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Dear Mrs. Wallace:

To start with it was a great pleasure to see you the other night at Martha Finleys. What delighted me was your lively interest in life. The result of all these years of steady, thorough, joyous work that you have done is written all over you. I just want you to know that I had a very real satisfaction and pleasure in seeing you again.

I also want to ask you to do something for me. Will you not at your leisure write out what you told me about Henry Rogers and his saying that he would be willing to trust me as a collaborator on his autobiography? If you could fix the time approximately - I think you said 1907 - but was it early or late in the year?

You see I took that proposition to him in 1907. He was recovering from his stroke. He was not unfavorable to it. I was to see him again but his world became very complicated, too much for him and he had another stroke and died in 1909, died of rage at the way things were going in his world, a wise master of massage who treated him told me, was his guess.

What I would like to do is to link up what you tell me with the impression I had in my interviews with him, that he was not averse to the idea. I am inclined to think if events had not interferred he might have gone ahead with it. It would have been a great experience for I felt sure Mark Twain could work on the undertaking. What Mr. Rogers didn't remember of his past Mark Twain would for they both had had exciting pioneer experiences and loved to talk them over.

Do not forget that you are to let me know when you are coming to New York again.

Very sincerely

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