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The following communication was received.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the
City of Rochester.

Gentlemen:

The fifth clause of the will of
Mrs. Abbie McDuffee Chase, whose death occurred
on April 12, 1926, reads as follows:

"Fifth: I give and bequeath unto the City of
Rochester in said State of New Hampshire, the sum
of five thousand (5000) dollars, in trust to be
invested and kept as a permanent fund, the income
therefrom to be expended in the purchase of books.
These books are to be kept in a separate alcove
or alcoves in the Library Building and to be known
as the John McDuffee Annex and said shall be
labeled John McDuffee Annex."

"I further direct that if the securities held by
my trustees under the fourth and fifth clauses of
this will shall depreciate in value or any of said
principal shall be lost, the income of said
principals of whatever remains of the same shall
be held by my said Trustees and added to the
principal until the full amount of said trust fund
shall be regained and no part of the income shall
be expended as above provided until said trust
funds amount to the full amount left under said
fourth and fifth clauses of said will".

As executor of the said will of Mrs. Abbie
McDuffee Chase, I am now ready to pay over to the
said City of Rochester the above bequest. I
therefore would respectfully request that if it be
their pleasure, the City Council pass a vote,
accepting the bequest under the provisions of said
will, and authorize the Trustees of the Public Funds
to accept the same in behalf of the City and give
a receipt therefor.

Willie McDuffee, Executor
Rochester, N. H. April 2, 1927