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*answer Sept. 18*

Dear George:

I just realize that I have not thanked you for sending me the book "Diplomatic Twilight", by Sir Walford Selby. The remarks about you are amusing and interesting and sincere. Generally the book is not of a very high standard. It is a difficult task to write one's memoirs and to arouse the interest or curiosity of the people. The sale of Swinton's book "I remember" was probably not large, although a very good book, and also Mrs. Roosevelt's book "I remember it" was never a best seller. Who reads Boswell to-day?

It is a pity that I will most probably miss you when you come to New York next month. We have not really decided yet where to go and in case we take a vacation somewhere in this country, I might be back here before the end of your visit in October. In any case, I shall keep in touch with you.

Cordially yours,

D.N. Heineman

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