

May 2

Dear Miss Weston,

I thank you very much for sending me Miss Estlin's note. - I can hardly tell you, with what singular sensations I read Mr. E.'s note! the hand so changed. My mind ~~being~~ refused, at first, to recognize my friend Estlin there; but when I came to read it, I found the soul was there, - a soul which had gone through a fiery trial, & come forth with no smell of fire upon its robes.

- Almost at the <sup>same</sup> moment of receiving it, I received from Leicester a note enclosing a letter from Miss Estlin <sup>to me</sup> (which had gone to L.) of the same date with yours (July 8<sup>th</sup>). She gives much the same particulars of her father's health, that she does to you. I marvel at their

serenity, cheerfulness, helpfulness, and perfect acquiescence, - I keep Mr. E.'s note, to show to Mr. May, and will return it to you. Also, as Mr. May has not seen Miss E.'s note to me, I take that home with me. When she wrote it, she was not expecting to write to you, & sent ~~me~~ a newspaper, acknowledging your note, rec'd by Mr. Hovey. But her father's effort to write to you evidently changed her plan, & led her to write to you, <sup>also, & send both without delay,</sup> she says she shall write you again in a few weeks.

I am rejoiced to hear that you had so good, and so wonderfully a successful time with Mr. Foss. You must indeed be surprised, yourself, as you think of it.

I suppose you will <sup>not</sup> leave your  
good father & Mother utterly alone,  
even to meet with us at Framingham  
on Tuesday next, the 2<sup>d</sup>. — where I should  
be much pleased to see you. —

The Board Meeting to-day was a  
grave matter, and I am sorry you were  
not there, though I did not expect, of course,  
that you could come through such a rain.  
The Wm. Goodell book was the main topic,  
and Garrison & Quincy were appointed a  
Committee to prepare a suitable notice  
of it, to be published as the answer of  
the Exec. Com. of the Am<sup>r</sup>. A. S. Society to  
his vile perversion of their history. ~~W~~  
You can furnish suggestions — pray do so. —

I send you herewith the Account  
of the last Bazaar, including the  
Paid Bills, as vouchers; and I hope  
you will pardon the delay in copying  
& sending it.

With respects to your father & mother

I am, Very truly, Yours

Sam<sup>l</sup> May 2

*[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

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