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Dear Father:

BIG STONE GAP, VA., Feb'y 22, 1897

Your letter of Saturday last, containing the bad news of Kleissendorfs defalcation, reached me this morning.

I will push on the Appalachian Bank assets as hard as can be judiciously done. Many of the debts are due from people who are execution proof, and the only method of collection is persistent but friendly urging. In the meantime I send you herewith enclosed my assignees check for \$2500 - very lately collected. Please return signed the enclosed duplicate receipts.

I have for some time been thinking of making a suggestion to you. Why should you not take the first opportunity, when you can get a reasonable price, and sell some of your Soursville real estate? It seems to me that your debts are bearing too heavily on you, and I do not think you owe it to any one to carry such a load. In addition, (if I am not giving too much free advice) I would, if I were you, by all means strike for a salary from the Railroad Company