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Florence Hotel

A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville N.Y.

My dear friend,

Your letter found me in a state of great anxiety, my sister being very ill, with that dread disease Pneumonia, at a little Hotel three hours from home, she could not continue her journey, and here we are still - you can know how hard it is, appreciating home as you do.

I am happy to say she is in a state of convalescence and the hope of seeing home soon, is daily

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growing more assured.

I was almost frantic at the situation, and when your letter came laid it before an inst... in my alarm I sent to New York for the son of her old physician, and had him come, feeling that his presence would be a benediction, and comfort, which it did, and now she is promising to recover and soon hopes to go home, early next week perhaps

This morning I sat by her bed and read your letter to her, she fully appreciated your tender sentiments in regard to our father's life & Character

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and asked me to write immediately and give her most hearty thanks for your generous sentiments.

We sincerely hope your daughters health may be restored and that her royal endowments may bring full fruitage as the years advance on.

I have been hoping to hear from you for some time and am fearful that some sickness may have come to you or the families

With best wishes for you and yours

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P.S. will let you hear soon again from us.

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