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My dear Miss Farwell: Some time ago I tried to do you a favor or understanding the agreement that you would do the like for me at some convenient time. I have in mind a favor which will, I hope, enlist your heart and prove a source of joy and inspiration. The St. Lawrence County Society, of which I hold the unhappy position of President, is to celebrate the virtues of our great hero Silas Wright on the 23rd of March in a dinner at the Hotel McAlpin.
don't know whether you have studied the career of Wright who entered the Senate in '33 and became its greatest leader.

In the past two years I have been going into every detail of it in a patient effort to understand the man. I am inclined to think that in the greatness of his spirit he ranks with Washington and Lincoln.

It was said of him that he spent more time in dining, honors than have other statesmen in trying to secure them. He is, I
think the only man in American history who declined to be nominated for President when the nomination would almost have insured his decision. Doesn't that rather appeal to you? - historian and lover of the great and simple soul that you are? You ought to know about him if you don't and probably you don't - nobody does - save a few students. There's no decent biography of this wonderful man and you ought to write one. Now I want you and I want you badly. If the date doesn't suit possibly I can get it changed. I'll try. But I do want you to come and sit with us and
meet the people from my north country and make as many remarks as you will. Now for once in your life say yes;

sincerely

Living Bachelet