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my dear friend

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I have received your letter of the 10th and am
 glad to hear from you. I am well and hope
 these few lines will find you the same.
 I have not much news to write at present.
 I am still in the same place and doing
 the same work. I have not yet had time
 to write you more fully. I will do so
 when I have a chance. I am
 ever your affectionate friend,
 John Smith

