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Mr. Wm. Sheldon 1863.

Rev. J. H. Hill, D.D.

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My dear Dr. Hill,

I know you take great pleasure in welcoming any of our countrymen to your ancient city. I therefore take the liberty of introducing Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon of Boston who, with her father, intend to visit Athens on their way East. The delightful experiences of my brief sojourn with you are still fresh as ever in memory & can never be effaced; & I cherish my Grecian honors but great satisfaction & pride. I know my friends will be delighted with your city as were Menis Kittredge & Putnam who have just returned, & are enthusiastic in its praise.

With great respect,

yours faithfully,

V. E. Cottings.

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My dear Sir, I cannot let this opportunity go without expressing the hope that I may hear from you personally some time when you may have leisure. I translated your notice of our deeply lamented friend Presb. Felton, & sent you a copy of the Boston Advertiser containing it - ~~and~~ also a letter - but I have not as yet heard whether you received either. The notice & the translation gave great satisfaction to Mrs. Felton, Agassiz (who you know married Mrs F's sister) & all the family. Please sometime let me know. Also, please tell me whether Dr. Roeser still remains at Athens &, if not, how I can address him. I have been in the hope of receiving a second letter from him (I rec'd one)

If he is in Athens please give my respects to him & say neither he, nor his kindness are forgotten; & that I long to hear from him again. I have written to him several times -

By Dr. Sheldon I send <sup>few</sup> photographs for the University Library - They are sent unmounted for the sake of saving space, &c. - Will you please explain it, & them, to the Librarian -

I shall always be most happy to do any thing in my power for the Institutions of your City, & shall be glad of any suggestions (though my means are so limited) - I have a willing heart -

Please give my best respects to Mrs. Hill & other friends -

Very truly yours.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Hill  
Athens Greece

W. E. Cotting

P.S. Dr. Roemer (in his letter to me) said that the Horticultural Soc<sup>y</sup> of Athens had made Messrs Jos. Breck & Eben Wright Hon Members, & that he would send Diplomas - none have come to hand as yet. The Gentlemen would be exceedingly pleased to get them if possible - Can you assist in the matter? is. without inconvenience to yourself. - Very truly Wm. H. C.

P.S. It is possible for me to get a card photograph of an old olive tree - such as between Athens & Pentelion - I cannot make my friends understand how an olive tree looks from description!