Mr. Beatty received a letter from a prominent New York artist, suggesting, among other things, that we set aside a day for the New York painters to visit the exhibition next year, giving as a reason that it would be such a stimulus to them to be given the opportunity to see such a collection of works, and saying that, if reasonable rates could be secured from the railroads, he was satisfied that a large number of the New York men would come to Pittsburgh next fall. What do you think of that? Isn't that one of the most surprising and suggestive propositions you ever heard of?

In conclusion, let me congratulate you on having such a valuable man as Mr. Butler to look after your New York interests. In my conversations with him, I could see that he has the whole Music Hall business well in hand, and is determined to make a great success of it, which, I think, he has done already.

With very kind regards to you all, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]