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Dear Robert,

You are quite correct: you haven't heard from me in some while. And I am sorry. If you had written matters of small concern and interest, you should have heard from me long ago. But you write interestingly of matters of large concern to me so that your letters provoke thoughtful response.

The time I have allotted to Brisbane project has been diverted to some recently discovered archival material on the 2d Wisconsin Voluntary Cavalry Regiment. WHB served as its first regimental chaplain and his son, Benj Lawton Brisbane was later chaplain.

I sent for and obtained tourist kind of material on Hilton Head Island. What a place you live in! I'm eager to visit some time. I'm torn between the purposes of enjoyment of the present scene and work on the history. For the first, I should want to bring my wife. For the latter, I should leave her at home with things that interest her.

I have recently come upon a Brisbane Episcopal priest in Kansas. He seems to be a second cousin to me. Since his uncle and our common ancestors were Baptist pastors, I had wondered how he had strayed (or found the way, as the case may be). I commented on this to our local priest, who is himself a former Baptist. His answer: Maybe he, too, got tired of having a hundred bishops and thought one is quite enough.

I had intentionally not read over your letters so that I wouldn't get into any matters other than telling you I will yet reply. Look what happened.

I leave in the morning for two weeks in Oklahoma, and must put off anything until after my return. Thank you for your patience with me. Please keep up your interest.

God bless.

