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Wisconsin Free Library Commission
The Capitol, Madison, Wis.
Henry E. Legler, *Secretary*.

March 1, 1909

To President Turner and Members of the
Board of Trustees, Public Library,
Wausau, Wisconsin

Ladies and Gentlemen:

While in Wausau I discovered that you have one of the most extensively patronized libraries in the state. Your circulation is so large during the heavy reading months of February and March, that it takes nearly all the time of the staff merely to handle the circulation, and leaves little or no time for personal work with the public, which is so essential if the library is to give its patrons the best possible service.

With this situation in view, I have arranged to send to Wausau another Library School student to help as an assistant during the busy month of March. We had promised Miss True the help of a student during March, but when we sent Miss Watkins for both February and March, I had not thought we could spare another for the current month. But finding the use of your library ^{so} great, we are able, by some changes in plans, to send Miss Lane also, as a general assistant for March. She will find the work in your library most valuable experience, and this experience, I am sure you understand, is to be her only compensation. Miss Watkins will still be the acting librarian, as Miss Lane fully understands that she is coming only as an assistant.

Thanking you again for the very great hospitality that was extended to me during my recent visit to your city, believe me,

Very cordially yours,

Mary Eugene Hazeltine