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My Dear Mr Marsh

I duly received your letter of Dec. 26. a few days ago, and was glad to have a longer epistle than that of a short time before, announcing transmission of the bird pamphlet.

We are greatly delighted to hear of Mrs. Marsh's improvement in health, and hope that she will continually mend until entirely well. Dr. Sims I knew well by reputation, and it was in his old establishment in New York that Mary spent her month. Dr. Emmet was for many years the associate of Dr. Sims, and succeeded him in the ownership and management of the private establishment in Madison Avenue. He is generally considered quite Dr. Sims equal, and in some respects as his superior both in diagnosis and operating. For a time Mary did not seem benefited, but she is now much better, and for more than a month has really been very well, making calls.