

The Committee of Repairs & Improvements who were charged to enquire in what manner a further accommodation could be procured for the increasing number of Books, have had the subject under consideration & by leave to Report, that the Rooms over the present Library would afford a great deal of Space, but that they would be attended with the inconvenience of ascending a high flight of Steps whenever a Book should be required, & would occupy more time than the Librarian could spare in attending to the regular calls. The Committee therefore turned their attention to the Lot on the north of the Library which affords ample space for a very large improvement, & the Committee think may be so improved as not to interfere with the light to the present building. The Lot is 83 feet long by 41 feet wide. On this a Building 41 by 28 ft. fronting on Fifth Street could be erected, & at some future day the Building could be extended on the north line 55 ft. by 28 feet, & by being kept low, not exceeding 13 or 14 feet in height the light to the present building with a space of 13 feet would not be affected. The present building is elevated five feet above the pavement, the new

One need not exceed one or two feet & will
Communicate with the present Library in the N.W.
Corner by a flight of Steps. The objection to
this present building is that it occupies the whole
plot & that the water must be piped under the
Building. An Elevation of it is herewith
presented - The Cost would be 15 to 1600 lbs.

Another plan which the Committee prefer & of
which a ground plan ^{& Elevation} are presented is to plan
a House on the North of the Loggia Library & Commu-
nicating with it, 26 1/2 feet wide & 41 feet long
extending to the North of our Lot, to which way
be appended when required a Building extending
on the North line to the front 56 ft. long & 26 ft. or 28
feet wide. The advantage is that the water

will pipe off as it now does & there will also be
a space between the new & old Building of 13 or 14
feet.

Both plans of Building contemplate

that all the light shall be from above, thus affording
ample space for the books without interfering windows,

that the books shall be arranged on the plan of the
Library at Washington.

The Area in the Building
(running North & South) will be above 2000 feet ^{on the Washington plan} & while

the East & West walls of the present Library only

contain about 1900 but

The new plan will afford

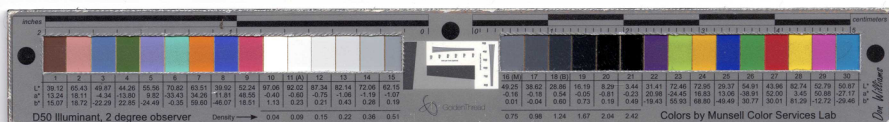
opportunity for placing the Boston - Charleston & other private
bequests in a separate department from other Books
which may be the means of inducing many Gifts from
other persons. The Cost of the Building north of the Loggia
Library will be 14 c 15000.
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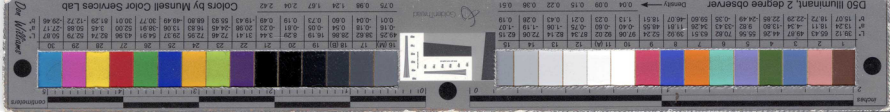
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of Committee of Repair &

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new Building

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