Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
Governor of the State of New York,
Executive Chamber,
Albany, New York.

Dear Governor Lehman:

Your kind letter of December 31st touched me deeply and I want you to know that I am much moved by the sweet sentiments you expressed.

After a service of twenty-five years on the Bench, I return to the practice of the law with no regrets and with a deep feeling of thankfulness that I was granted the great privilege to be of some service.

If the occasion arise for me to attend a session of our Court of Appeals, I shall avail myself of the invitation you were good enough to extend to me some time ago to visit you at the Mansion.

It is my fervent hope and prayer that you may be spared for many years to continue to be actively engaged in the noble causes you have so illustriously served and that you will remain the shining example which all men admire and should emulate.

Mrs. May joins me in conveying to you and your sweet lady our warmest greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

MITCHELL MAY