
Governor Herbert H. Lehman,
The Capitol,
Albany, New York.

My dear Herbert:-

I am very sorry that I was not able to be present at your inauguration, and Frank tells me that you inquired about my absence. It has happened over both the Christmas and New Years holidays that I had steady work to do on account of company reorganizations. On the day before Christmas we had a blow-up in the management of Van Raalte and had to make a change, and on the day before New Years a similar situation arose with Smith-Corona, while the Van Raalte situation was not itself cleaned up. I had made all my plans to be in Albany with Colonel Ottmann and held my reservations there until the Thursday before New Years. It was a great disappointment to me not to be there but the pressure here was too great to permit me to leave.

All of the comment I hear about you and your work continues to be favorable, which is just what I expected. I haven't any idea of anything I can do to help in any way but if anything comes to your attention I will be glad to have you call upon me for any free time or work.

If you have had any recent photographs Ida and I would appreciate one very much. We have our hall at home only partially covered with photographs of friends and Arthur promised me a few days ago that he would give me one to add to our collection.

The pictures we see of Edith in the papers give us the impression that she is well and enjoying life. We hope this impression is entirely correct. Please give her our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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