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My dear Major

Mr. I have gone to Europe and do not expect to go this year. Mr. Britton & son do wanted me to go & I think it would be well for me to repeat my last summer's experience at it but I find it next to impossible to get away this summer & so I will try to worry through the hot season in this country, spending most of the time in this city. Next month I have a business engagement in Detroit probably one in Cleveland and there are several matters to keep me here until Aug. Mr. B. & I have just returned from Hopewell where we spent two days in charge of the nursery, while Wm. & Annie went to Minneapolis to keep