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Dear Mr. Aug. 2. 1841

My Dear Friend:

We had a most successful
time yesterday. Nothing could
have gone off better. The day was a
perfect ^{as we} as we could have picked
out of the three hundred sixty five,
& we had from four to five hundred
on the ground. Proctor did well -
Malpala sent 40. Wrantham about
as many - all Ripley's Community
came excepting the sick & they
who stayed to take care of them.
They excited some astonishment
among the plainer folk - the men
being in blouses & both men &
women with garlands of oak-leaves,
twined around their head - looking
like Zepher's mours. Parker was
there - but declined speaking &
left early on the score of illness.
In the morning the children spoke

P.S. Should like to see about on the ground when you arrive at the Dedham Court. apply to the conductors for tickets get your own.

& extremely well, too, the speaking
being interspersed with singing.
The tables were very prettily set out
& decorated with flowers & I believe
every body had enough. After dinner
we conversated again & after
singing - opportunity was given for
addresses - it being left free. I
began & was followed by - whom
do you think? - the tearful Denmark
who had come over from his parsonal
charge at Newton to give us his ^{congratulations}
He was followed by Sanderson &
by Pierpont. Pierpont made a very good
telling speech - though not particularly
apropos to the Fair of August. This
indeed was the case with all the
addresses - excepting that of my ex-
cellency. Mr. Russell, the minister
of Marlboro' Chapel, made a good
speech - though I never heard of him
before. Wellen of course seized
the opportunity of a free meeting
& dispersed the assembly as effectually
as the reading of the riot act.

Hilton was the last speaker. I am
happy to inform you that the Day
Licking Lyric was sung in the after
part of the day with much gusto - but
I believe that most picturesque scenes
was omitted. Mrs. Tallen was on the
ground all day & enjoyed the scene
highly. Her nephews Fred. Cabot seems
a very zealous Abolitionist. He had a
large party from Dorchester - & a good
many from Medfield, Canton & the
neighboring towns. The rejoice in having
had the celebration - having had a
delightful day & believing that it
has done good. The Dedham women
deserve much credit for the pains
they took in drilling the children -
in ^{getting at the} ~~parades~~ ^{the} ~~scouts~~ - & in doing
the needful on the ground.

And now I want to know how
you do at Little Danvers? How
did Chapman bear his journey to
Weymouth? When are you going to
give us that day? The fatigue &
an excursion to Dedham will be
nothing compared to that of us to
Weymouth & I hope you will not

dissuaded from coming here by the
possible effects of that expedition. Tomorrow
(Wednesday) we propose going to Linn
& spend the day - & on Friday we
have Eddy's school in the after-
noon. There is no reason why you
should not come on Friday except
the riot there will probably be.
Thursday we shall probably be at
home. And next week I do not
know of anything that will be
likely to call us away from home.
Of course your coming cannot be
decided upon till the very morning
& it will make no difference to
us when you come, as we are
always ready for company at
Linn.

I should like to hear of the
Lynn Celebration - which seems to be a
little ^{more} ~~near~~ 4th of July, minus some of our powder
& also of the Flintham one, I suppose
your sisters were there. I felt a little
as if we had no business to have Peepers
but understand he had made no part
engagement of the Flinthamites. I hope the
way no disappointment. Love to
Father, Mother, & yours
Edmund Quincy.

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