

To the Chairman, Library Committee.

In view of the fact that the Public Library building is now practically completed, and will be formally opened within the next few months, it seemed desirable to have prepared a Preliminary Report, embodying a history of the Public Library project up to the end of the year 1905, with such other particulars as might prove useful or interesting. I was accordingly authorized, at the last meeting of the Library Committee of 1905, to prepare such a Report, for submission to the Committee of 1906 at its first meeting. The Report is submitted herewith. Through the courtesy of Dr. Otto J. Klotz, who has been associated with the project from its earliest beginnings, and without whose enthusiasm the Public Library would probably still be a thing of the future, I am enabled to embody in this Report a sketch of the history of the movement from its inception. Dr. Klotz's paper will be found in Appendix A.

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