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Dear Miss Thomson

Your letter has just been handed me. I hasten to reply, with thanks for the favor and pleasure it gives me to hear of dear friends. Storer's better condition - even if it be only temporary - or that brightning of the faculties that often precides the new birth of the soul - and what a blessed change will that event be for his worn and weary spirit: We cannot mourn our loss - greatly as I have and shall still miss him from my few remaining early friends - but the separation could not be long at my time of life - eighty seven: I am glad he has a home with friends who will care for kindly and watch over his precarious state of mind as well as body. I have thought much of him of late and I trusted you would inform me of any change - please accept my cordial thanks with wishes for a pleasant sojourn during chill winter in Brooklyn.

The Southgate family, that is the Judge and wife and several children lie in the burial ground at Dunstan. Mr. Mrs. King were enterned on a mound in what was called in those days King's pasture just above Dunstan Corner on the road called Broad Turn. Madam King died at Topsham at her daughter's Mrs. Dr. Porter - was brot to Scarboro and placed beside her husband. There was talk of removing the remains or placing a tablet over them on that spot - but I don't know whether either was ever done. Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Smith, nee Southgates, were interred in the Portland cemetery - Frederic S. Miranda, Mary, Mellen and I think Horatio and several infants graves are in Dunstan burial place. My parents were laid there also. I often think of these friends so dear in life leaving their cast off garments of flesh so near to each other. Have you seen in "Scribners Monthly" as article "A Young Girl Eighty Years Ago"? not just so worded but tis letters from Mrs. Browne nee Eliza Southgate to her family from N.Y. If you have not pray read them. I was greatly interested in them. Our two famalies were very intimate - my father joined 2 of the daughters in marriage - the fee from Mr. Boune and Mr. Smith was \$50. quite a godsend for a poor parson. Lovely women both of them.

I was not aware till short time since when Mrs. Judge Appleton told me that your friend Mrs. S. had passed away - a good woman - ripe for her change.

Should you again see Mrs. Moulton please give her my love. I should be very glad to have a letter from her or Mrs. Ingraham - I only write when called to do so - as in your case and not always so lengthy - pray excuse and believe me.

Cordially your friend
M.F. Tilton,