Township as a representative of the Board, of the township outside of the Town of Rochester, and his associate member representing the township outside of the Town of Rochester, each and all of said respective councils, corporations, and said library board, accept said Andrew Carnegie's offer of increase of \$5000 to the original fund of \$10,000, and hereby agree to maintain said annual levy to produce a fund with which to maintain said library as provided in the Acts of the Legislature respecting the maintenance of libraries, at not less that the sum of \$1500 annually, thus increasing the maintenance fund from \$1000.

guaranteed under the original resolution to \$1500. In Witness Whereof the undersigned, as trustees of said town have hereunto subscribed their respective names and authorize and direct that this resolution of acceptance and guarantee be entered of record upon the minute book of said town. Done this 27th day of April, 1907. La Baberch 6 A Mildre We the undersigned, constituting the free public library board of the Incorporated Town of Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, representing the Town of Rochester and the Township of Rochester, outside of the Town of Rochester, as a free public library board, at a regular session of said. library board, hereby adopt and fully approve the foregoing resolution adopted and approved by the trustees of the Incorporated Town of Mochester Indiana, hereinabove set forth and adopted by it on this 27th day of April. 1906. In Witness Whereof, each and all of the members of said library board, including the Trustee of the Township of Rochester, viz. Kebsey P. back of Babcock, have Richardson, and his associate member, biz. hereunto set their respective hands, this the day and year above written. Mrs. W. S. Skaler Mr. L. In Brucker Halinan

Public Library.

Rachester. Ind., April 28,

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Mr. Andrew Carnegie,

New York City.

Dear sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 23rd. inst. replying to mine of the 31st. ult., in which it is stated you will be glad to increase your gift for a library building for Rochester from \$10,000 to \$15,000 provided councils guaranteed corresponding increased maintenance fund, will say that the library board are greatly pleased, indeed, with your generous offer and you will find herewith enclosed acceptance of the offer by the trustees of the town and of the library board and the guarantee of the increased corresponding maintenance fund. This guarantee of increase is a supplement to, and the same as the original guarantee on which the gift of \$10,000 was made.

WWill you kindly let us know, at an early day, if the enclosed guarantee is satisfactory?

with the hearty thanks of the trusters of the town and the members of the library board, I am,

mar B Smith.

Secretary.

Sec'y, Public Library, Rochester, Ind.

Dear Sir,

Yours of April 28th received. Mr. Carmegie has
now instructed his cashierto increase the amount granted
for Library Building at Rechester to Fifteen Thousand
Dollars.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

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ANOTHER LIBRARY GIFT.

Dr. Spohn's Will Leaves Generous Bequest to Rochester Welfare.

The will of the late Dr. J. C. Spohn, who had lived in St Lonis for several yours re-affirms the substantiability of his long friendship for Rochester. After be questhing to his wife a large portion this considerable estate and making numerous small bequests for love and affection to relatives, the Doctor morously remembered Rochester and the future welfare of her citizens as follows:

do hereby will and bequeath to the trastees of the Public Library of Scheeler, Ind., the sum of \$3,000 to sused for the purchase of valuable to a cristee, literature and art. The said sum to be paid to said trustic in installments to wit: \$500 one car after the completion of the Cartegie library building, and \$500 each the teaffer until the said sum of \$500 is paid."

A meeting of the Library Board will to held tomorrow evening, to take action on the bequest and of course it will be accepted with the thanks of the whole purple of Rochester and vicinity. And the memory of Dr. Spohn will thus be pleasantly perpetuated in the town he loved as long as the public library endures. Full

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Public Library. file Mr. Sudrew Carreigie & My, City Near Sir. Anoung your interest in The Library as this place, I send Daily, shawing from yesterdayes the hidrary, this to be used for books. This, with our taxes, will enable us to start out in fine Shape. Respectfully yours Man Po Smith Seey

FINE NEW LIBRARY

Rochester's Carnegie Reading Room and Book Benefaction is a Beauty.

Picture of the Building and Description of the Interior of a Most Inviting Place—To be Completed by July 15.

Three years ago last April the citizens of Rochester began to take steps to get a public library and through the generousity of Andrew Carnegie who has furnished money to build many thousand library buildings in this country, we have a fine library hilding and it will be opened to the bublic in the course of sixty days

The present library board siich is composed of Mrs. W. S. Shadent; Mrs. L. M. Brackett, president; Mrs. A. H. Robbins, Jonathan Dawson, Omer Smith, George Holman and O. F. Montgomery beside K. P. Richardson and J. R. Babcock, who represent the township, have spent much time and labor and have given their undivided attention to see that Rochester is graced with as fine a public library as could be built with the money.

The library furnishings are being specially made by the Library bureau of Chicago, and they are going to put in some exceptionally fine furniture, as this is the first library building in notrhern Indiana, which they had the contract with. The furnishings are made of solid oak, very plain, but substantial. The interior is arranged

as follows:

As you enter the building, in the vestibule will be a large umbrella stand. The room on the right is the children's room, with cases of books along the wall. In the center are two large tables, with fourteen chairs. On the left side of the hall is the general reading room, with periodical racks, severical writing desks, and two large reading tables. In the center of the hall is the delivery counter and near that is the librarian's desk, which can be moved around at will.

The rear room will be devoted to book racks, newspaper files, dictionary stand and two large reference tables. The floor will be entirely covered with cork carpet, one inch thick. The interior decorations of the building are in charge of the women members of the Library board. When finished the interior will present as fine appearance as any public building in the city and Miss Iva Sullivan says that it is as conveniently arranged as any library in the state.

The Public Library, when entirely finished, will cost in the neighborhood of seventeen thousand dollars, a larger sum than they intended to spend.

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An April 2011 August 1911 August May 18-1907 Hear Sir. The Cubic Library, for which you so Kinely Juruished the money. is alward Chapteted. It has been the acce of the Lebrary Board in Cemeding this Lebrary Simple, but of the very best material in every way. This, me have to far, succeeded in · down In selection of Library Juneature, mes. Called in to competition see the furniture houses, with the result that the Library Bureau of hierago demonstrated that their I ferruture for quetity and duribulity surpersed Pace athus. the therefore ordered our farestine



In buying furniture, Lights - and other suble meters necessary, we find that it is taking much moves money than we well have - and leave to with the interior decorations which we has haped for, incompleted. The greetion of witteres decoration has been elest enterely to the management of the Lady members of the boars, and they had haped that enough funds would be left so they night lavery out their divigues for beautifying the utterior. On account of many things pertaining to furushing's Costing so much more than Contempered, we find this cannot ordene, and that it will take us donce time to get out of dest. as the request of the Board, and especially the Ledy members who have the interior discoration the in Charge of writte to ask it you



will Kindly give to One Thousand Dallaro so that all the nork begun, may be properly Completed, -If you feel that it is proper to do is, I assure you it Will be most highly appreciated by all, and if descred. We will gladly give adelaced statement of how all money is expended. Deuclose a brug history which appeared in our local paper today Sheuking you for all part Javors, and trusting to receive a favorable surver to this regrees, I am. Very Respectfully Man Bound Sec, Library Book

June 20th, 1907.

Omar B. Smith, Esq., Secy., Library Board, Rochester, Ind.

Dear Sir.

Yours of May 18th received. Mr. camegie has already increased his donation 50% and he thinks that steps should have been taken to purchase the furniture out of that amountable. Carnagie is morry out he does not see his way to add to the documents given.

. respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

Rachester Public Library

Rochester, Indiana

October 13,1920.

Mr. James Bertram, Secretary, Carnegie Corporation, 576 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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My dear Mr. Bertram:

The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library has requested that I write you in regard to the possibility of obtaining building funds for a small branch library.

In July 1921 the Rochester Public Library will serve all of Fulton County not already having library privileges. The county is divided into eight townships. There are two other libraries in the county, at Akron, and at Kewanna, each serving one township. The remaining townships will support the Rochester library.

The annual income from the city of Rochester, and Rochester township, will be about \$4,955.00 next year. The income from the townships which have not had library privileges will be \$5,200.00. The total income will amount to \$10,155.00.

Liberty township, one of the townships to receive service from Rochester, has a population of 1,800. The town of Fulton is situated in this township and is a community center. The population is 600. The income from this town and township will be \$1,325.00. Two modern churches and a bank building have been erected in Fulton in the last few years, and one of the ledges is planning to build.

The Board of Trustees feels that better service could be given Fulton and the surrounding country if a small branch library could be built there.

Yours very truly Stingly

Librarian

Blee Grace Stingly, Librarian,
The Public Library,
Rochenter, Indiana.

Ry deer Miss Stingly:

Tour letter of October 15th has been

Tour letter of October 13th has been received. The Trustees of Carmegle Corporation some time ago decided that no applications for the erection of library buildings would be considered while the abnormal conditions provail which have been drasted by the war. This ruling slee applies to requests for additions to existing buildings or for branch buildings. I am sorry that a more favorable reply cannot be given to your appeal.

Very truly yours.

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