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LIBRARIAN

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY
26 BREVOORT PLACE

Hon. Adolph Kline,
City Hall,
New York City.

November 18, 1913

Dear Sir:-

You are invited to attend a general meeting of the Staff of the Brooklyn Public Library to be held at the Bedford Branch of the Library, Franklin Ave. opposite Hancock St., on Monday evening, November 24th, 1913, at 8.15 o'clock.

Mr. W. A. Borden, formerly in charge of the Public Library system in Baroda, India, will tell of his work in inaugurating library work in the State of Baroda. Mrs. Borden will speak of the life and customs of the country and Mr. Janardan S. Kudalkar, Mr. Borden's native successor, will make a short address.

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Hill
Chief Librarian.

R.S.V.P.

FRANK L. BABBOTT,
346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

December 4th, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The allotment of corporate stock to the Brooklyn Public Library may be determined during your administration. The foundations for the building, as you doubtless know, are practically completed. It is necessary to get an appropriation this year, if the work is to be continued without interruption. You will see from the enclosed letter, written to Mr. McAneny on April 22nd, that the most economical appropriation will be one of \$500,000, although the work could proceed with \$100,000 less. I am sending you this letter for your own information. It will give you some data that may be of service to you in forming your own judgement. If you wish any further information at any time, I shall, of course, be pleased to supply it. Mr. Pounds, who is familiar with the situation, is in favor of the larger appropriation, and I believe that other members of the Board of Estimate are of the same opinion.

Very respectfully yours,

Frank L. Babbott

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April 22nd, 1913.

Dear Mr. McAneny:

In confirmation of the conversation I had with you in regard to the Brooklyn Public Library, I send you the statement that I then submitted so that you may have the facts clearly in mind. The height of the basement and sub basement is thirty-two feet, the ground floor is eighteen feet, and the first floor seventeen feet. Mr. Almirall, the Architect, says this Wing (on Flatbush Avenue) could be erected to the top of the first floor for \$400,000, and to the top of the second floor for \$500,000. The second floor, twenty-eight feet in height, is an important store room for the storage of maps and of books of large size and of great value. If the Building should stop at the top of the first floor we could store the Montague Street collection, which is worth, according to various estimates, from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and is now in a fire trap. This would require temporary shelving and other temporary furnishings, costing considerable money, and which would be of little use in the completed building. If we could go to the top of the second story, we should then have sufficient stack room, and permanent appliances for the use of the Library, so that there would be practically no temporary outlay for the housing of the valuable books now in the Montague Street Branch. In both cases all the Administration offices of the Library would be in the Building.

You will see as a sound business principle, if the money can be found, it is far more economical in the end for the City to spend \$500,000 on the Library now than to stop at the top of the first floor at a cost of \$400,000. You will also realize that the appearance of the Wing from the Plaza would be far more attractive if extended to the top of the second story.

It is unnecessary for me to say how important it is to proceed with the erection of the Flatbush Avenue Wing as early as possible. I am quite sure that, if the appropriations will allow it, you will see that progress is made upon this important work.

Faithfully yours,

Frank L. Babbott.

Honorable George McAneny,
City Hall, New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS BULLETIN

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RECENT BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The numbers given at the left are the call numbers of books and pamphlets. The symbols above the call numbers have the following meanings: R signifies that the book belongs to the reference collection, Pc to the pamphlet collection, and Doc to the government documents; the books and pamphlets so designated are for use in the library only and do not circulate.

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| Adams, Brooks | Theory of social revolutions. 1913. |
| 300 | Contents: Collapse of capitalistic government; Limitation |
| A21 | of the judicial function; American courts as legislative
chambers; Social equilibrium; Political courts. |
| Dallas (Tex.) | Park board. City plan for Dallas; prepared by George E. |
| 352.5 | Kessler, landscape architect of St. Louis and Kansas |
| D14 | City. 1913. |
| | Report of the Park Board. Detailed descriptions of the
proposed improvements with many illustrations and maps. |
| Gephart, W.F. | Insurance and the state. 1913. |
| 368 | Discussion of the diverse views of legislators and insur- |
| G35L | ance men concerning state control of insurance, with an
exposition of the nature of fire insurance, social insur-
ance and life insurance. |
| Levine, S.W. | Business of pawnbroking, a guide and a defense. 1913. |
| 332 | "The author's aim...is to provide a comprehensive treatise |
| L66B | on pawnbroking in this country, a review of conditions
which exist in the business, and an inquiry into causes
and effects relating to the business." Preface. |
| Lowell, A.L. | Public opinion and popular government. 1913. (American |
| 320 | citizen series.) |
| L91P | A study of representative action and the various forms of
direct legislation. Two appendices give full statistics
of the results of the referendum in Switzerland and
America. |
| Miller, M.M. | Great debates in American history from the debates in the |
| 328 | British parliament (1764-1765) on the colonial Stamp Act |
| M64 | to the debates in Congress at the close of the Taft admin-
istration (1912-1913). 14v. 1913. |

Introductions to the several volumes are by writers of authority, among whom may be mentioned Woodrow Wilson, Walter Hines Page, Wm. H. Taft, Chas. R. Van Hise, Ida Tarbell, and Irving Fisher. Among other subjects the series treats of civil rights, economic and social questions, revenue, tariff and taxation, departments of government, and finance.

- Mitchell, E.V. Doctor in court. 1913.
340 Gives general principles of law relating to the medical
M68 profession and reasons for these principles, not a treatise
on medical jurisprudence.
- New York (City). Chemical national bank. History of the Chemical national
332 bank, 1823-1913. 1913.
N563C Interesting account of the growth and history of one of
the most important banks of New York City. Gives many
illustrations and descriptions of old New York.
- New York (City). Civil service commission. Municipal and civil service
R commission...rules and classification, as prescribed and
352 established December 4, 1903, with amendments to August 8,
N56R 1912, the general regulations of the commission, the civil
service law. 1912.
- New York (City). Docks, Dept. of. Annual report for the year ending
R December 31, 1913.
627 Introductory letter of the commissioner reports in brief
N56 the important work of the year.
- New York (City). Police dept., Special committee to investigate.
352 Report of the special committee of the board of Aldermen
N56Po of the City of New York, appointed August 5, 1912 to in-
vestigate the police department. 1913.
- New York (State). Conservation and utilization of water power, Joint
628 committee of the legislature on. Report. 1913.
N564Wa An investigation of the workings of the Hydro-electric
power commission of Canada, with its possible bearing upon
the water power of New York State. The majority report
is against such a plan and for the conservation and devel-
opment of our present water power to the maximum point of
commercial efficiency.
- Nord, Gustav American financial methods; a work of reference for busi-
332 ness men, investors, professional men and students. 1913.
N82 Comprehensive work dealing with banks and banking, stocks,
corporations, incorporation, stock exchanges, speculation,
and other branches of finance.
- Poincare, Raymond How France is governed. 1913.
354 Written by the president of the French republic. Contents:
P75 Civic rights and duties; The Commune; The Department; The
State; National sovereignty; The Constitution; President
of the republic; Ministers; Chambers; Justice; Public
education; Budget and taxation.

- Pollock, H.M.
& Morgan, W.S.
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P77
Modern cities; progress of the awakening for their betterment here and in Europe. 1913.
Result of observation and study of the best features of municipal life in the continental cities of Europe and the cities of America. Helpful to all interested in social progress and civic betterment.
- Saxe, J.G.
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S27
Treatise on the New York laws relating to elections. 1913.
Written to serve as a textbook for lawyers, a manual for election officers, and a primer for the busy citizen who wishes to familiarize himself with the workings of the election law and the nature of various reforms.
- Sullivan, J.W.
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S94
Markets for the people, the consumer's part. 1913.
The book is the result of investigations of markets of Europe and America. The author advocates the greater use of the push-cart and open-air market and the establishment of a public metropolitan market system in New York City.
- United States. House of representatives. Cooperation and cost of living in certain foreign countries, 1912. 1913.
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6184
A comprehensive survey instituted through the consular officers into cooperative societies, in several European countries, in their relation as between producers and consumers. It was shown that even where there has been an advance in wages, the percentage has not kept pace with the rise in the cost of living.
- Whelpley, J.D.
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W56
Trade of the world. 1913.
Description of the trade of all important nations of the world, a chapter being given to each nation. The book is very readable and is illustrated with many photographs.

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December 11th, 1913



Mr. Robert Adamson
Secretary to the Mayor
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as we have received no notice of the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Abner S. Haight, who resigned as Trustee of the Brooklyn Public Library, I write to ask if it will be possible for us to receive this notice before the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, which will be held on Tuesday, December 16th. I understand that the appointment has been made.

Very respectfully,

Frank P. Hill
Chief Librarian.

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