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My Dear Judge

I am delighted at the news which I find waiting me in your letter on my return from Europe. I have no doubt that you will do honor to the place and to yourself and I trust that you will find the life as happy as I have found mine for the last 15 years. You speak as if I had not thanked you for the volume you so kindly sent me. I had it in my mind that I had written and I still hope that I was not mistaken. I thank you also for the interesting new volume which you sent me and still more for the photograph which I am very glad to possess. It gave my wife and me such pleasure to see you and Mrs Clark that it is doubly agreeable to hear that you recall the meeting with pleasure also. There is one place where you both will be sure of a welcome while we inhabit it - be it soon or only after the lapse of years. But the years begin to grow terrible. In 22 years I shall be 60. Friends die and one is slow to make new ones. However I have just been in the midst of friends in England and Ireland who though made in later years love me  $^{\perp}$  think and whom I love I know. I won't pretend to feel old, but only to know the facts - and to feel a slight shudder at the approach of the inevitable. I am just on the mend from an attack of shingles in my right arm which makes it hard for me to write. I send a poor photograph of me by this mail with renewed felicitations to the State and yourself and all kind messages to you and your wife from mine and me.

Sincerely Yours

O. W. Holmes

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