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My dear Mrs. Tourgee:-

Your note requesting Dr. Kirk's address I placed in his hands and doubtless he has done his duty. The rest of the letter giving an account of yourselves is very welcome. It seems a long time since we have seen or heard from any of you. I am glad to hear you are all doing ^{so} well, even a year's set-back for a person of Loydie's age may be a blessing in disguise.

We are much interested in the illustrations of "An Outing With the Queen of Hearts", which we read with much pleasure as it came out in the magazine. Paul, who has been studying art as a side issue for a number of years, says it is extremely delicate graceful work, which for that matter, one needs not to study art to realize.

It may interest you to know that Mrs. Thomas, Paul and I took an outing of an unusual character for us, starting for Europe in August and remaining until November, making ^{an} eleven weeks trip to the British Islands. We saw not a little of Wales with its old castles; of Ireland, from Dublin to the Giant's Causeway, Scotland, including Glasgow, Rob Roy's and the Lady of the Lake country; Edinburgh, The English Lakes, Warwick, Oxford, Cambridge, London and Brighton; not forgetting the peak country and Chester. It was our

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trip and of course is a red letter circumstance in all our lives.

All of us are the better for it in all ways, except Mrs. Thomas, who at the Giant's Causeway in some severe climbing over-strained her knees, which are giving her a good deal of trouble. She has been so lame as to be able to come down stairs but once a day for the past two months, but she says the pleasure of the trip fully repays the inconvenience she suffers.

You speak of the weather at Mayville. We too have had our own experiences of delayed trains and blockaded ferries, but the last few days have brought us signs of spring.

Please remember me cordially to the Judge and Lodie.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C. H. Thomas