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Dear John.

We missed having you at our Installation. It was a fine time. The ceremony which your mother presented was very meaningful to us; I have heard it mentioned with real appreciation several times since that day.

One of the highlights which will live in our memories all of our days was also centered around your mother. When a group picture was being taken of the members of the Society, Richard Keeler was behind her back and started doing some very Keelerian activities. Namely, he started making snake-like jabs at her; we were scandalized! She turned and saw him; we were horrified! She very calmly looked him over then darted a jab back at him; we were enchanted! A shout of laughter went up, and at that exact moment, Mo snapped a picture. The slides just came back, and that picture is a classic. Everybody is caught in a moment of great hilarity (except Connie, whose moderate smile is due to the fact that she missed seeing your mother's great move). We are going to have copies made, and plan to send one to Mary Lou. It was one of those rare, great moments that will live on and on in memory. We are still laughing in appreciation. She is a charming lady.

I'm not sure you ever heard the final chapter of our lost suitcase last summer. Thanks to your advice, I did locate it in the Taxi Company's Lost and Found, and three days later got it back. I had packed a fivepound piece of cheese in that bag; it certainly was a well-aged room temperature cheese by the time its wanderings were over.

Looking forward to seeing you in March when we will be in Chicago for a few days,