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Dear Dr. Tolley:

I have just written Mr. Robertson that I am spending this week apologizing for two months neglects. I was sorry to miss Commencement.

I want to thank you for sending me the copy of Mr. Peabody's letter with the fine tribute to the Allegheny Singers. I knew it and as I have written Mr. Robertson I have never heard those singers without having been impressed with the quality of the work that has gone into their training. It is a splendid illustration of what must go into many undertakings if it is to achieve the best.

I hope the Singers will come to New York next season. If they do the Allegheny Alumni must try to get them a really choice audience, not merely a crowd but the people who know; and of course we will give them one of our pleasant teas after they have sung - we will not wear them out before.

You complimented me recently by asking for a photograph to be placed with the group that you are hanging in your office. I think I shall send you an informal one and if you think it is not quite the thing for the group please say so frankly, dear Dr. Tolley, and I will send you something more conventional.

I hope you and Mrs. Tolley are well and that your summer is going to be a restful one. Indeed, I hope you are now on a vacation and that this letter will not find you for a month or so.

With all good wishes

Faithfully yours

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