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CHARLES F. D. BELDEN, DIRECTOR.

BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A. *June 29, 1925.*

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Mr. Belden has asked me to answer your letter regarding the Galatea Collection.

We wish that our fund for increasing this collection were larger as under present conditions books can be added to it only very slowly. The Galatea is not for circulation outside the building, and many books which, from their character, might properly go there, cannot be diverted from the general collection unless we have duplicates. If funds permitted, we would buy extra copies for Galatea of all new books suitable for it, and such old ones as are obtainable, with the purpose of making the collection as perfect an embodiment as possible of Col. Higginson's idea.

When our finances allow, we shall probably issue a supplementary catalogue including titles of all works in the Library which are of interest in connection with this collection. Meanwhile we have no separate catalogue.

I recall with much pleasure seeing you frequently in the Library when you were in Boston.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cheever,