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May 24th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Bigelow:

Remembering your last experience with my hand-writing, I make no apology for sending you this letter in typewriting. I want to express to you my hearty congratulations on the successful completion yesterday of the great plan, which was formed under your leadership, for a public library which should be worthy of the City of New York. I often recall the pleasant conferences we had together, when I had the pleasure of proposing to you, as one of Mr. Tilden's trustees, that you should unite with Columbia in creating a university library worthy of our City. I must do myself the justice, however, of saying that as soon as I became aware of the plan actually determined upon, I recognized it to be better even than the plan I had been urging upon your consideration. From that day to this I have taken the greatest possible pleasure in the development of the plan, and it was a very great pleasure to me to be identified with the laying of the corner stone of the library, as Mayor of the City, as you were kind enough to recall yesterday afternoon. I fully share in the view expressed by President Taft, that the result, evolved with so much painstaking thought and so much patience, is a notable tribute, not only to the genius of the men who did it, but also to the good citizenship of the great

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City which the Public Library now adorns. It has added to my own pleasure, and to the pleasure of all of your fellow citizens, I am sure, that you have been spared to conduct the enterprise from its beginning to its end, and to be the presiding officer on yesterday's historic occasion.

With great admiration, and with high appreciation of your manifold services to our Country, our State, and our City,

I am, my dear Mr. Bigelow,

Always, sincerely yours

Seth Low

Hon. John Bigelow,
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New York.