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My dear Mrs. Taylor:

I had hoped while you were in New York last week at the meetings of the Taylor Society to have more opportunity to talk with you than we had that night after the opening dinner.

As I told you I have just returned to New York from a two months' absence and had for the first time seen your letter of October 9. I hope that the difficulty over Mr. Taylor's biography is straightened out and that you will soon have the satisfaction of seeing the volumes on your table.

I feel confident that Mr. Copley can cut the manuscript to 300,000 words, which, I understand, is the Harpers' limit; and that , when it is done, you will have a piece of work to which the public will respond and of which you yourself will be proud.

I am deeply interested in seeing a life of Mr Taylor before thepublic, and I have been glad to give my friendly services in any way I could to help work the matter out. My time has been so heavily mortgaged, however, that it has been impossible to be of much service.

With the hope that the problems have finally been solved, believe me, dear Mrs. Taylor,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Louise M.S.Taylor,
Boxly, Germantown,
Pa.

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