

52 West State St

Trenton, Oct 24, 1899

Mr M. M. Farley
Secy Thencame Society
Model School

My dear Sir:—

I wish to thank you
and the members of the Thencame
Society for your courteous invi-
tation to be present at the
Seventeenth Anniversary

It is with sincere regret
that I write that I cannot
avail myself of that pleasure

The Thencame Society,
I think, has resulted in a brother-
hood such as no other Model
association ever produced

Its life and great success
has far exceeded the brightest
hopes of the few of us who were
its charter members.

The Theneanic is today and
may it ever be the one society
to which her members, - the active
ones who are now in the schools
and we older who are I believe
upon the roll of Honorary Members,
cling with pride.

Your first president sends
greeting with congratulations
upon the past and a prayer
for long life and increasing
usefulness.

I regret exceedingly that
I cannot personally offer my
message. The hope that it
might be so has been the
reason ~~cause~~ for so long delaying
a reply to your invitation.

Fraternally yours

Robt. V. Whitehead