

Boston. Feb. 14, 1865.

Dear friend Webb;

I write now only to say that I send forward, by St. "Africa" tomorrow, to Care of S. R. Graves, Baltic Building, Liverpool, a parcel of books &c. for you, and one to Birmingham also - both included in one to him, and I have written to him to ask him to forward them promptly. I have also said he might look to you for payment of his charges upon these 2 parcels. - I have paid the Ship's freight, & charges here. - Pray excuse any trouble this may cause you.

The parcel to you contains -

1. Hon. H. Wilson's "History of Antisl. Measures of 37th & 38th Congresses" - his gift.

2. "Looking toward's Sunset" - the gift of my wife, Sarah Russell May, to you.

3. Report of a Committee, appointed by the U.S.

Sanitary Commission, to investigate the treatment of our Prisoners in Rebel hands. - and a few smaller papers. -

Here I hope may reach you promptly, and
in good condition. I am very sorry that
I had not, ready to go, the photograph of
led. Show for your son Alfred. But
it shall be forthcoming.

Our Antislavery Subscription
Anniversary was, on the whole, quite
successful - in view of all the circumstances.
W. Phillips, and such as are of his faction,
- for, although ~~this~~ ^{it} is the first time I have
ever used that word in speaking of his course,
yet I honestly think that ^{it} justly describes it -
either staid away from the meeting altogether,
or declined to render any aid to it. In
these circumstances, we did not - ill to
collect some \$ 3300.

The Annual Meeting of the Mass^{ts}
A. S. Socy. was the least pleasant A. S.
Meeting I ever attended. Indeed I never
before attended one which I didn't enjoy.
But the treatment of Garrison, the attacks

upon him by ~~Mr~~ Foster, Pillsbury,
& C. S. Remond (absolutely insupportable, in
the case of the latter) was almost more
than I could endure. G. Thompson was
moved to rein S. S. Foster up, once, and
effayed to bring him to book. Foster, however,
is a complete eel, & he wriggled & slipped
away, - just as Mr. T. felt surest he ~~had~~
held him firm. You will be able to form
your own opinion about the meeting, if you
care to take the trouble to go over the official
Report. -

Your long, interesting, & most
acceptable letter of Jan. 16th can only just
be acknowledged now. It came to hand
on Sat. Feb. 4th - and its enclosures for Abby Kimber,
& Mrs. Chapman were sent forward. - I also had ^{you}
a late "Spectator" - which, after reading, I sent on
to Richard, at San Francisco. - We were very sorry
to hear that the railways were to drive you away
from your new home. I hope you may be ^{soon} settled
again quite to your mind. And though you are
now "60" years old, yet I will not give up
the hope of seeing you ~~in~~ our shores, - where
you shall find a hearty welcome from some }
of us. }

You will have rejoiced in our joy, in the successful passage by Congress of the Amendment of the Constitution, Abolishing forever Prohibitory Slavery in the United States. Is not this a great Result and an ample Reward for the long toil and hardest labors of the Abolitionists? You will see, I trust, Whittier's Lines, "Laus Deo". Already twelve States have ratified the Act of Amendment, & it will doubtless receive the ratification of the number requisite to make it part & parcel of the Constitution. Then, I think, the Antislavery Societies may, & should, dissolve, - leaving their members to carry on their beneficent & necessary work of caring for the Freedpeople in their connections & associations. Why continue the Anti-Slavery when the Slavery has ceased, & been abolished, & removed out of the way? Already the Freedmen's Aid & Relief Societies are becoming a power in the land, and in these & similar ways, the work of aiding, instructing & elevating the Freed People can be most directly, most naturally, most easily & most thoroughly done. But I must stop.

Ever truly Yours
T. May

Garrison will continue the Lib's containing to Jan. 1st 1866 - after that, perhaps, with a change of names; the change in the