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a great disposition to "study to be quiet". I have found the rest very beneficial, & I now hope to be all right in the course of a few days more. Mrs R. has also been suffering for two severe colds. They are both now better, and Arthur is quite himself again.

Now this is a long "preachment" and all about myself! Men, as you know, always like to talk about themselves! –

And how are you all? I hope you have had a comfortable winter. I doubt if you have felt about much during the trying days of Jany & Feby. I have often thought of you, and occasionally have met some one of your old friends. On Thursday last week I was at the meeting of the Belle Story, when I had gone to record a minute on the death of Mr. Dodge, a city of wh. I am clerk, & met Mr. King of Baltimore, of whom you had spoken to me last summer, and I was glad to say to him that you had done so. He was at the meeting in connection with the arrangements for the semi-centennial celebration of the Memphis Belle Story. –

On Saturday Mrs R. & I took the monorail of the city, with a few days visit to a cousin who lives in New Jersey, in an old, & lovely farm house, a part of which is a hundred years old. We fortunately had out of the four very superb winter days, and I do not know when I have enjoyed ten miles drive, in a sleigh, more than the one I then had. To me there is no wintry scene charm in the winter landscape. We drove for a part of the way along a line of good hills, far from houses, meeting two or three broad "waggons" loaded down with hay. The patient cattle, the smoky houses, the snow covered fields, the keen bracing air, the laughing trees, & later on the golden tints of the setting sun, producing Rembrandt effects thro' the trees on the hillside, were all very