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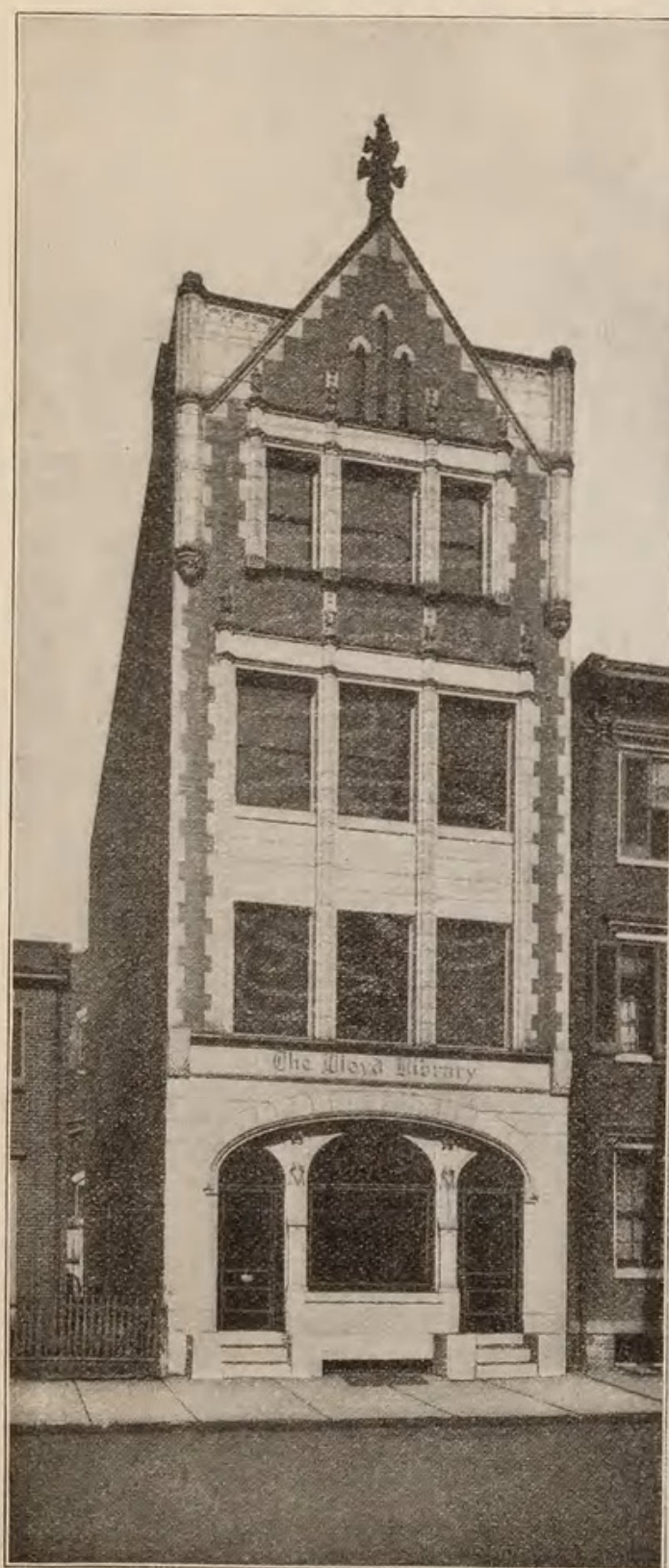
October 15th, 1902.

Mr. Walter Dean,
Brewster Place,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear friend Dean;

Your little "puff balls" are not in a strict sense of the word true puff balls, but are the mature forms of a slime mold, *Lycoperdon epidendrum*, that simulates the puff ball in its mature form. There are only a few slime molds that take these forms when mature. If you had found these little plants when young you would have found them of a pink color, and had you broken one open you would have found it full of an amorphous slime. They are very curious in their young (plasmodial) states, for in this condition a microscopic examination shows no cells, simply slime.

Why don't you drop me a line occasionally and let me know how you are getting along? I did not come east this year but the previous summer I called at your little workshop, and found you were in New York attending a bird convention. It is a great pity for botany that you have



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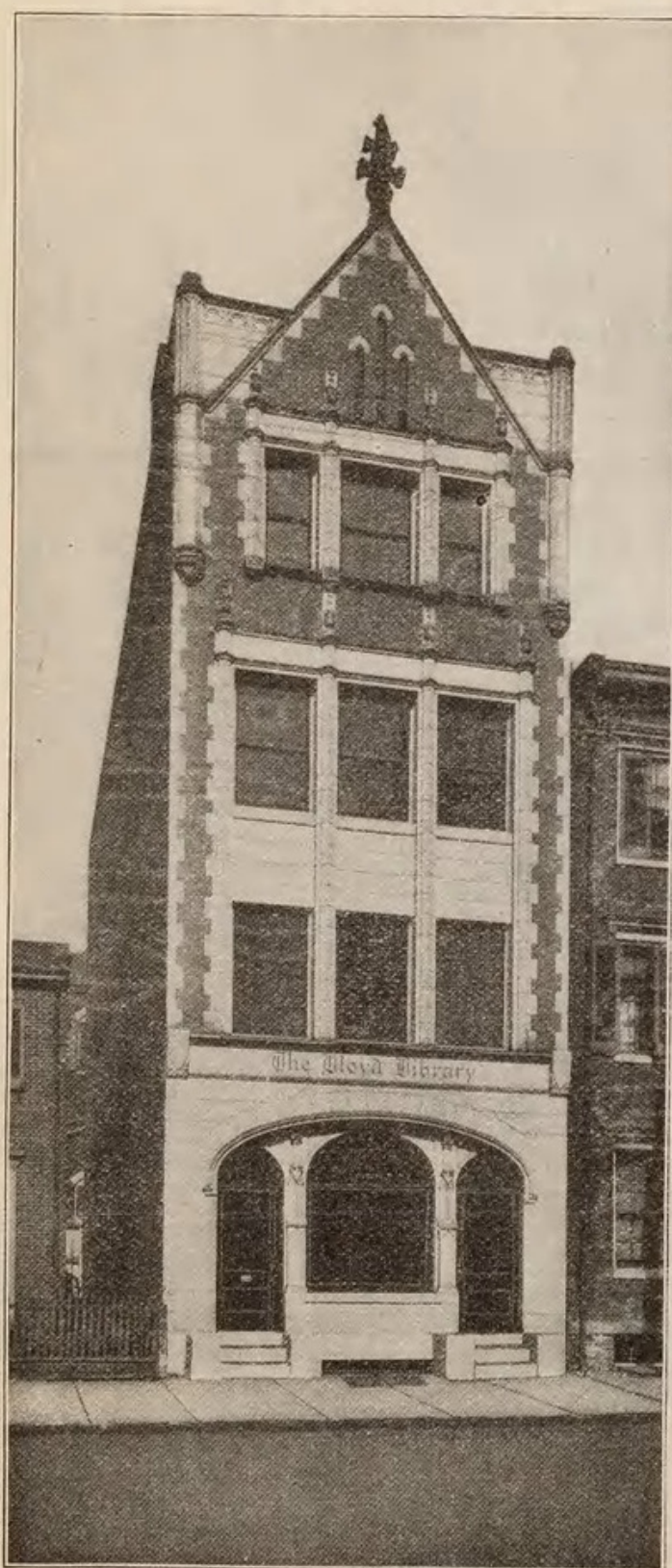
gotten steered off to birds. I am getting into the fungus work almost over my head; specimens come in from all parts of the world, and it seems to me I never will get the subject worked up.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Dean. With regards, I remain

Your friend,

C. G. Lloyd.

Dictated.



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