

Beech  
Loch  
Poplar  
Chesnut  
Mountain  
Walnut

Amel May

Leicester

Mass.



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Dear Friend May -

Yours of June 28, is yet unanswered. I was very busy at the time it came, in an excellent work on the Cape; and before I had leisure to answer, the second Pronunciamento to came over the water from "H. M." and made any further "private criticism" or correspondence unnecessary - and indeed silenced me altogether.

If our Executive Committee intend to deliver their old friends and servants up to foreigners, uninformed & unscrupulous tormentors, such as "H. M." shows herself to be, it must be so. But it is a sad finale to more than twenty years of acquaintance & co-operation, in the etern conflicts of our warfare.

And I trust you have enough of friendship left for me, to appreciate my course, if my temporary resignation, is now made a final one.

And so I now indeed suffer, or sacrifice some thing, in the cause of the Manity. But you do me great injustice in your last, when you intimate that I count anything in the past, as a sacrifice. My idea might have been hadly expressed, or not really expressed at all - but I only referred to my past experiences in the work, to show that I too knew something about the wants of our cause, as well as those whom "H. M." <sup>now</sup> designates as its "proved leaders." The greatest

and best of us, owe more to the  
sublime movement & mis-  
sion, than it can ever owe  
to us.

You do not in your former  
letters to me, use the words  
"had spirit". But you make  
some very striking comparisons  
between me & several others;  
and twice have compared my  
present state of mind with  
what it was when I came  
from abroad. And now  
"A. M." complains that I am  
on the one hand, wanting in  
"enlightenment, modesty, justice  
& moderation", and on the  
other, that I am "cavilling; narrow  
in spirit, & fretful". And she  
is "mortified" that the Society  
"wastes its time & energy on the cav-  
ils of a few members", such as I,  
and politely hopes the "small"

"Clique" "who have wasted your time & force, will withdraw, &c. &c. &c. - or, I have better.

I am sorry if I have not understood you. But surely, I think Mrs. Martineau is perfectly transparent, & comprehensible enough.

It is however some consolation to know that the same Mail which brought ~~the~~ last "A. M. Letter," brought me also letters from Miss Estlin & Miss Wigham, approving in the very highest terms of my address in New York. In Boston, I offered no Resolutions, except on Mr. Hovey, & made no speech, except that on him, that was printed - Miss Wigham & Miss Estlin must read again. Or perhaps "A. M." knows something which they do not.

I am sad, sorrowful, beyond the power of words

to express, at this state of things. God knows, & I think, dear friend May, that you do not doubt that I have endeavored to serve the cause faithfully to the extent of my powers - and that I have never been offensive nor rude, in claiming too large a share of time in our Conventions, or space in our Columns. And as to my Resolutions, Mr. Phillips said on the platform, that he "endorsed every word of them"; & I thought my speech seemed to be generally approved.

And finally; I fondly thought & hoped that my difference with the Board, being only as to a judgment about Republicanism, and the course of such men as Cheever & Beecher, (who, according to some

besides me," occupy the most hap-  
 ful position of any man in Amer-  
 ca") could be tolerated; and  
 that our Platform was broad  
 enough, firm enough, to re-  
 tain me; especially when  
I have never risen a sec-  
 ond time to speak, even to  
 save my Resolutions from <sup>(their common)</sup>  
 being summarily, on to the table.

But now I see my mis-  
 take. And I am sorry <sup>"H. M."</sup>  
 is the organ through which  
 my sentence comes. I wasted  
your time & energies with two Res-  
 olutions & one speech in New York, and  
 with one speech in Boston!! No No.  
 Nor were my speeches very tedious in length.  
 Not very. Nor do the Standard & Liberator  
 complain, that I tire their read-  
 ers, or waste their "precious space".  
 H. M. has spoken my doom; & to it I  
 must bow, or sink my identity and  
 personal liberty. Garrison has taught



letter than that - God has com-  
manded me better than  
that - And independtly of  
both God & Garrison, I  
know I should never do  
that.

I know you as a tried,  
true, & ever-persevering ad-  
vocate & lover of our holy  
enterprise - I trust you  
will believe me sincere,  
when I subscribe,

Your ever faithful  
friend & co-worker  
Satter Pillsbury.

P.S. Mr. Hayward has extended me a kind in-  
vitation to attend the celebration at Ab-  
ington on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. I declined  
of course, but without giving any extended  
reasons. Should you have opportuni-  
ty to show him this letter, he would  
then understand me more fully. I have

not time this week to visit  
 much - My Mother & Brother  
 are both very ill, and I have  
 to hasten to Merrimack to  
 cross over to see them.

My tour on the Cape was  
 success - So was my visit  
 last Sunday to Matt's. Lecture  
 on the Fr. Revolution before  
 the Fraternity on Sunday evening,  
 and to a crowded house. Genl  
 al Wilson present all day  
 as usual. Next Sunday  
 go to West Cambridge for five  
 o'clock - also to E. Leighton  
 at 1 or 2, if on enquiry, our  
 friends there think it will be a  
 object.