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Judge Fourgee

Our Free Public Library Building for which you were invited to lay the Corner Stone is now about completed & our Library is well patronized & our Reading rooms & we begin to feel somewhat repaid for our many sacrifices & labors. for this building is the work entirely of our Ladies Literary Society. We have held Tues- sold flowers- even sold bread so to raise money little by little for this good work- & we feel gratified to see the young men & boys who formerly hung around salons or street loafing now flock to our rooms & quietly read

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good books. Our Literary Club last winter held a few evening sessions & invited the Public - (usually our meetings are afternoon & only for our members,) but we held a few and invited home talent to address us & the Public - Prof Cussey our teacher Judge Ward & others - some of our Ladies are also in the Program for short articles, as we wish to show outsiders what we are doing.

and this winter I am trying to have these open session or meetings once each month & free to the Public - Next week. Prof Sloan from Angelica Academy gives us an address upon "What to read" - and after

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all these preliminaries I must
to ask you to form us some
evening this winter — any
date most convenient for you
come & stay with us — bring Mrs
Gurney or any Members of your
family, we are very proud of
our Library building & we would
be happy to show it & would be
happy to entertain you at our
home — with regards from the
Judge & hoping to hear further
from you I am

Yours respectfully
Ans Hamilton Ward

Pardon official paper but on
writing from Mr Wards desk —

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