

SLOAT HALL,
TAPPAN, NEW YORK

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Dear Mrs Bailey

Your kind letter would
have been answered much sooner
but I have been out of town at
our country home as above

I returned to America in
April 96 - and in June married
Miss Grace Ballatin a New Yorker
whom I met while travelling.

I bought the old homestead
of the De Sloats, up the Hudson -
and we lived there until the
cold weather came when
we moved into our present
address -

The exhibition was quite a success,
and we are only sorry that the
letter did not reach you in time.

I made a mistake in holding
it for so short a time.

My wife is interested in
art and literature as much as
I am, and when you come
to see us, as I hope you soon
will, we shall be able to show
you some of the remains of
the exhibition. Perhaps enough
to show the kind of work we
do, though not the latest
specimens of it.

Mrs Thompson is at home
Wednesday evenings.

I feel much pleased by your
kind words about my studies.

Send when next I see an exhibition you must
send me a list of your friends that you would
like to have invited.

Ben Totten showed us much (most attention
when we were in Toronto on our wedding trip)
But I have not heard from her very lately.

All kind remembrances to Mrs McKee and
Yours very complimentary
Wm Bailey

Worcester

Yours most sincerely
Ernest Alden Thompson