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My dear cousin Jessie:—

Your  
kind and welcome letter,  
so long ago received, I  
have not forgotten to an-  
swer, but have long enough  
neglected; and now as I  
grasp my pen I feel  
fairly ashamed to think  
I had not replied before,  
but will try and not  
let it occur again. I rec'd.  
your letter with surprise  
as I had about given up.