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Dear Will:

I came back to town last week, and I have had such a hustle catching up that I have not had time to even remember that I had a family.

I got back in real good shape, though tired down to the marrow in my bones. I am running off for the Farm today with Sarah for a couple of days' rest and quiet - the first I have had for a long time.

I take it that everybody in the family is at least able to navigate, even in Garnett, for I had a brave letter from Scott and an equally brave one from Ella last week. I don't know anything about things in Swarthmore, but I take it that you are all pulling through. Let me know how things are going.

And here's a little matter I wish, if you have time, you would look into. I have had letter from three or four people in different parts of the country, asking me if it was true that the Standard Oil Co. had suppressed the History of the Standard Oil Co. Two or three of these people have been librarians and tell me they have been trying to get copies for a long time and could find them at no second-hand dealers'. It has always seemed so futile to attempt to suppress the book, it being in all public libraries, that I have never taken much stock in the reports thought that they probably originated from the book's being out of print. I wish you would quietly and without for a moment lettin anybody know your relationship to me or to the book, inquire at some of the second-hand stores in Philadelphia for a copy, and see whether you can find one. If you do, take the name of the book-seller as I should like to refer correspondents to him.

I am still too deep in the Lincoln to think anything about bringing the book up to date, although I am more and more convinced that just as soon as I can make the arrangements so that I can affo it, that it should be done.

Write me when you have time. I shall be back Monday.

Affectionately,

Ida.