

I wish I could be with you tomorrow
but an hour hence I purpose to start
for Scotland, a town 10 miles west of
this, where I am to deliver an address
before the County Temperance Society
at 11th and in the evening am to try a
loud organ against the oppression of my coun-
try, and plead for the enslaved. So that
I shall be well employed though not
with you. —

I am really curious to know what
sort of an animal the American Union
will be — amphibious I suspect some-
thing perhaps like a turtle, which is
sufficiently gradual in his motions to
suit the most cautious — and when he
finds himself about to be attacked has
a wonderful knack of hiding his head.

Yours affectionately
Samuel J. May. —

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My Dear Brother.

Your favor of 5th did not reach me until yesterday. All who feel interested as I do in the anti-slavery cause are apt to think there is need of special effort in their immediate vicinity. I am not able to say however that you are more needed in Connecticut than you are in N. Hamp-
shire. I can only say that the people in this state are lamentably cold & inactive in view of our oppressed & down-trodden countrymen. — There is one reason why I am willing you should defer your visit awhile. The ministers & many of the people who have been brought to see that the Colonization Society will not do — are still hoping to find out some other way than the straight plain way of right. Of course the proposed Convention, to be held on tomorrow, is looked upon with expectation. It will be well therefore to wait until the laboring mountain has brought forth, so that the attention of the people may not be diverted from the truths we urge upon them, by the anticipation of something to come better than the truth.