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Mrs. John Van Nostrand Dorr,
Westport, Connecticut.

Dear Nell:

The Massillon Public Library has allowed me to have a preview of your new book, "Mother and Child", asking me to convey to you the gratitude of the Board of Trustees for this beautiful volume of pictures and verse accompanied by your explanatory prose, which has all the music of poetry.

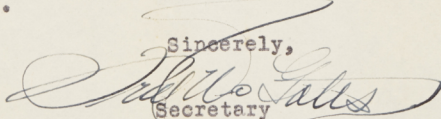
We also appreciate your penned words in the front of the book, which makes our copy almost priceless.

And I do not wonder at all of this loveliness when I remember the Becker Studio with its pictures which were ahead of those times - and the love that went into those photographs. For a visit to that studio-home was a joy, whether it was to have a portrait or a party as the goal. Your father, mother, Charlie, and you radiated so much happiness that it is only natural that "Mother and Child" and the life which it depicts should be its fruition.

But here I am reminiscing when I should be thanking you for the Library Board.

I close with the hope that you will one day be returning to Massillon where your beautiful book will be always available to the people who appreciate the unusual and the rare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fred W. Gates", written in a cursive style.

Secretary