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Letter from Alice Stone Blackwell, Roxbury, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1913 July 9

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(Dictated)

New England Hospital
Dunstock St., Roxbury, Mass.
July 9-1913

Dear Mrs. Whitney :-

Things are going well with me. They tell me I am practically out of danger of complications now. I wish that I could take the operation over again as a substitute for you, so that you, too, might be, "complete in one volume." That is the way in which a cousin of mine describes it, who has likewise been relieved of her appendix.

I am grieved that you should have had to take with you into the beautiful scenery of Shelburne so hateful a companion as appendicitis. But I hope that it may not make itself very troublesome.

Another cousin of mine has had it for fourteen years and has not yet been able to make up her mind to an operation. Mine was a sudden and sharp attack, and an

immediate operation was imperative.

Miss Caroline Reilly has gone off on an excursion which will take her away until the beginning of August. Then she expects to be with me again and we shall try to cook up the syndicate article about Mrs. Dargan. Miss Reilly tells me that the one for the Pictorial Review is to be written by a member of its staff who has been getting up a series of illustrated articles about prominent women. I think she said the name was Miss Helen Bennett. Miss Reilly says she has often heard from her Southern friends about Mrs. Dargan with great praise. They think she is splendid. Miss Reilly says she lately saw a short but pleasant account of Mrs. Dargan in some literary magazine.

but she cannot for the life of her
remember which.

It is a week today since my
operation. I crave all sorts of sinful
indulgences, especially pickled fat salt
pork, but hitherto I am kept to a diet
of raw white of egg alternating with
a preparation of sour milk which
Dr. Smith commends very highly
as good for the stomach and bowels. They
are using it a good deal at the hospital, you
might suggest it to your doctor. You have
lovely milk at Shelburne and as this
preparation is easy to make, if your
doctor approves of it, you could have it
as often as you chose and it might
relieve you. It is "lactoned" milk.

Yours always very affectionately,
Alice Stone Blackwell.