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Dear Mrs. Alexander:

I am afraid you and Helen think I am an ungrateful guest. Indeed, I am humiliated to let so many days go without thanking you for your kindness to me when I was in Franklin. It sometimes seems to me I spend a good portion of my time apologizing. I have written Helen of the accumulation which has held me up since I came back to New York and I shall not bore you by repeating it.

You were so good to me and so thoughtful of my comfort as well as of my professional needs. I am deeply grateful to you.

I hope you don't mind Lincoln stories. I am sending you a little book of mine based on an old time friend of Lincoln's - a man I knew well over a period of years, the Billy Brown of these tales. Please accept it as a souvenir of my pleasant visit to you in Franklin.

Very sincerely yours