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Portland, July 13, 1841

Dear friend,

I received your letter by uncle Southwick yesterday, and though glad to hear from you I am sorry that with your numerous engagements, you should have had the trouble of writing to me.

I paid my pledge to Mrs. Merriam the day after I made it. I think she will recollect it - it was at the convention, the afternoon, that Miss Gelly and Dr. Monford spoke. You may be sure I should not have rested easy until it was paid, for I know too well how disagreeable the office of collector is, to give any one the trouble of calling upon me, if I could prevent it.

Aunt Southwick wishes me to tell you, that she found a five dollar bill on the floor the day you paid the money to Mrs. Merriam at her house, which she supposes belongs to you, she will pay it to you, as soon as she returns.

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Glad she not been so much engaged she would have sent it before she left;

I suppose your sister has told you of my wish to resign the office of secretary. Living out of town and being absent a great deal, I find it impossible to attend to it, and it seems ridiculous to retain the name without doing anything.

When I see how much you accomplish I am quite ashamed of myself; but then you know, where little is given little can be required.

I have been delighted with your review of Mr. Sumner's sermons, but how in your situation you could ever have written ^{it} will always remain a mystery to all like myself.

Yours truly,

J. C. Sewall.

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