Dear Elizabeth, Many thanks for your very kind letter of Dec. 11., from which we learned about the catastrophe, which hit your home, and all the trouble and hard work it brought you. We are glad that the worst is over now, and sincerely hope that when these lines reach you, all will be in good order again, so that you can start to recuperate from your exertions.

Now, with regard to your planned trip to the US, I am very sorry to have to tell you that it will have to be postponed, - until when, I don't know. Annie caught a cold when we returned from Sweden, but seemingly recovered, so that we went for 12 days to Menton, from where we returned in the beginning of this month. Then she got ill again, and it was found that she had pneumonia. I had to take her to the hospital a couple of days before Xmas eve, so that she could get proper treatment, and now I hope that it will be possible to get her home again on New Years eve. All this means that she will need a long time to recuperate, as she has become very feeble. So all trips are off until further.

I myself have to go to Sweden next week for a few days, as our dear friend Lars Hård, of Orsa, died a few days ago, and there are problems to be solved with regard to the management of my wood lands in Dalecarlia. So you see that we have also had some troubles, although please do not take it that I want to complain. I have to be happy, and I am happy, that Annie is now recovering, and the most important problem will be for me to take good care of her in the future, so that she may stay healthy for a long time to come.

We are expecting Bo here for a business visit in a couple of weeks, so we shall be able to see at least him, in lieu of our US visit.

We do hope that Bill and your good self are in as good health as possible, and we wish you both a happy new year.

Affectionately

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