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I DESIRE to thank those who have sent me letters or helped me in other ways, and at the same time to apologize to them for the publication of the letters being so long delayed.

Those who knew the writer will easily understand me when I say that they were too private for an intelligent copyist, and too difficult to be left to an unintelligent one. Nor is the leisure required for copying easily found by a schoolmaster. Some valuable letters, moreover, were only recently sent me. I have also been compelled to cut down the material at my disposal, it being thought desirable that the book should not be large. These excuses are real though they do not claim to be adequate.

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