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Dear Mr. Long

Your package and
letter of the 2^d came duly. I have
not attempted to read the little
Dum Stuy because it would be
physically impossible to get it out
for the Chautauque season this
summer, or into bookeller's hands
for any summer use this year.
Of course it could be done if
my printer would drop all the
work he had in hand & "rush"
this: but also of course they
will not do it, in preference to
their prior customers. So, being
over head in sundry troublesome
matters I have not looked at
it. But I ought to have written.

As to the "Story of a Boy"
that is too hopelessly local (or
particular, rather) for us to
do anything with it. There is
such a multitudinous flood
of war books, that no one stands

Much of a chance, unless it
has some large general interest
and is particularly well done.

This book is of course interesting
on several principles as well as
special ones, but no reader out
of Ohio would believe it on
looking at the book: it bears on
its face the appearance of that
particular refinement. (And, as to
style, it is awfully bad—not
in authorship [!], but in typog-
raphy.) It should be worked by
a Western, preferably an Ohioan,
publisher, for any chance at
all.

What news from Bonner
about "The Lark"? Jan: like to see
that cat. As to the "Dragon", I
suppose the Judge may find
haleys on days at sea when he
can brood and hatch his imma-
ture eggs: or, if he is
better employed in "loafing his
bone" & body, he may find it
pleasant to work it out in
Sims' traces, so that we could have
it next winter. With full love J. P. McConrad