



How. Albion W. Torgée  
Mayville N. Y.

My Dear Sir - The return of your party call of 7<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand and it is for no lack of appreciation that it was not responded to more promptly. To know that your homeward trip was made without special and lasting discomfort is comforting to us in view of your almost helpless condition, case of a conflict with smashups and weigward switches. I was always fearful of switches in the (far) back.

We wish to assure yourself and family that your visit gave us and our neighbors a vast amount of pleasure and with Mrs Torgée to understand that we largely give her the credit in that she would see husband to the undertaking, as next to, earnest wives only can do, under circumstances so unfavorable.

We were all very much disappointed on finding we were to be deprived of the ~~the~~ accompaniment of the daughter - sincerely regretted her inability to visit us and are very glad to know that she <sup>was</sup> able to meet her father on his arrival. We <sup>would</sup> all to understand that this "not to be (all of your family) your last opportunity. The simple, animate and inanimate we have, with us and with your and their cooperation so pronounce a repetition of the visit to us next season or sooner if it shall suit your convenience, necessary.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the beautiful photo of a beautiful - well now I fear to let myself go on such a subject. The safest way for me to avoid a charge of adulation is to say what is fact that our Gertrude has a namesake "Gertrude Kellogg" - a niece, whose photo would be taken by anybody to be counterpart of that of Miss Annie of whom we are in the habit of saying in her absence.

very sweet and complimentary words, a young lady of whom it may be said she possesses charming qualities to very unusual extent - bright and every way attraction. This picture would knock the daylight out of any withholding by the Judge of attractions possessed by the garter sex of his household. O! No, the Judge was too smart for that, he sought to outgeneral them by quietly sounding their praises - knowing that loveliness is harder to keep than murder, he cut with it.

We have found pleasure in conveying your message to your new made acquaintances in part, and will pass them in care to others

They and we appreciate more than you will be likely to understand the very great pleasure given these people by your kindly, patiently bearing with us and them in our desire <sup>to</sup> pass our enjoyment along to those about us - it was a new letter day for old and young as many of them had and others was reading your books. I do not like to put your Citizen's Right, as a literature into their hands just now as it might be looked upon as a political move. The time may come for that

Miss Fanny will have something to say.

With kindest regards of all respectivity

I am Yours

W. H. Kellogg