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Dear Mr Simons

Thank you very much for
your good & helpful letter of sympathy
& condolences -

Your letter confirmed what
Mrs Butler and I thought last year
when we received a card with your
name only on it - that you had lost
Mrs Simons - May I in turn offer
you my sincere sympathy & we
were always fond of Mrs Simons &
Mrs Butler always said that she was
the first woman in her race.

I was interested in your
paragraph about crucial periods
in the life of an institution - I went
through three of them - Five and
one half years at Valparaiso, eight
at N.H. & 2 1/2 at Syracuse. Always
a fight to better conditions &
at Syracuse it was the lack of a first
class Fine Arts library. But I
wangled ^{\$}50,000 from the Carnegie
Corporation along with about \$12,000
in books scores etc - Now Syracuse
has a real Fine Arts Library &
fine record library - and two
record listening rooms crowded
with students from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.
six days a week - No wonder I
was glad to retire in '45 when I
was 72 - My most cordial greetings to you
Your old friend N.B. Butler

You may be interested in the
editorial tribute paid Mrs

Butler by our Long at Paper -

I enclose a copy

N.B.