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Dear Peter.

There seems to be some truth in the French proverb "that distance makes friends rather forget each other." Of course, you know, the case cannot exactly be said to be such with us. In fact though I am here below these cold and bleak rocks that beetle over our heads it is often and very often that I think of C'ple and of all the happy associations which it brings to my mind.

I have most frequently corresponded with our worthy friend, Pop,