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(Dictated.)

Mayville N. Y.

July 15th 1867.

Roberts Bros.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th.

I am sorry for the miscarriage of our plans in regard to "Button's Inn," but do not know as any one is seriously at fault in regard to it.

There are some facts which I wish to state to you which may help you in determining when it will be the most favorable time now to bring the book out. Ford's, Howard & Hulbert will publish in October a story written by the Judge three years ago for the Christian at Work called "Black Ice". They did not put it out this summer because they did not wish to compete with the book you were to bring out for the summer trade. Grubston & Stowe, of Cincinnati, will publish in book form about that time or a little later, the series of letters to young men which the Judge has been writing for several religious papers since Jan, the series being completed about that time. They contracted for this book nearly a year ago.

In view of these facts I would suggest that "Button's Inn" be delayed until next spring, lest the public get too big a dose all at once. I cannot give my husband's opinion as he is absent, but I am sure he will be willing to accede to your judgment in the matter now that you know the situation.

Sincerely yours,