

246 St. George Street,

St. Augustine, Fla.,

Jan'y 12, 1916.

Dear Mr. North:

I did not think, when I saw you in November that I should be so long in reporting myself to you in person or by letter.

But I met with such grievous disappointments in looking for the MS. of my books that I had not the courage to come again.

In the spring (it is summer here) I hope to call on you, and tell you just what MS. I really have, and let you go over them if you wish.

Now I am writing you in behalf of a lady here who has a perfect copy of William Blake's

Heaven and Hell (I have seen the book), with of course the plates colored by Blake. She wishes to sell the book, and I have offered to ask you to feel the market for her, and report the probabilities of sale and price.

Will you kindly give her your judgment in the matter? She will describe the book more fully to you.

Yours sincerely,

W. D. Howells.