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Mr. Charles B. Atwater
44 Vernon Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Atwater:

It has been some time since I have written to you concerning activities in North Branford. The proposed meeting of the Book Committee was postponed by Rev. Smith for a period of several days, and in the meantime nothing of moment was done.

The meeting was held last week and routine matters discussed. An initial order of books for adults was made up by the committee and placed with the Personal Book Shop of Boston. Yesterday I received two cartons of books from them, some fifty volumes in all, and the remainder we may expect at an early date. They are very fine books, including the most asked for books of the day. A few volumes were standbys which every library should have, such as books dealing with world affairs, poetry, and every day living.

The folding chairs came for the room downstairs, and the umbrella rack came by express a short while ago. Also the stamp for marking the books in the library has arrived from Gaylord Bros. making their order for supplies complete.

With the accession book and card catalogue materials at hand I will be able to do much work on the books between household duties for I have a large gateleg table in my living room which I have placed across one end of the room for my workshop. Mr. Doody brings the cartons from the room in which they are stored and opens them for me. When I finish with one box full it will be returned and another brought out.

The matter of book plates has arisen again. Mrs. Rose said that she would like to have a small sticker pasted beneath the book plate stating that the books she gave were in memory of her husband, and wanted the type and quality to compare favorably with the book plates. I told her that to date none had been ordered. I haven't seen Mrs. Rose since the holiday week when I mailed a proposed list of books to her, and when she called to discuss books with me. No doubt the gas situation has made a difference in her plans. However, a list of three hundred and fifty books has been compiled. These are all juvenile books and include Mr. McKernan's splendid gift and the suggested list for Mrs. Rose.

Judge Foote showed me a letter which he had received from our Governor, suggesting a postponement of the dedication exercises. I have met the Governor and feel that his attendance at the dedication would be most enjoyed, as he is a whole hearted sort of person with great respect for tradition and the finer things of life. I do not know what the reaction will be, as Rev. Smith had his heart set on the dedication being Feb. 22nd. No doubt the matter will be straightened out soon by those in authority.

I made the proposed trip to Guilford by bus to talk with the librarian there, and to browse about the library, taking note of their books and supplies. I was disappointed for to save fuel they had changed their hours, and now the library is open only two afternoons and evenings each week. This is the first week with the new schedule, so I had not learned about it. Perhaps I shall have an opportunity to make the trip again soon.

It appears that it will soon be possible to move the furniture, pictures, and books which you sent to our home over to the library to be placed where they belong. It certainly is interesting getting these last minute things done. Friends ask me whenever we meet about the progress there. Certainly North Branford is looking forward to the day when all is in readiness for them.

Yours sincerely,