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My Dear Sir

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I am pleased to acknowledge your kind favor of 20<sup>th</sup>. Very glad to know you have had the benefit of Sea Air at Virginia Beach reckon I did good. I only wish you were with me as Pastor Sarah & I go to Niantic tomorrow, Mr B has been there nearly 3 weeks and I am pleased to say improved. The place there improves the Dews good, and poor Bill was expecting much pleasure this Summer, but little we know of the future. Among his papers I found the enclosed his feeling towards you was of the kindest, but by carefully noting you can readily see the disease had then reached his brain. Poor & Dear his heart was too big & his confidence in man too great for his own personal good, he now is beyond the troubles of this world, as Anne says with his Brothers. My little life altho full has much grit, and I trust time will erase the anguish. She often speaks of her name sake, and hopes some day to see her & Elmer. Wishing you all health and happiness and hoping to see all early in the fall I am as ever

Yr friend

J. B. Stone

Allen Cooks seem good all over

Love time may improve - When will we see you, hope soon