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Mr. Lloyd P. Smith
Dear Sir,

In order that the Philadelphia Library Company may not be hampered in their efforts to dispose of the Library building, I deem it my duty to report to you what has been done towards the proposed purchase of it by the Apprentices Library Company. As you may perhaps know the suggestion that our Company should purchase it was made by Mr. Childs, and all through he has been enthusiastic about the purchase and promised me that as soon as the Grant festivities were over, he would go actively to work among his friends and endeavor to raise the money in a few large subscriptions.