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My dear Deane:-

The beautiful penknife which you were so thoughtful as to send came to hand in season for the day. I assure you I appreciate it very much and shall find it a pleasure to carry a token which will remind me of you every time I have occasion to take it from my pocket.

Last Friday I mailed you a book by one of our local literati which I think you will find interesting not only on account of the charming literary style but also for its flavor of out door life and particularly its connection with what seems to have become your favorite amusement. Mr. Thwaites is secretary of our historical society whose library is counted one of the finest in the country. His own contributions in the field of early history of the Northwest were doubtless well known to your father, if not to you.

I enjoyed an evening with our mutual friend, Judge Churchill when he was here in August and had the pleasure of entertaining him & Mrs. Churchill at tea. Have had a letter from him since, speaking of his enjoyment in looking over again the plants he collected here and at Chicago.



I am pleased to be able to give you a good account of Mary's health. She has constantly grown stronger and now does full duty in the household and outside, though she has to be a little careful about too much walking yet. But I regret to say that mother has had a very serious illness from which she is only now recovering very slowly. She has been in bed nearly three months, being prostrated in October with a hemorrhage of the stomach produced by ulceration of its mucous membrane. This comes about as a sequela of chronic dyspepsia. The Dr. told us at the outset that the outcome would be long delayed, whether it was recovery or the reverse. For weeks she was in imminent danger, since there was no way of knowing whether the ulceration would cicatrize or continue to destroy the tissues until perforation ensued. I think now that he considers her nearly out of danger. She sits up a couple of hours a day now and is eating solids again. But she gains strength very slowly and it will be some time yet before she can get up and be dressed. We have had a trained nurse most of the time for her. Mary had just gone thro' a siege of 6 weeks nursing her sister who was ill here in the early autumn and after two weeks with mother gave out. Fortunately we have had efficient help in the kitchen all the time.

Some happy day I hope we shall all be well at once! — Give our warmest regards to Mrs. Deane, whom you may also congratulate for us on her regained health.

Ever faithfully yours, C. R. Barnes



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