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The Library Board of North Branford,
Mr. Alden J. Hill, First Selectman and Chairman,
Mr. R. Earle Beers, Town Clerk,
Rev. G. D. Lessley, Clergyman,
North Branford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I wonder if you understand the awkwardness of the situation you have produced for yourselves as a library board and for me as well by your lack of cooperation with me in connection with the proposed memorial library in North Branford. I am beginning to receive intimations that my talk of giving the Town of North Branford a library does not amount to anything because it has been talked of for some months now and nothing has materialized.

Had you cooperated with me as I hoped you would and furnished me with a site on which it was safe and proper to place the proposed library building, there is every reason to suppose that this library could have been built and in operation for the use of your townspeople this past winter.

Please re-read my letter to you of October 23rd, 1936, copy of which was sent not only to Mr. Hill but also to Mr. Beers and Mr. Lessley.

It is quite clear to me that Mr. Hill and Mr. Beers do not wish to be bothered with any library. While there is unmistakably an element in North Branford that doesn't care anything about a library, my inference is that a large number of North Branford people do want the library. Now if Mr. Hill and Mr. Beers do not want the library I would like to have them come out in the open and say so. If they do want the library they must first of all provide a suitable site for the building. The site now offered I would not under the circumstances consider building upon. You must also comply fully with the modest requests I have made and when you have done these things I will go ahead with the project but not until then.

In closing may I say that my object in writing this letter is to show you clearly that I cannot go ahead with this library project until you have done what you ought to do and should have done in the first place.

Very truly yours,

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Copy to Mr. Beers and Mr. Lessley