

should be, for certainly his friends of
nature are as true as Bryant's, and
written with as keen insight as are Thoreau's
essays — I am sick about the Australian
nephew? Well he is doing finely, and
is brave, cheery, helpful & unselfish as ever;
he feels keenly going up sheep raising,
but realizes that the terrible chills would
never permit him to use those muscles for
any effort; so in in a lawyer's office doing
typing, stenography etc, which he learned in
the hospital and many study law, the two
gentlemen he is with urge him to do so, &
will aid his new venture in every way, but it
is not quite settled, when I wrote & said I could
not feel reconciled to the loss of his right arm
he wrote back: "don't say that, I gave my arm,
willingly in the cause of Humanity & decency.
I suppose you like what one else are in
a state of uncertainty as to the coming
events of this marvellously upset world; we
must pray for some improvement before long,
or what will happen? Remember me to
Miss Brown & the foreigner Charles & Mrs
Miss Rogers in all of which Florence joins as in
aff. regards to you — Sincerely for M. W. Wendell

Charm. N. Y.

Jan. 25. 1921

My dear Mr. Deane.

As usual I am in arrears with
my correspondence, I fear I always shall be.
I remember in a letter of James Taylor the
word he says something to the effect that
when he dies he hopes he may leave his
affairs in decent order & especially his letters,
correspondence, & desk, but then I am
will be in some confusion, "and I deeply
sympathize with him, for me — I've
got two letters, one from Sheltorne and
the last from your sister home — since
then (the sister letter I mean) we have no
special news as Florence is mercifully much
better and while in no sense well, she is
able to use her hands somewhat and we
hope for a permanent recovery. in letters &

could know, she was alarming by all and we had to wait
to beamed music and that a very important time for
at all first rocks, but thanks to God's mercy & our method
of. When there she was brought out of pretty deep water. I was
miraculously able to do all that fell to my share, but not pretty
well shattered & worn out, & now beginning to feel around.
What we now had many measures and the certainly is
that I want to be turned out of my home as long as I can
tarry. The winter has not been very cold, only in in-
terval. We are having the snow (but not a
solid & unbroken winter, which I hate; each storm
means too of winter duty, partly & penetrating, and
less of the beauty of winter, as well as the destruction
to things, our goods & persons. We have not as many
birds as usual for there were not as many last summer
but still some come to our snatches & feeding places
and are very entertaining. Just now we are quite
satisfied as our water to warm we are much attached &
who has done fine work here, welcoming us for a
larger parcel at each fall, and you know a small country
parish with a moderate income, notwithstanding a con-
siderable rectory, finds it difficult to secure a water.

So our own home things go on much as usual;
we read a good deal, & have much enjoyed Little
"Hill & Clackney" I don't at my true & very clear; then
we take care. Care? "How & when" of the Station Reform
from "which we liked also, certainly in our different times,
and we were reading that amazing "The Great Republic"
not surprising, & really new thing, without I don't mean
to be so, and with a care to look here & there, like her
sister's will, one of the most appropriate but which we found
I was read - I am a student reader of two magazines
"The Geographic" and "Litt." & they suggest many
of the books of reading which give me personal reading.
When two we read "Litt." & "Litt." most charming,
& most vivid; at odd moments I have been perusing
old acquaintance with Emerson and Ruskin
Read, I don't think we could know or appreciate as he



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