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Dr. H. W. Luce,
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New York city

My dear Dr. Luce:-

Dr. Stuart has returned to me your letter of June 24th in regard to the Berry Memorial Library. He thought that I could answer the question from here, this I find it hard to do in a satisfactory manner.

I have the University's Treasurer's Account for May 31st before me, and in this I find that
G. $48,950 has been sent to the field that this has netted L. C. $90, 847.87 while the library has cost up to the time of this account L. C. $91,786.75 so that approximate G. $500 more must be sent out to cover the amounts spent to the above date.
In this L. C. Total there is a considerable amount of library furniture. I can not tell at this distance just what there is, but there are included some 200 armed chairs, 100 straight chairs, Book shelves made of hard wood for the Mezzanine floor and some on the first floor, four seminar rooms on the Mezzanine and Temporary stacks in the stack room.

There is still needed the stacks for the whole stack room, I believe the New York Office has the cost of these on file. I do not recall, even remotely the figure of these.

On the field the Contractors had something still due to them, there was still necessary perhaps G. $1500 worth of painting and decoration needed on the outside of the building and half that amount on the inside. This was not included in the main contract. There are also some incidentals such as electric wiring, screens, shades and what nots that might not be included.

If the Donors wish only to pay for the building and not the furnishing as your letter to Dr. Stuart would seem to indicate I think there is no doubt that it could easily be done with the G. $3,700 that you mention as available. I can not undertake to give exact figures from this end.

I also have your letter August 20th regarding Wayne, Pa. I lived near there in 1919 & 1920 and attended Mr. Rushton's Church. I would be glad to do anything in that neighborhood that I can. If you will let me have your list of prospects there I will study them and see if I can get any lines on them.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) JNO McGREGOR GIBB JR.