

September the 25th '94.
Chicago

To The Members of The Tuesday
Evening Club-

My greetings to the Pioneers
of 40" Forty years ago - who
little dreamed of a "fortieth"
Birthday of the Tuesday Evening
Club.

And, My greetings to The
Pioneers of Today - Whose
Forward Looking Spirit and
works - will keep the Club a source
of joy and satisfaction to its
Members - for forty years more -

and the Library - What a lot of work -
 that represents - and what a joy -
 and solace it has been to the residents
 of Salida - Great Praise - and thanks
 are due to the Pioneers - who worked and
 struggled - to make a place for our
 Books -

I felt from the beginning - that we
 should have some books a Library for
 our Club - "I talked it" But did not
 get much encouragement -
 One of our prominent members said -
 "Oh" we can't bother with Books This
 is a literary Club -

It was decided - We take up
 "English History" as our first work -

But we had no ^{##}books - not enough
of one kind of histories to go around -

So I went to Deeres
and made the rounds of the few second
-hand Bookstores - and Oh! joy found
some histories within my price -
and enough for the Club. As I remember.
they were rather sad and withered
looking - in their black clothing
binding, and poor print.

But: How Proud I felt of these
for they were our books ^{the} Belonged
to the Tuesday Evening Club.

That was the beginning of the
beautiful lot of Books in the
Library today

I - Thank you for inviting me
to celebrate with you

It does not seem possible that
30. Thirty years have passed since
I was with you on the 10 "tenth"

anniversary - I will be ^{with} you in
spirit this year. And can

only wish you a happy -
joyful time for all -

Sincerely yours

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*For The President
Of The Tuesday Evening Club.
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*Post Man -
Please deliver at the library*