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Count and Countess Okuma.

Your most welcome letter at hand, and I am very happy to hear that you are well. As you told me, I went Washington D. C. to see our new minister, Mr. Mutsaers, who delivered your message to me. While there, I enjoyed myself pretty well, saw the Congress in session, & some other departments of the government. When I went in that famous building, the Capital, the grandeur and elegance of which make the U.S. people feel proud, it was after mid-day and so we went in one of the restaurants in that building and with the air of a statesman, we sat round the table smiling and talking as

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solemnly as we could.

This city of New Brunswick where I am now staying, and where I expect to stay at least for some years yet, is situated about 80 miles south of New York city. It is a small town, but at the time, the educational centre, so to speak, of N. J. Schools adopted for various courses of study are found here. Although there are a few manufactories, I am in the opinion that this town owes its prosperity mostly to the institution of learning that are established here for when the summer vacation comes, and almost all the students leave the town for their home, the town is quite dull & slow as it is now. There are a few more Japanese students in this town beside Mr. Oishi, & myself.

As I suppose that you heard from Mr. Oishi about his success on Junior Exhibition, I shall not enter its details now. It is now very hot here, probably hotter than it is in Tokio, and I am not feeling very well, but as it is not anything serious I hope that you will not trouble yourself about it. I shall be very happy to hear from you again.

Good bye.

Yours very truly  
O. Ogawa.