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A.L.S. to Edwin Bjorkman 31 Dec. 1907 2 p.
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95 Irving St., Cambridge.

He thanks him warmly for the article he has written and wishes the things that have been said about him were true; he would like to have Bjorkman's article cast in bronze and erected in the major American cities as the William James memorial.