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My dear Ida—

Your letter has just come and I am replying at once that I may over-take you before you depart for the Soviet Land must seek.

I appreciate all you say about the need of "historical re-inforcement" to give the "Letters" the necessary appeal. Your judgment on this point must be accepted.

I am certainly willing that you should keep the Manuscript while you are free to give more time for study that is at present possible, or "mull" over it leisurely.

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Your departure for the South will must be anticipated with more than the usual joy, as New York City temperatures are almost as low as Connecticuts.

I hope that work and play may combine so pleasantly that you will return greatly refreshed.

Sara is a brave soul to prefer the fight the known cold rather than the unknown germs of the city.

Please do not think that I am feeling hopeless about the manuscript. If it can be dressed up for the public it will have to be measured in private.

Always an admiring friend.

Affectionately.

Jan. 20-1940 Helen T. Alvord

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