

Society, Inc., has begun to function with a membership already covering our land and including men of great influence, notable among them being Secretary Hoover. A contract has been negotiated and closed with Harvard University making the Harvard Business Library our permanent depository. The Boston Public Library has made a treaty with the Harvard Business Library, by which its notable collections, relating to business, economics, and statistics, are to be joined with other collections around the notable and effective nucleus built up by the untiring efforts of Dean Donham and Librarian Eaton. Therefore, when the George F. Baker Building be opened next autumn, the three united collections will bring together approximately 350,000 volumes and over three quarters of a million items of ephemera, business records and other data of value, giving the new Library the leadership of its class, not only in fact but in volumetric importance and hence in outstanding efficiency.

Now that you have accepted an appointment on the Committee on the Development of the Harvard Business Library and are to be elected as one of the original members of The Business Historical Society, Inc., I am hopeful that you may lay this matter before Sir William with the simple directness at which I have aimed in this letter.

Then, indeed, may come true that dream from my childhood that America may realize that never have Englishmen, as such, been opposed to us and that what we call "typically American" and best is of British antecedent, modified by Gallic influence, and that my own personal "alliance," through my sister's marriage to Sidney Skinner, Esq., M.A. (Cantab), Principal of the South Western Polytechnic Institute, Manresa