

Syracuse, Oct. 25, 1847.

My dear Helen:

68 I will confess to you, that I meant to have taken you by surprise, by arriving in Boston on Saturday evening next, (Deo volente,) when I left Cleveland a week ago yesterday, without letting you know of my purpose. But brothers May and Wright have "let the secret out" in their joint letter; and perhaps it is better that you should know exactly my design. It is true, "there's many a slip between the cup and the lip," and it is by no means certain that my strength will enable me to get along as fast as I hope to do. But, thus far, I have endured the fatigues of the journey better than I anticipated. I hope all will be well to the end. Instead of Saml. Brooke, dear bro. Wright will go with me to Boston,

to have a bed-room nicely prepared  
for him — hair-mattress, &c. We  
shall not probably arrive before  
8 o'clock, in the evening. If we do  
not come then, look for us on  
Monday evening. Please let only  
a very few friends know of this ar-  
rangement — such as the Jacksons,  
Mrs. Meriam, Mr. and Mrs. Wall-  
cut, W. Phillips, &c. — as I must  
see the friends generally by de-  
grees, and I wish to have a very  
quiet Sunday at home. I shall  
not go to Northampton, unless the  
weather is fair — and only for  
the night.

Farewell, till we meet!

W. L. G.

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