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Iowa City, July 8th, 1902.

Mrs. A. B. Bowen,
Sec'y of Library Board,
Maquoketa, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Bowen:-

Your letter of the 4th instant has been forwarded to me to Iowa City where I am busy with the Summer Library School which is in session at the State University. I am rather surprised at the statement you make in your letter regarding the selection of an architect. I had the impression that your board was looking for someone who had had experience in planning library buildings. My desire is to help the library boards in securing a good interior arrangement so that a library may be administered economically but I always assume that the board employs an architect in whom they have confidence so that the main points in the plan can be left to him. If the architect whom you have selected feels that my suggestions will be of help to him in planning the interior I shall be very glad to confer with him if he will come to Iowa City. I should be very glad to meet with your board and talk over plans but my time is so occupied here that it is impossible just now for me to name a date when I can come. I am sorry that you were not ready to talk these things over before our Summer School began. I will be glad to look over a preliminary sketch if your architect has prepared one and, as I suggested before, if he

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wishes to talk about the requirements of a modern library building

I shall be very glad to see him.

Very truly yours

Alice S. Tyler

I'm looking over this letter I find there are some points which may not be clear. I meant to say that I cannot make any new dates for trips during our Summer School, as the outstanding dates which I made some time ago take all the time I can spare away from the school to fulfill. I want to help you, and can look over the sketch any time you will send it to me here.