

May 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Tolley:

First, about the Allegheny Singers. Of course you heard at once from various sources about the fine impression they made. As a matter of fact it is not often that one meets with so much genuine enthusiasm as there was in the audience. I purposely invited a few friends who are musical, hear everything that is going - among them Dr. & Mrs. John H. Finley. You can imagine how it delighted me to have them all highly appreciative, also a bit amazed I think at the high quality of the performance.

7 / The excellent notice in The Times which you of course have seen was I think ~~due~~ ~~to~~ ~~Dr. Finley~~ ~~himself~~ to Dr. Finley himself. He was so convinced by the end of the first part that he went out and telephoned his office and I jumped at the conclusion it was to make sure that a competent critic was hearing the performance. I am so glad of all this for your sake as well as for Dr. Luvaas.

No, my name on the Centennary
Committee for the Knox College
Centennial Exercises on June 15th and
16th does not mean that I am going to
Galesburg. As a matter of fact I re-
fused at first to allow my name to go
on the Committee because I was sure I
could not be there, but my friends
there rather insisted. Your invitation
to represent the College weakens my
resolution, but I am afraid to promise.
Just between you and me Dr. Tötley -
and please do not pass on the word -
I am not as well as I would like to be.
I have had a bad year and am not coming
out of it quite as rapidly as I expected
to. My Doctor has ordered me to give
up all outside things for a few months
more. I dare not try to go to the
Trustee Meeting though I am hoping to
go to Commencement in June. X If I am
able to do that I could go on to Knox
for a couple of days, but I dare not
promise. So you must not count on me
but find somebody else for the Knox
Centennial. I shall be distressed if
I cannot get to Commencement. Last year
I was flat on my back when it came. I
am sure I shall not be there this year,
not all day at least, ~~every day~~.

and

And all this is to explain
to you personally why I can be of no
service to the College at present and
must miss I fear the surprises you have
up your sleeve for Commencement.

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Tolley.

Faithfully yours

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