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My dear Swarthout:

I have before me your gracious acknowledgment of receipt of my Christmas remembrance to you.

I think, doubtless, that you can recall an earlier conversation with me in which I predicted the growth of the School of Fine Arts as depending entirely upon your efforts in making it great.

The central west certainly has a place for one great and commanding school of Fine Arts, and I think we have it in the school that has been so faithfully and efficiently directed by you.

Mrs. Simons and I had always counted the Swarthout family among our personal friends.

You are right in believing that I find comfort in my children and grandchildren, but the sensation of a great loss is constantly with me.

With best wishes to you and yours, I remain

Faithfully yours

W. C. Simons