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President James A. Beebe
Allegheny College
Meadville, Pa.

Dear Doctor Beebe:

I have greatly regretted that it has been impossible for me before this to write you a letter of sympathy in regard to the death of Judge Henderson. The telegram forwarded from here about his death reached me in Illinois just as I was finishing up six weeks' work at Knox College. I meant to write you at once but I collided with an influenza germ and though I got back to New York I have been on my back ever since. I am only now sitting up to dictate a few of my neglected letters.

I only want you to know how much I sympathize with you and the College over the going of the dear old Judge. So long as I can remember - and that is a long time, dear Dr. Beebe - one of the stanchest, sanest, most reliable supporters of the College has been Judge Henderson. He was there, a pillar of strength, when I first entered College in 1876. He was as much a part of the place to me as Bentley Hall, and he had something of the distinction of Bentley Hall. His mind was clear, informed, balanced - a superior mind, - none quite like it anywhere about. He was so a part of things in Meadville, it is hard for me to think of the Stone Church, of Meadville social life without him, just as it is to think of the College without him.

I have not learned anything of his going, but I hope he passed away quietly, painlessly, in the part to the end.

As I say, I feel deep sympathy for you in Judge Henderson's death. I wish I were going to be able to be at the Pittsburgh meeting but I am afraid it is impossible. My doctor says that I must keep to my room for a couple of weeks more. I really have been pulled down in a surprising way by this miserable germ.

With my best wishes to you and to Mrs. Beebe, believe me

Faithfully yours

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