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The Woodstock Inn,

ARTHUR B. WILDER, Manager.

PASSENGER ELEVATOR. Open all Winter.

Woodstock, Vt., July 30th 1898.

My dear friend

The N.Y. mail has just arrived with your letter of the 25th, & am most happy to hear Mrs D, & C, are well, & Willie improving; like yourself I think I am "slowly improving," but it is up hill if I disturb rest & quiet, & everything an effort to do, th<u>i</u>s morn from 5 to 7 o'c, was not able to exert myself. Miss B. joined us in N.Y. on the 22d, &is devoted to me & with Mr C's kind & grateful protection, am I not well cared for? I have been trying to reply to Mrs D's dear letter, &will soon; if anything should happen in N.O. I am sure you will hear, Mrs Dr R_ would write it to me as she is <u>so</u> loyal, do please for the sake of your dear ones, your work, & for my sake, in<u>dulge</u> (underlined twice) "idleness," until "Richard is himself &c" now won't you?— I truly &sincerely thank you, &will surely ask you if I should want anything. There has never been known such h<u>ot</u> weather in N.Y. or this state

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as has been this Summer. I enclose a letter I received by to-days mail. I have close friends who know Pres Low of Columbia College, but I have never met him, don't you think you can come north in Sept? we would be so very glad. Miss B, with Mr C, sends warmest regards to Mrs D, Mrs C, & Willie, & yourself, with my love & best wishes,

from as ever Jo.L N—