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Dear Paul Sturtevant:

If I have been slow in thanking you for your congratulations it is not because I did not heartily appreciate them. I did, indeed.

And do not think for a moment that I ever held it against you that you are a conservative. As I see things conservation is as essential in the processes of nature and of building society as growth. What I object to is becoming static, being afraid to grow. You must admit that it happens sometimes. What we need I think on the part of those we label progressives and radicals is better understanding of what is worth conserving in what we have been doing up to now. Understanding that and being frank and patient to correct what is wrong would help a lot, don't you think? But both sides, conservatives and radicals, must agree if they are going to do the thing without cracking each other's head. I deplore the time we spend in cracking each other's heads and hating each other. You may be sure I shall never crack your head or hate you even though I should find you a little conservative sometimes.

Thank you for your letter and
believe me

Always faithfully yours

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