

I have 16 articles on this matter, which I will show
you, sometimes from ^{at} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~papers~~ ^{papers} ~~also~~.
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I will always truly yours
A. W. C.

Kindest regards to
Mrs. May.

Weymouth
May 13th - 1885

Dear Mr. May.

Many thanks

for your note. - it is always
pleasant to hear from a friend.
never expected to hear from
the Pierpont Society again.
I sent it to Frank in acknowledgment of his kindness in
sending the programme of
the Anniversary and your
speech - & that made me
think that I owed you too, the
same. If you desired to
print it, I should have
made

Made no objection. As
to initials, tho' I should
have said "better not," - yet
why should I care? No
reader of the Va Register is
likely to know them ex-
cept yourself.

You enquire about
Mrs. Miller. I know, of
myself, nothing about her
except this: - that more
than a year ago, I should
say, she sent to me for
materials for a monograph
of H. M. which she
was preparing to write:
at the instigation, as now
appears, of Roberts Brothers.
They buy well for those

little vols. of noted women
which they have been issn-
ing. I replied that I
referred her to H. M.'s Auto-
biography & Memorials as
containing just what she
would need, & wished her
the utmost success; — as, for
the good of the world there
could not be too many lines
of so good a character —
so noble a woman.

She has availed herself
of the H. M. Book, & she
has add nothing but abuse,
& unbounded claims to
be the next friend of the
Mantrenans, whom she
"interviewed," with every body

else she could get hold of.
It looks to me as if she had
made a great little, but too
thin a book - parts of it are
very good, & then, when
she interviewed James Martineau
& Ellen Keppin (the
dear sister of Harriet), obtain-
ed a quantity of prison-
photos with which she has spok-
ed her foot of ornament. They
all seem to have been inser-
ted in the text, or here she
added the preface. Mr.
James Martineau, who wanted
but one thing of his family,
to let & lend them & use
them for his own illustration,
furnished her with prints, she says
for which she thanks him
in the preface. Then, she
becomes scandalous; & &

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I forbear to characterize
her further: But I M & she
together have set themselves
to deny to Harriet's auto-
biography any claim to
credit or ~~notice~~
notice: - but six editions
of a 6 dollar book are
proof enough of its good-
ness, - & its efficacious ope-
rations on the public mind.

It was that J.M. could bear
only eight years, & then
took occasion of Mrs Mil-
ler's interview, & her enterprise,
to the opportunity she gives,
him, to write letter after
letter, column after column
in "the Daily News," attack-
ing her, for assaulting his
mother, ostensibly; but in

readily to maintain that
he was right in the "prospective
review," & in oppos-
ing his engagements, & as
he ^{conveys} in all that he could have
said, had he been allowed
to write his life, - which

His sister Ellen, who constantly
went with him, told me
"only Mr. James Mathews
was fit to do." I replied, "How
can you think him fit to
do it after reading "the prospective
review?" " She answered -

"I never read it." She in
fact, ^{in her early youth} charged her brother, never
to notice insulting editors -
& Ellen, I doubt not, thought
her best way was not to read
the prospective review. It

might shake her wash of

the family root. J. M.
was Harriet's idol too, till he
compelled her to know him
as the bad man of family
servant he is; all of which
all who knew him in
old times knew, no one
whom he chose to in-
jure as he did Harriet
could judiciously continue
to give any such slander -
er the sanction of continued
friendship. Mr Thomas Men-
treau, my coexecutor &
must not be blamed for any
exposure of J. M." What
shall go down to poster-
ity smothered by a slander?
is the question. I have
not the conscience of dis-

ing to say" in such a case
that there is blame on
both sides. There was no
blame on Harnett. An En-
vious disposition, indulged
& pampered by a sect, as
well as a family, can
be guilty of terrible wrong.

Mrs. Miller is J. M.'s tool,
& women all see that
she does not know enough
to defend herself from being
used to her own discredit. She
never knew Harnett: she
never saw "the Knave," till it
was ascertained after J. M.'s
death, & she owns Harnett's
Book all she she says, -
that is of the slightest consequence
or ^{of} the least importance.
For I do not count her falsehood
of the least importance.

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