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New York, 37. West 37th St. Sept 23^d.

My Dear Lavier

Yours of the 21st met me on my return to the City - and I am glad there has been so little delay in its reception as until now I have been wandering. - I am sorry I cannot send you the whole sum you ask for at once - but just now I am in rather a tight place myself, having just returned from placing my nephews at Cornell, where I had to meet expenses which have taken for the moment all my available funds. - I send you herewith enclosed \$100 - and will let you have the rest before long. -

You misunderstand me in supposing from what I said in my letter, that I meant to meet the payment to Osgood & Co myself, I should not be able to do that, but what I proposed was to endeavour to get that amount from the Trustees of the Estate - on the ground that it would be a disposition of Miss Cushman's means which would meet her wishes. I shall still make this effort - and meantime beg you to believe in the sincere sympathy I feel in your distress - and the hope that as far as I can I may be able to alleviate it. - I write in haste - and am yours ever faithfully -
E. S.

I hope I am somewhat better, but I have a settled malady - which does not seem to yield to time or treatment - indeed I have no confidence in the latter - unless I am much better I cannot look forward at all.
[Address: Westchester, Penn: 'Phil' - written in adv.]

New York, Feb. 11th/76

My Dear Lavier

Your letter has been long unacknowledged than usual, but I have been less well than usual - We were of course inconvenienced and subject to exposure in our double moving, and an Influenza peculiar to N.Y. which always lies in wait for me on my return to it seized me, and has held me bound until within a few days. Fortunately I have got through with it before the cold-weather sets in, and am now better - with some little hope of keeping so. - We are very comfortably settled now - our new address is No. 16. East 43^d St. - On Monday I go to Newport - for the first time since our great loss. - A pilgrimage in every sense of the term - full of pain and harassing associations - for this is not a stick about the place, which does not belong to our mutual lives! - But the ice had to be broken sooner or later, and I must not let the whole winter pass without reuniting

myself with those she loved and cherished so tenderly. - Mr. Cushman is now in town, and I return with him - I shall be gone two or three weeks - at most.

You must not fear that I ~~would~~ do anything in the matter of Osgood compromising to your dignity, which I should hold as tenderly as I would my own. - If I could have accomplished what I had in view - you would have known nothing of it further than the relief. - But I cannot accomplish it - for the reason that the deterioration in every kind of property - has seriously touched the Trust Estate and they may not be able to meet the large demands upon it - this year. Mr. Cushman feels anxious and troubled - and I cannot wonder - missing for the first time in his life the strong & steadfast arm which so lovingly sustained him, and all of us. -

I trust this will find you improving in health - How will you feel about going South at this unhealthy time? -

Yours ever faithfully,
E. S.

[Addressed to West Chester, Penn.]