

To the Council and Members of the

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.

It is my privilege to be able to announce the completion of negotiations by which I have become the possessor of the very remarkable collection of electrical books of the late Mr. Latimer Clark of London.

My object in securing this collection was to present the books to our Institute and make it the custodian of the most complete electrical library in the world, as well as to stimulate such interest that the Institute may in time own a permanent home in New York.

The assurances received from those who have co-operated with me in this undertaking, that the collection is very complete and includes practically every known publication in the English language previous to 1886, on Magnetism, Electricity, Galvanism, the Lodestone, Mariner's Compass, etc., have been more than verified by my own examination of the books since their arrival in this country. There are among its 7,000 titles many books which are not to be found

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in either of the famous libraries with which it has been compared, and I find that there are even some of the very earliest examples of printing.

I have always been a strong believer in the principle that every professional man is under obligation to contribute in some way to the welfare of the profession in which he is engaged, and in obedience to this idea I now desire to present this library to you complete, reserving to myself only the photographs, autographs and such duplicate books as I may add to my own collection without detracting from the completeness of the library.

As an early contributor to the Institute and one of the original members of its Building Committee, I am interested in securing for it permanent headquarters and adding to its importance, dignity and strength. It is my desire that the Institute accept the library and through its Library Committee and a suitable Librarian administer it in such way as to make it generally useful, and I hope that the possession of these books will add to the Institute's prestige.

I am inclined not to suggest rules for the management of the library, believing that those who are in charge from time to time are in the best position to know what is desirable, but in order to fix its general character, and secure

its permanence, I condition the gift upon the acceptance by the Institute of the following provisions:

First:- The library to be kept insured against loss by fire as fully as it may be practicable to determine its value, and an annual appropriation of \$1500. to be provided for its maintenance.

Second:- A complete catalogue raisonné to be published in the name of the Institute, reciting the conditions of gift and explaining the features of interest of each book for the convenience and information of members. This catalogue to be prepared at once and a bound copy of it to be placed in the hands of each member of the Institute.

Third:- The library to be in charge and control of a Library Board or Committee made up of members of the Institute and not more than one quarter of the whole number of members of this Committee to be allied with any one commercial or other interest.

Fourth:- The library to remain in New York City and to be a reference library, free to all, including non-members and available for consultation at least three days in the week and some evenings and some Sundays, as soon as the Institute is in permanent quarters.

Fifth:- Rare books, that is, books which it is practicably impossible to replace, to be exhibited

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under glass with suitable explanatory cards and to be subject to closer examination only at the library and upon suitable introduction of the visitor to the Library Committee or their representative, the librarian, and under such other precautions as will positively assure the preservation and safety of the books.

And further, it is my earnest desire that the Institute shall within five years, raise a sufficient fund by subscription, and provide itself with a permanent home for its meetings and library, and that this home shall be centrally located, reasonably safe from fire and not heavily mortgaged.

In case of the failure of the Institute to comply with the substance or spirit of these conditions, or with the desire expressed above for a permanent home, the library shall revert to me or my heirs or assigns.

Having in view the sole purpose of encouraging the Institute to attain the position which I feel sure all of its members desire, I have sought to name conditions easily within its reach.

Schuyler Skatts Wheeler.

Ampere, N. J., May 17th, 1901.

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HOWARD RUSSELL BUTLER, President.

(ROOM 111.)

NEW YORK, June 5th, 1901.

Ralph W. Pope, Esq.,

Secretary, American Institute of Electrical Engineers,

Cortlandt St., N.Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly write me a note simply stating that the invested funds of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers now amount to \$7,000. This and the Wheeler letter will, I think, be sufficient to bring a check from Mr. Carnegie's Cashier.

Very truly yours,

Attorney for Andrew Carnegie.

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*Dr. Pope, surplus funds of C- Am Inst of
E.E. as invited in Dist. Bonds face
value \$7000, mkt value abt \$7500.*

*Inst has ^{also} annual appropriation
of \$1500 for C- care of (- Wheeler Library
which will be placed in to City
for C- present. Yrs*

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NEW YORK, June 11th, 1901.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
Ralph W. Pope, Esq. Secretary,
26 Cortlandt Street, City.

My dear Sir:-

I now have the pleasure of enclosing check in payment of Mr. Carnegie's subscription to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers for an amount equal to the cost to Dr. S.S. Wheeler of the Latimer Clark Library, \$6,880.28.

I am,

Very truly yours,



Attorney for Andrew Carnegie.

(Enclosure)

Leby check 6,880.28

Dr Mr Butler

I th. much please in

*acknowledg to receipt of ur ck as attorney for
Mr Andrew Carnegie for \$6880.28 being to
amt equal to th pd by Dr Schuyler Kaats
Wheeler for the Latimer Clark Library. Thanking ur
for ur kind attention to l-ent*

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American Institute of Electrical Engineers,

EXECUTIVE OFFICES:
33 WEST 39TH STREET, NEW YORK.

SAMUEL SHELDON, PRESIDENT.
GEORGE A. HAMILTON, TREASURER.
RALPH W. POPE, SECRETARY.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM J. JENKS, CHAIRMAN,
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.
EDWARD CALDWELL. CHARLES A. TERRY.
CHARLES F. CHANDLER. F. N. WATERMAN.

NEW YORK.

Nov. 13th, 1907

Mr. R. W. Pope, Secy.,
A. I. E.E.,
33 West 39th Street, New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr Pope:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 11th with a copy of
the Wheeler Deed of Gift taken from the Transactions, volume 18.

In this connection will you please advise me if the original
manuscript copy of Dr. Wheeler's Deed of Gift is on file in the
Institute archives and would also like the same information regarding
the original letter which accompanied Mr. Carnegie's check dupli-
cating Dr. Wheeler's Gift for the Library.

Please let me know if there is any special Institute stat-
ionery for the use of the Library Committee.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Jenks

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June 3, 1908.

Dr. S. S. Wheeler,
Pres., Crocker-Wheeler Co.,
Amperes, N.J.

Dear Dr. Wheeler:-

Referring to our conversation of yesterday, I am writing this letter in order to avoid any possibility of a misunderstanding.

The impression gained from that conversation was that the interpretation of certain points which were in doubt in your deed of gift of the Latimer Clark Library to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, dated May 21, 1901, were as follows:

Provision One: The words "An annual appropriation of \$1500.00 to be provided for its maintenance" were to be interpreted as meaning not only maintenance but operation, and this to apply generally to the Institute Library.

Provision Two: A catalogue raisonne to be published as described. Before going to press, however, with the catalogue, the work on which has now been completed by the Committee on Bibliography, a descriptive circular of this catalogue to be sent to each member of the Institute, with a statement that on receipt of thirty cents to pay for the packing and express charges, copy of the catalogue will be furnished free to any or all members who forward the above mentioned sum, at the same time intimating their desire to have a copy of the catalogue. Whilst it was not your wish that

a copy of this catalogue be presented to new members coming in after the date of publication, yet the Institute desires to comply with the spirit of your deed of gift, and will keep on hand a number of these catalogues to be distributed to new members upon application, on the same conditions as above mentioned.

That it is your desire, with which the Institute will endeavor to comply, that the Latimer Clark Library may be given a location in the library such that it will be more accessible and more easily seen than at present, preferably in the main library room on the thirteenth floor.

I wish to express my appreciation of the spirit of co-operation for the best interests of the Institute which was so clearly shown on your part at our conference of yesterday.

Yours very sincerely,

President.

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IN REPLYING PLEASE ADDRESS,

AMPERE, N. J. U. S. A June 4, 1908.

Mr. H. G. Stott,
 President, American Inst. of Electrical Engineers,
 600 W. 59th St., N. Y. City.

Dear Mr. Stott:--

I have yours of June 3d stating the conclusions reached at our conference day before yesterday, about the Library catalog. Your letter correctly expresses the conclusions and is entirely satisfactory to me.

I suggest that members be allowed to have the 30 cents charged to their account if they desire, on account of the difficulty of remitting this small amount, though I do not make a special point of it.

I notice that the question of having the Library open occasionally on Sunday, is not mentioned, but that is not a part of the present subject, I only refer to it in case your letter is intended to cover everything about the Library.

Thanking you for your interest and attention and the sympathy with which you have discussed the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

SSW.B.

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June 10, 1908.

Dr. S. S. Wheeler,
Pres., Crocker-Wheeler Co.,
Ampere, N.J.

Dear Dr. Wheeler;-

I have delayed replying to yours of June 4th until I had an opportunity to consult with the representatives of the Mining Engineers and Mechanical Engineers in regard to the opening of the Library on Sundays.

I have been unable to get them to consent to bear a share of the expense of so doing, and it would therefore seem that the A.I.E.E. will have to assume the entire charge for elevator service and librarians, if the library is open on some Sundays, in accordance with your wishes.

The matter, however, is not, as I understand it, an extremely pressing one, and I would be very glad to have an opportunity to discuss it with you when convenient.

Yours very sincerely,

President.

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AMPERE, N. J., U. S. A.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of April 13th 1912, regarding a modification desired from me of my Deed of Gift, after correspondence with Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Terry I would reply as follows:

I hereby authorize you to consider paragraph third, relating to the Library Committee in the Deed of Gift dated May 17, 1901, modified so that it shall read as follows:

"The Library to be in charge and control of such Library Board or Committee as the Board of Directors of the Institute may from time to time designate but not more than one quarter of the whole number of members of this Committee shall be allied with any one commercial ~~or other~~ interest."

Yours truly,

Samuel Sheldon

American Institute of Electrical Engineers,

Library Committee, Dr. Samuel Sheldon, Chairman,

29 West 39th Street, New York.

June eighteenth.

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CHARLES A. TERRY,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
No. 165 BROADWAY, N. Y.

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New York, June 25, 1912.

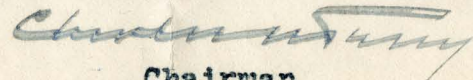
Mr. F. L. Hutchinson, Secretary
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
33 West 39th Street, New York City.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

I have yours of the 22d instant.

I enclose copy of letter which I am writing to
Dr. Waldo. I would advise accepting the modification
as contained in Dr. Wheeler's letter of June 18, 1912
which letter I return herewith having retained a copy
of the same for my files.

Truly yours,


Chairman
Law Committee.

TCP-Enclosure.

Copy to Mr. F. L. Hutchinson.

New York, June 25, 1912.

Dr. Leonard Waldo,
49 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Waldo:

Subject: -INSTITUTE LIBRARY.

Mr. Hutchinson, Secretary of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has written me with reference to the modification of Dr. Wheeler's Deed of Gift. While I had hoped Dr. Wheeler would decide to omit the restriction which specifies that not more than one quarter of the Members of the Library Committee shall be allied with any one commercial interest, yet in view of the extreme improbability of the Committee at any time being so composed that more than that proportion would be connected with any one commercial interest, I am not disposed to regard the restriction as being one which should stand in the way of proceeding with the adoption of the proposed by-laws of the United Engineering Society. I am, therefore, writing to Mr. Hutchinson to this effect.

Truly yours,

Chairman
Law Committee,
American Institute of Electrical
Engineers.