

51 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York.

May 17, 1895.

Dear Mr. Smith;

It will give me the greatest pleasure to become identified even in a small degree, with your magnificent gift to Springfield, by contributing this portrait-picture of yourself and Mrs. Smith to be a part of your own collection in the Springfield Museum.

My own gift to Montpelier will drain me rather dry, so that I must depend upon you for the frame to this picture.

Thursday next May 23<sup>d</sup>, I  
have to go for the day, with  
the Acting of the Artists Aid  
Society, of which I am Pres-  
ident - Every other day  
next week or afterward, Sun-  
day and all, I am at your  
service -

I look forward to the  
painting of this portrait-pic-  
ture with the liveliest interest -

Heastily yours,  
Thomas M. Wood.