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My dear Mr Carr

It was my firm intention to have visited you ere this, I much anticipated the pleasure of seeing you and all your family - Circumstances have I regret to say occurred, that will prevent my visit to N. C., it is about 3 weeks since our old clerk George was injured by a Trolley Car in Brooklyn & he is now barely able to pass from one room to his sitting room with his sons aid, I do not expect him out for two weeks - I truly regret in addition, to say that Brother Robert had last week a slight Paralysis of the face, it has drawn one of his Eyes some and Elongated his lip on one side, the Doct^r says in a short time it will pass off, he comes down about twice a week is cheerful, and as usual hopeful - This leave me solitary & alone in the office most of the time - My own health about as usual, but I feel the mark of time & am not as active as of old - Make my kind regards to Mr Carr, the two young Ladies & all others of your family - If we could only sit on the Porch at Bracedale we would have a long chat over the prospects for N. C., as to Politics I am disgusted with the U.S. Senate
Yr friend J. T. Bruce