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Dear Frank - I was glad to receive a line from you this morning, (with sundry letters enclosed, one from your mother, giving assurance that all is going on well at home.

As to the lecturing invitations, I shall decline them all. I consider my public speaking about terminated. I never engaged in it from the love of it.

Mr. Phillips's acceptance of the Labor Reform nomination really surprises me, seeing he was first nominated by the Temperance party. His letter of acceptance indicates no tangible issue, and amounts to nothing practical that I can see. What is particularly paradoxical in his conduct is, that the party with which he consents to be politically identified is diametrically opposed to his temperance and prohibitory views. But his course has been erratic for a long time.

To-day there is a large temperance gathering at Rocky Point. Among the speakers announced are Mr. Phillips, Senator Wilson, and John B. Gough. Of course, I am not well enough to be present even as a spectator. The weather is truly magnificent.

Last evening, about 8 o'clock, who should ring the door-bell but Miss Cannon on her way to Boston from Ohio? She had been stopping a few days in New York, and seen George and Wendell at the Nation office, and reports them both well. She remained at Charlotte's over night, and leaves this afternoon for Boston. She will spend the day to-morrow at Rockledge.

I applied a wash of Hy. Pho. Soda to my body last evening, and obtained some relief from it, though still unable to sleep any during the night - partly because of the presence of rumor.

ous mosquitoes which infest the house. I killed a dozen in my chamber this morning.

This forenoon I have obtained two hours of comparative repose, and at least an hour of oblivious sleep; and, consequently, feel much refreshed. I burn and itch less than I did yesterday, and hope there is to be a steady abatement of my torments. Fortunately, my appetite is excellent, and everything on the table is inviting, so that I am rather gaining in strength. This afternoon I shall take my third Turkish bath. I had thorough electrical treatment yesterday. I am certainly looking better than when I came. My skin trouble is called Eczema, "I burn."

Am glad to hear of Mr. Beecher's successful treatment.

A good voyage to Harry. I will send him letters to-morrow. Your loving Father.

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