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LIBRARY BUILDING IS PRESENTED TO CLIFTON – Three Story Edifice Will be Donated, Together With \$8,000 if Borough Will Do Its Share

Seventy-five persons were present at the testimonial banquet and reception tendered the members and friends of the Clifton Heights Professional baseball Club of Clifton Heights in the Band Hall last Tuesday evening. The affair was given by the manager and officers of the club. After the guests had seated themselves around the long tables, caterer G.N. Storch of Lansdowne began to serve an excellent menu in courses. At the conclusion of the dinner, Burgess N.S. Keay was made the toastmaster.

There was present members of the borough councils of Clifton Heights and Aldan and other prominent persons. Burgess Keay made an excellent speech in which he said that he was an admirer of baseball; which was the greatest pastime of the age. During his speech, Mr. Keay announced that the Board of Trustees of the Swedenborgian Church who have charge of a big three story stone building in the borough; would turn the same over to the authorities for a library and reading room. Burgess Keay said that there is \$8000 in the hands of the trustees and the interest accruing from this amount would also be turned over to the borough for the upkeep of the library provided the borough will do its share. The news was received with much joy by those present. The Thomas Kent Manufacturing Company will donate \$300 annually to maintain the library and it is also said that several other men will give liberally. Burgess Keay called on the Hon. V. Gilpin Robinson, who made an excellent address in which he told how Americans are looked upon in Europe as excellent sportsmen. Mr. Robinson also said that he was deeply interested in all sports and that he was ready and willing to assist in any movement financially for the boroughs good. Addresses were also made by James Jordan, Sr., Samuel J. Quinn, A.F. Blake, Dr. J.M. Hutchings, Patrick Dodds, Manager Charles O'Donnell, and Burgess S.M. Simons of Aldan. Following the speechmaking manager O'Donnell had another surprise in store for the ball players and guests in the form of a literary entertainment and moving pictures which was one of the chief delights of the evening. A band of funmakers from the Victrix Catholic Club of West Philadelphia did singing and monologue stunts.

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