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My dear Friend:

Why is it that I must always begin my letters to you with an apology? I can only answer because I fail to do, from day to day, what I ought to do, not only as a duty but a pleasure. When you & the girls first came, I could not but be ashamed. Let me only plead, – We are always ready with pleas for our neglects, as you know – that for five weeks past I have been under unusual pressure with an accumulation of work, – which has kept me ~~unusually busy~~ closely occupied. Now, if you had been over the way I have no doubt I could have found time for a morning stroll or chat, and much to my profit if not to yours. But my hand does get heavy with the pen in the common business correspondence: other letter writing is always a pleasure to me, and I only wish I had more time for it.