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My dear Mr. Garrison,

I drop a line
to say that I arrived
safely home, after a
pleasant journey. Your
friendship and hospital-
ity always awaken
my gratitude — which,
I am afraid, I some-

times do not sufficiently
Express. Though I have
some relatives and many
friends in Boston, I have
never found but one
home there — and that
is your house. I was
not able to meet Rudell
at the station yesterday,
but I hope he has safely
arrived, & will meet me

& my wife at supper this
evening. My pleasure in
view of his companionship
in my office is very great.
I hope his presence in
New York will tempt you
to a frequent visit. My
house has no catch-string,
but has always a welcome.
I forgot to say to you
that the article on George

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Thompson will entitle you,
as before, to ten dollars.
My absence from home was
longer than any, except
one, during my whole
married life — so long that
the hyacinths which I left
just sprouted from the bulb,
I found in full bloom and
fragrance. My kindest regards
to Mrs. Garrison, Fanny, Paul,
William, & yourself.

Ever yours,
Theodore Tilton