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Dear Mr Marsh.

Your letter of the 29th of December reached me, just as we were about going to a little party at Mr Ed-
munds. Besides the various members of the family, whom we found in good health, we met quite a party of Vermont people.

Thanks for the order on Scribner, Armstrong & Co., which I shall send to them soon & claim the book. I have no doubt I shall find occasion to read a good deal of it.

Lucy is delighted with the numbers of the Metropolitan Bulletin, & will welcome the new number when it comes.

I hope to send you in a few weeks my second Report as Fish Commissioner, a volume of about 800 pages, & a very important one practically. It contains many elaborate papers on the Shad, Salmon & other food fishes, with explanations of the best methods of hatching the fish, & the proper construction of fish-ways & fish ladders.

I am also finishing my index for the Annual