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December 28, 190 6

Miss Mary E. Downey,
Public Library,

Ottumwa, Ia.

My dear Miss Downey:

I have never attempted to send out an explanation regarding our great disappointment in not having our second report published in the manner that we had hoped it would be. During the year 1905 we collected m material to be published in part 2 of that report to be accompanied by illustrations of new library buildings in the state, but aneunfortunate complication in the matter of state printing and of including illustration in reports caused a long delay. The strike in the office of the state printer affected all the offices of the state and our report was finally printed in meager form without part 2 relating to the growth of the libraries of the state. Owing to the change in the law the date of our report is now July of the even year, hence an annual report is in preparation bringing this material up to July 1, 1906. We have the promise of printing this material in this annual report which we are preparing and hence I am returning the manuscript you prepared for our previous report for your revision. Please condense it as much as possible into about two pages of manuscript of the size of paper you used in the manuscript I am returning herewith. I would be glad to have this report by January 7th if possible. Wishing you a prosperous New Year, I am

Very truly yours,

Alice of Tyler

Secretary.