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My dear Mr. Marsh

I often feel inclined to ask myself whether our interview in New York last month was a dream or reality. The whole passed by so like a flash. I shall not believe that you are actually on the same continent, until I have your own assurance to that effect, after leaving Sing Sing. Mary and I went to Philadelphia, and thence to Carlisle, where she now is. She is not improving as rapidly as I could hope: as much so perhaps as ~~is~~ to be expected. Her Sing Sing visit did her harm on account of the constant excitement in the house full of Saverinah families. At Carlisle she promised to do better, but her last letters were not so encouraging, and unless the bulletins are more favorable, I shall go up in a day or two. She expects to be back here within about ten days of the present time.

You cannot imagine with what pleasure we talk over the prospect of having you in Washington this winter. No medicine will do Mary half so much good, as the sight of you two. If we were keeping her