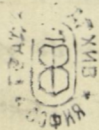


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My Dear Slavetoff

Your long very interesting letter has been read several times & would have been answered long since if I had had the time to write letters - but I have been either sick or travelling all the time for 2 months past. I was some time in Washington & on my way North took cold. This resulted in a catarrhal fever which prevented my speaking ^{at public} for 4 or 5 weeks. I am now very well again - Mrs W. is well but not now with me. She has been visiting her father in Bangor for some time.