

Dr. Munroe was here yesterday, and spent two hours in manipulating your mother's paralyzed limbs, and promised to come this afternoon. He is very unreliable as to his appointments, but is really interested in your mother's case, and says he means to give it his special attention, believing he will in the end be successful. I am glad your mother has a growing confidence in his skill, knowledge, and method of cure. God grant it may be given him to restore her limbs to their normal condition! Would not our joy and gratitude be unbounded? Emancipated from her present crippled state, how much she and I would enjoy in social visits, pleasant excursions, and hospitable interchanges! Let us hope for the best, while being resigned to whatever may be the will of Heaven.

I am immensely relieved to hear of your speedy recovery from the illness which prostrated you. Be all the more careful as the summer heat increases.

You write gaily about our family prospects, the proposed testimonial to me, &c. I have no belief that any thing like the sum named will be raised, and caution you not to be (as I shall not be) disappointed should it not amount to more than ten thousand dollars. That, indeed, would be a very handsome gift, and far beyond my deserts. Still, if no more should be realized, it would somewhat "take the bloom from the peach," in view of the sum publicly proposed. Dear George Thompson (who deserves a pension from both England and America) did not get one thousand dollars on his "loyal testimonial." The failure was owing mainly, I think, to a lack of direct personal application. It is surprising how little pecuniary aid can be obtained through printed circulars and letters.

The Perkins's estate is still in the market. I wish it were possible for us, as a family, to get possession of it. Mr. Parks offers fifteen thousand dollars for it, but would

I have just ordered Dr. C. Phillips, of Philadelphia, to send you some card photographs. I will try him.

perhaps take a thousand less. I think it would be a good investment of a portion of the funds now being raised for my benefit. It would make a charming abode for Harry and you, or William and Ellie, besides removing all difficulty about a right of way for us.

Charlotte Coffin stayed with us yesterday and last night. She will leave for Syracuse in a few days, to be gone for at least three months. Your mother will miss her exceedingly.

We hear nothing from Hepza. She is at Lynn, and may come to us at any hour.

Next week is anniversary week in Boston. I do not intend taking any part in any of the meetings, and, should Hepza come, may slip off to Providence till they are over.

Ellie is expecting her mother next Tuesday evening.

We all deem William fortunate in regard to his partnership.

Franky has a bad cold, with sore throat. Ever most lovingly yours, W. L. G.

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