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Dear Miss Rowley:

How kind of you to write me a welcoming letter. I am as pleased as I can be that it is going to be possible for me to get to the inauguration exercises and particularly the opening of the Library building.

I am glad that you think my interest in the library has been helpful. I cannot see that it has been fruitful in any way but it has been very genuine interest, believe me.

Of course I shall be interested, too, in talking over with you the possible housing of what I hope will be before I die a decent nucleus at least for a Lincoln collection. I have just had my heart wrung by having to refuse a collection on the market, costing much more money than I could possibly put into it. We will talk it over when I get there.

Of course I, like all of you, am wishing the best things from President Tolly's administration.

Looking forward to seeing you next week,
believe me

very sincerely yours

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Miss Edith Rowley
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