December 19, 1939

Dear Mrs. Bowen:

It is a real regret to me not to be able to help out in your plans for the Hull House Music School. I do so heartily believe in anything Hull House does, and particularly in the encouragement of music among the young who come to it. But, dear Mrs. Bowen, my small budget is more than mortgaged. All that I can do, and more too, is to meet the obligations I have already taken on.

Please forgive me for not responding to your plea. And will you not accept my best wishes for the success of the undertaking.

Faithfully yours

Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen
800 South Halsted Street
Chicago, Illinois

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