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Jan. 12, 1905.

Miss Carrie McClun,
West Liberty, Iowa.

My Dear Miss McClun:-

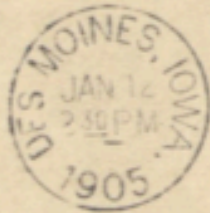
I have just come from the telegraph office where I sent a message to your father, that it would be impossible for Miss Tyler to go to West Liberty to-day. She reached home a couple of hours ago, from Mason City, and she is filled with regret that an accident which occurred there makes it impossible for her to be with you to-night.

Just as she was stepping into the carriage to go to the dedication exercises, the other evening, her foot slipped and she fell striking her forehead in such a way as to make it impossible for her to take part in the exercises. She had a very narrow escape, as the bruise is very near the temple. The doctor did everything he could to prevent discoloration, but her eye is terrible to behold. She is also bruised on her body and generally worn and shaken. Her plan was to reach Des Moines last evening, go over the mail this morning, and start to your town this noon. The engine broke down shortly after leaving Mason City and she has been on the way all night. Even after reaching here this morning, she found it very hard to give up the thought of going on to you this noon, but I know if she had made the effort, she would have been in no physical condition to speak, and with one eye bandaged, it would have made her address rather difficult!

I trust that the quiet rest in bed to-day may result beneficially to her. She sends to you her deepest regrets and heartiest good wishes for the success of the dedication and the future of your Library. She will be with you in spirit tonight, and again expressing her regret, I am,

Sincerely, *Margaret W. Brown*

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State House
Des Moines



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West Liberty,
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