

Worcester Aug. 26 '81

Dear Mr. May,

Your note, with the Com-
-wealth, has been recd. Please accept my
thanks.

No, don't trouble yourself to make any
correction of Mr. Thompson's mistake
about me. Did you know how very feeble
I am, you would hardly think him far
from the truth. And if you make one
correction, you should make several. One
would infer from his statement, that I
never received any ^{pecuniary} aid in my anti
slavery work. You know I often had
help, after we established a home and
had a daughter to support. Again, the
"Friends' School in Lynn was always co-
educational. I had the highest grade,
made up of both sexes, during the five

years of my service them. But no
more of this. I found, more than
forty years ago, that if I stopped to
correct the misstatements and the
misrepresentations of friends and foes,
I should do little else. I think I
have never corrected one, and it is
rather late to begin now. I think
Mr. Phillips is right — and here you
will agree with me — in attacking.
Little value to the minutiae of history,
as it is impossible to know the true
from the false in its details. The
great, underlying facts, will stand out
with sufficient distinctness, to give
the coming years what is necessary
to be known.

You will pardon me if I reciprocate
your advice to me, to review my
dynamic theory, by asking you to
review your theory of war. I would

Suggest that you may get some help
from an article, ^{"Still another side"} on the 5th P. of the Woman's
Journal of Aug. 20. But I think
no help so good as that of Mr.
Phillips himself, when you read all the
days on the subject, for the third of
fourth time, with as little prejudice
as possible.

The spoke of the Professor to whom
Phillips alludes, as being in Congress
more than forty years after Everett;
wondering who it could be. Was it
Patterson or Selye? one of the two,
if I have not entirely forgotten, was
involved in the Credit Mobilier
frauds.

Alla has taken her father to ride.
Now they have they would send greetings.

With kindest regards to your family.

A. K. Foster

Did you know how, as a Quaker,
I was taught to abjure all flattering
titles, and especially that of Reverend
which occurs but twice in the Bible
and then is applied to Deity, you would
not marvel at the superscription
of this letter. Of course, I know
now, the world means, to press ministers
only ministers, yet I love the Quaker
idea of calling people only by their
simple names.