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well, with the result that, leaving them in Mr. Johnson's hands, he took off for Antigua and the soothing waters of the Caribbean Sea. Such have been the shocks and frustrations engendered by his sojourn among us, that I too would like to take off for the Caribbean - that is, anywhere, except Antigua.

Ten years ago, matters were much less complicated than today. When the original building was erected in 1956, I served in the triple capacity of chairman of the building committee, of the fund raising drive, and of the committee for furnishing and equipping the new library. I remember saying that I hoped to be able to participate in the library's activities for another three or four years. Instead, ten years have passed. I find myself on five committees and chairman of three of them. These responsibilities I hope to carry until the next Annual Meeting, but I feel I cannot do so after that date. The construction of the new wing will doubtless be finished before that time. If not, I should want, of course, to continue until the building is completed, the remedial factors taken care of, the grounds repaved, the bill paid - in short, until the slate is clean.

Because of the unforeseen problems which arose, the erection of the new wing has been much more difficult than planning and supervising the building of 1956. Fortunately, the details of the Building Fund Drive have been ably handled by Mr. Allingworth, and its goal is now reached. It is my belief that the furnishing of the new wing should also be put in the hands of a special committee, which - although it may co-operate with the Building Committee on occasions - as did Mr. Allingworth's committee - should be an entity in itself. The equipping of the new wing is a specialized task, involving new orders to place, new bills to approve, new problems to solve. Furnishing and arranging the new rooms is a project which, to my regret, I cannot undertake under present circumstances, and for which I cannot in any way be responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

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