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My dear Mr. George

I have just found that you have finally come to Japan where you were talking so much to visit. Baron Kaneko and I were expecting to see you and Dr. Takamine last Spring, but you did not appear. I am extremely sorry to be obliged to be in this place, after a

serious illness, when you are
visiting to country. I wanted to
show you some country which
you showed me so abundantly
while in New York. I was kept
very busy, since I returned
home. Last July I had a
sort of nervous prostration,
which later turned to a
very acute kind of pleurisy.
I was in a hospital during
the month of August, and
early in September I came

to this place to recuperate
myself. The doctor says that
I must stay here at least a
year or so. This is on the
Pacific side of Hakone
mountain and is supposed to
be one of the warmest places
in the country for winter.

No doubt you have
already seen Baron Kawada.
He was talking of you and
Dr. Takamine so much
since we left you in New York
a year ago. Have you seen

Mr. Suzuki? I suppose
that you will stay in the
country for some time yet.
I am hoping to go up to Tokyo
for a day or so some time in
next month. When I hope to
be better. Then I expect to
see ⁱⁿ you. I hope the country
has not disappointed you.
I must say that Japan is
a deceptive country.

Please kindly remember me to
Dr. Takamine. I am

Very sincerely yours

Takekazu Sakai