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Description: The Rev. Oliver P. Tuckerman of Portland, a city missionary who helped the poor, wrote to Maria T. Hersey of Portland to thank her group, the R.F. Society, for a donation of \$100.

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