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Dear Henry – a beautiful post card from your Margaret (and ours also). has just arrived which I have forwarded to Tony H. who is now at Laurens S C, where she is staying with a cousin Mrs. Irby. She has been in [?] for many months as if in good health and spirits.

We have all been getting along well except dear Sophia May, who is rather slowly recovering from a kind of [griffe desada ?] She has not yet left her room, but is recovering her usual wholesome appearance. I met Frank [?] & was sorry to hear from him that his wife is quite seriously ill. Howard Laudell has been quite ill for several months and meeting [?] Anderson. – but I [?] you [?] confidentiality and have given you all [?] items from that direction. I have two young ladies are holding the fort in 1818 H. I have had a good many relatives & they have [?] the fort autumn & winter. [McLaren?] has recently ret<sup>d</sup> from [?] has been on exhibit [?] left here yesterday. Blanchard took all of Miss Carter's young lady's school [?] [?] Bay last week to Jamestown – just like him. You know the school is a Catonsville, near Blanchard's home.

How agreeably the pretty post-card brought before me the delights of Isola Beka & its surroundings. I can almost inhale the perfumes of the sweet gardens and see before me the [?] news from Stresa, Bekiggio, Ceddanelva. I often think of the latter place when I select my olive wood [?] for a week. I hope you went to Lugaso & [?] the grand magnolia [?] in the Hotel garden. How I [?] revel in those beauties! The spring has been very [broken?], but the fine roses are coming at last. Give my regards to Edward 7<sup>th</sup> & my other cronies at Windsor. You have heard of the death of Frank [Bleko ?].

If you have time you should call on his widow (Solly Spencer) in London, or thereabout. Your Bankers can tell you how to find where she lives. I know she would be delighted to see you. Well, farewell, for awhile [sic]. Come to me when you get back- With much love to Ms Margaret. Affecting yours

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