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My dear Ida -

The best of the gifts of
the gods to you during the coming
year, health, fortune, and hap-
piness in your work and its
outcome. When we think it all
over, the greatest argument for
beneficence in our God, whatever
this term covers or implies, is
that He did include among
His gifts to us, the saving
grace of work. There can
never have been a doubt with
you that your own ^{own} words will

was fundamental, was enlightening, was
constructive, was part of your day &
your time. So you ought to be
a very happy woman.

And - if I may risk being impertinent
in being personal - one deems you
a happy woman if that smile
on the face tells the real truth.

Your face stands out in the crowd.
I saw it so there in Louisville at
the unveiling of the Lincoln statue,
and again I saw it do so as you
came through the long vista of the
dining room at the National Arts
Club.

If I may amp it, there
is a shining beauty along with
a serenity, that makes your face
a wonderful thing as seen among

the average man. I said this to Al-
mond, who replied,

'She's never come at this moment than
she's ever been in her life.' And
the two things complementary? I wonder.

I'm most grateful to you for
giving us the opportunity to look at
the things again. I plunged that night
at his first question, into the larger
questions. I did it not with out
intention. As at no time yet
in their tragic history have in the
South, is it more necessary to
have it grasped that matters are
bad - very bad in the real
South - Georgia, Mississippi, Texas,
is special.

The Christmas Mails were abominably

late - cards postmarked Dec 20 & 21, are
still coming. Yours came for Christmas
Day, but the book - and I am so
interested - only got here on last
Friday - as did my Christmas package
from you, my sister.

I write to acknowledge it & to say
I more than appreciate your doing
this - the kindest woman I know in
the world! I will write Clara & hope
you'll see a line in your C. when I read
it.

Alice & Kate are blossoming - & already
toss of their coming trip to New York -
looking forward to it & you & her
fortune among the chief interests -

Albion joins me in love &
good wishes. Call upon us when
& in any way - you need us -
Ginger be -