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Dear Will;

These volumes of Mr. Schurz's Reminiscences represent the only piece of editorial negotiation of which I am in a any way proud; I think it can be fairly said that I secured the Reminiscences for McClure's.

Mr, Schurz told me repeatedly that they would not have gone there if it had not been for me and that his only regret in my going over to the American Magazine was that I could not take them with me.

They are the records of a life of devotion to the highest ideals. Apparently, it was as natural for Mr. Schurz to fight for the right thing as it was to eat and drink. At the same time he was one of the most joyous men I ever knew - one of the simplest and most modest.

I am inserting in the first volume an autograph letter which I prize highly. You can see from it how critical he was of his own achievement, how desirous to get real judgements on the quality of his work - not praise.

I should like to have you keep these volumes beside my own "Completed Works" in your library.

Lovingly yours,

December 25 1908

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of Carl Schurz, N.Y. McClure Co
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