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"The Pine" New-York, Dec. 25th 1876.

Dear Doctor Gray,

A Merry Christmas to you & yours - Though it is rather reverse with me - But there is no reason why we should not wish others better off than ourselves - I have well nigh lost a neck - The wretched rheumatism (why not win one cure as well as the other?) which had left me so long that I hoped it had forgotten me altogether, returned early in the week, and though not by any means at its worst, was poor company & kept me from doing much - But for this you would have had proof sooner - Pray don't add to it essentially, as we shall be crowded this month, and it is now rather longish for an article without pictures.

As to Miss —'s translation. I saw
my friend at Scribner's - and learned
that all translations were now includ-
ed under a general rule - I then
tried Appleton's Journal - and enclosed is
the Editors reply - They are all afraid of
translations, as some rival may come
out with the same thing translated by
some one else - Will send up to Apple-
tons & get back the Ms. Where else can
I try? - It would not do the least
good for me to offer it to Fortune - The
name of the Editor of the Weekly is Brook-
staver - You might ascertain if he would
consider it, and I could send it to him.
My friend at Scribner's suggests the "Ledger"
as the most probable place, but I do
not know any one there - Indeed I
am very little acquainted with the per-
sonnel of the Secular press - Hence my
ability in this case is not equal to my
willingness to serve the young lady.

Very sincerely

George Thurston



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