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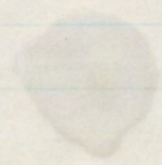
Dear Madam:-

I am writing our books,  
editing and reading the proof of another,  
attending to the severely sick of my family,  
and doing so many extra duties that it  
seems impossible for me to undertake any  
thing for your paper. The spirit is wil-  
ling, but the flesh is weak, and the days  
fly. Were I situated otherwise, I should  
certainly, and most cordially, accede  
to your request. As it is, I can only say  
that your efforts have my hearty sympa-  
thy, and express the hope that, in abun-  
dant and choice contributions, you  
will have no reason to regret the failure  
of one from my hand.

Yours very truly,

J. G. Hallam

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