Wm. G. Le Duc to James J. Hill.

"you have fairly won your title of Empire builder. Destiny has been generous to you, and you have met the obligations imposed on you by Destiny with manly courage and unflaging industry and conscientious regard for the welfare of the subjects of your Empire."

"I have watched with admiration your steady march forward up to your zenith, and now with pleasure commend the wisdom of your voluntary retirement offore old age impairs

your faculties and t' work overtaxes bodily strength."

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