

January 9,
1922.

327 LEXINGTON AVENUE

Dear Mr. Ambassador;

I am very much chagrined to say that there was much delay in acknowledging receipt of the greetings of the Accademia dei Lincei on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of our Academy building on the 19 of November by Marshal Foch. The delay was due to illness partly, and also to an interregnum in one of the offices of the Academy. But at last the proper thing has been done in such a way as to warm the cockles of the heart of the courteous and friendly institution in the Palazzo Corsini. On behalf of the Academy I thank you for the employment of your good offices in the matter, in response to the request of Mr. Garland, who was acting as *secretary* in my place.

With renewed appreciation of the holiday greeting from the Ambassador and yourself which we have already received by cable, and with our best wishes to you personally and especially believe me sincerely yours,
Robert Underwood Johnson.

To His Excellency
Mr. Richard Washburn Child,
American Ambassador,
Rome.

69m13