

Leicester, Sat. May 26.

Dear Cousin S.

I recd. in Boston yest. morng. the "Syracuse Journal" of May 19th. Whoever wrote the article on the Testimonial to W. L. G. is entitled to the warmest thanks of every friend of that measure. It does not appear to be your style of writing, and I have thought it very likely to be Mr. Sedgwick's. It is exceedingly well done, at all events. It encourages me as the immediate agent in the movement, & will all our Comtee. I am sure. Mr. Sewall first spoke to me of it, & then handed me the paper intended for me. "Box 3605" by the way is his box, which he kindly puts at my service for the purposes of this cause. - I thank you for sending me the paper. I hope you have sent one to W. L. G. His lameness does not improve one whit. It is exceedingly painful, & I learn gives him many sleepless hours by night, as well as severe suffering at times by day. He has consulted physicians of every school, & resorted, as his wont is, to all sorts of remedies, - trying and discarding. His doctors have generally said that no

application a^d. benefit him, - time must do it.

The subscription in Boston is not yet fairly
started. It is especially important in that generous
(yet ~~unusually~~ ^{- shall I say, extraordinary, now -} dominated) city, that certain
prominent names should lead off a movement of
this nature. And I cannot crowd men into deciding.
They will take their time, & must be allowed it.
This has hampered my action thus far, a good
deal. I have 6 subs^{ns}. of \$500. each -
4 in Boston neighborhood, 1 in N.Y. city, the 6th. G. Smith.
I have ~~some~~ four of \$200. each, & some dozen of \$100.
each; - Scarcely a beginning yet. I am quite
confident of a good degree of success, & hope to be able
to hold out, in physical strength, until it is done.
Synecure has spoken well.

With affectionate regards

Yrs
Saml. May Jr

W.B. I hope you rec^d. the extra circular, sent
the first of this week.

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