

From Elias Carr
Sir I write to you with
Great Pleasure to let you
know from me I had
not very well in the past
year though long to say
that I lost so very much
in the past year that I
was not able to meet with
my Desires in business &
I was sick & read that
I had very ^{many} letters from
you in the past there
four I hope that you
will excuse me for my
long Delay in writ-
ing to you as I was not
able to send you the money
I will be. Very Thankfull.

if you will please don't
waste time on the
deal I will try to
do the best I can
and it this year.

I Oblige to you
I hope this may find
you & family well
I am not home at
present. My address
No 16 East 44th St.

New York.
From your
family.
Wm. S. Phelps

March 23rd 1896