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staff for their courtesy in supplementing the rather casual care, which heretofore has been given the building in the way of maintenance. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have spent endless hours in watering trees and shrubs on hot summer nights. And the trees and shrubs have in themselves been manna from heaven. Miss Katherine Burlingame of Providence, ever since the library was erected ten years ago, has sent us a substantial check each year, sometimes twice a year, for the beautification of the grounds. Practically all of the greenery that we have has been given by her. We are deeply grateful for all this. But the horse and buggy days are passing. There is no reason at all why a person having no affiliation with Greenville should continue indefinitely to provide beautification for one of its public buildings. That is a matter which the community should attend to itself. The recent gift of a pink dogwood tree from the Apple Blossom Garden Club, planted on Arbor Day, is a very welcome step in that direction.

In its recent drive, the library has been fortunate in the substantial contributions from many citizens and many sources. Among the donors, who may be counted as actual benefactors are the Greenville Finishing Company; Mr. Richard Ellingworth and his father and brother, each of whom have contributed generously; the Town Council, for its willingness to include our request for \$15,000.00 in the budget, payable during a period of three years; Mr. Everett H. Arnold, the Smithfield Lions Club, the Womasquatucket Valley Rotary Club, Miss Katherine Burlingame, Mrs. Austin J. Leby; Miss Alice Comstock; Miss Jessie Velleau; and at least two philanthropic Foundations.

The Rotary Club, in giving a donation of \$1,000.00 has stipulated that \$250.00 was for the building fund, and the remaining \$750.00 be used for a display case, as a special gift from the Club. Mrs. Carlton Dexter, our Librarian, has given a combination chest and filing cabinet made by her husband, its large, shallow drawers perfect for keeping archives and library records. In fact, it is already partly filled with the architectural drawings and specifications relating to the main building and its new additions. Mr. Lockwood also has a special gift in mind, but I will leave that for her to name, either now or when the time is right.