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February 5, 1929.

Mrs. Rolland E. Heywood,
The Oaks,
Peterson, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Heywood:

Yours of January 28th is received regarding a library and library building for Peterson.

I find it a little difficult to know what to say to you. I should think, however, you should have about \$5,000 for a building for a town of your size and under the present cost of materials.

McGregor is talking of a building and I recently suggested to them that they should consult Laurens which has a \$3,800 concrete building and Dumont which has a \$5,000 building of tile blocks from Sheffield. The Laurens building was erected several years ago when material was less expensive but the Dumont building is only two or three years old.

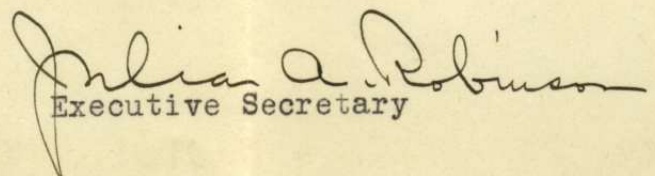
Then I think you should have about \$1,000 to start with for books and I very much wish that you might have a fund on interest for an endowment with which to buy books in future.

You do not say whether the town will give you any money for the support of the library but with such a gift as that they certainly should give you the Carnegie 10% I think.

I cannot today send you a list of books as I have none printed and shall have to make it up but I will have it done as soon as I can and send it to you.

Assuring you of my interest in your undertaking and of my desire to help you, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Executive Secretary

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