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Miss Shedden
Miami, Fla.

Dear Miss Shedden:

I hope you don't think I am a hopelessly ungrateful person. My two and a half months in Florida were built upon Mr. Shutts' and your kindness, and I have never forgotten it for a moment.

I have only just returned to my desk, having spent the last two or three weeks finishing up in Washington, looking into the colonization methods of our Bureau of Reclamation, which I am convinced could be applied with advantage in many parts of Florida.

After I left you, I went to Tampa where I tried to see your friend, Doyle Carleton. He was ill at the time and I was obliged to leave before I had a chance to talk with him.

I did go to Deland and as you suggested staid at the nice College Arms. I had a long talk with the President of the University who spoke kindly of your service to him. I was delighted with Deland and the country there, and indeed with all of Central Florida, not more, however, than with the north and west. I spent several days at Pensacola, and saw something of the back country. I was only a day at Tallahassee, I am sorry to say. I was constantly called back to Jacksonville, so I did not see as much of that section as I had hoped to do. However, I ran about the State a good deal and carried away a strong conviction of its future development.

I hope everything is going finely at Miami. I am sending you my Life of Lincoln. Please accept it as a souvenir of my hectic week under your guidance.

Please remember me to Miss Smith who served me so valiantly and generously.

If you are coming at any time to New York, let me know. I am not here very regularly, but I am here some times.

Sincerely yours