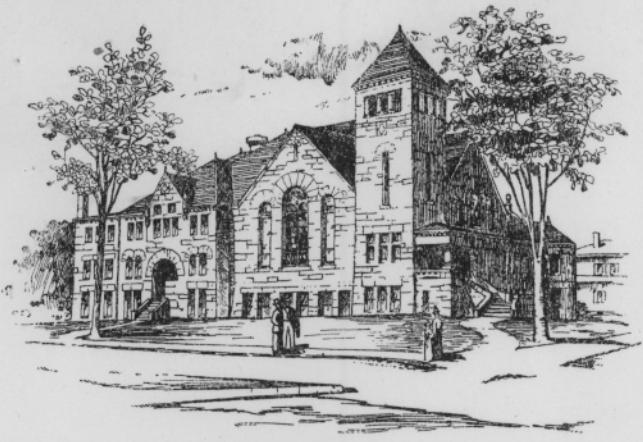


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Henry C. King,

Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Dr. King:-

Your note of which you spoke yesterday came to hand this morning. It adds, I am sure, much to the pleasure which I have already felt in being able to start in motion the influences which have brought relief to so many needy ones, to feel that out of this little thing I was permitted to be the unconscious causa efficiens of getting your plea for a library building out of the limbo to which it had been consigned by Mr. Carnegie's secretary.

I do not think that I am a beggar by nature and yet it is my fortune to be a solicitor more or less successful for others. In the same way that I, without your knowledge or that of the college, laid the matter of student help before Mr. Carnegie so without his knowledge I wish to say, there is a friend and brother-in-law of mine who is a very successful architect. In the event of Mr. Carnegie's gift for your library becoming a material certainty, I wish it would be possible for you to give Mr. E. W. Campbell of this city and of Connellsville, Pa. the same opportunity to compete for the position of architect that you would give to others. I can answer for his entire efficiency. He is already the designer of many public buildings in two or three states. At my suggestion he has recently opened a branch office in Elyria, and would be able, upon due notice, to consult with you at any time. He now has under construction banks, hotels, stores, and the remodeling of college properties. I think he would be able to plan something that would harmonize with whatever design you now have or may wish to approach to, in the ensemble