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Dear Mrs. Long,

How much I regret that these late years I
have hardly been able to write to you. now and then sure
you must ~~pass~~ ^{have} ~~through~~ ^{altogether} forgotten me. But
I have been and I am still under ^{such} exceptional circum-
stances, which have obliged me almost to efface myself, and
curtail ~~all~~ my correspondence both with friends in Hungary and
with those abroad. It is very rare that I break this rule which
I have imposed upon myself. It is not a very pleasant position
this, but it is the only safe one at present for me, and for the
quiet so much needed at home on account of the ^{poor} ~~shaken~~ health
of my father.

I suppose you know that I am a teacher in the Gymnasium at Sofia, and I like very much my occupation which is a real pleasure to me. I am glad also that my efforts are very well appreciated.

I heard that Dr. Doug, Mrs Washburn and Mr. Pease had been at Philadelphia for the opening of the first National Exposition. If I had known they would of their intention to go there I should certainly have gone myself to have the pleasure of meeting and seeing them.