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Roxbury, Feb. 5, 1867.

My dear Johnson:

If you like it well enough, you may print in your miscellaneous page the accompanying Alphabetical Song. Of course, poetical merit in such a procrustean mould is out of the question; but I believe there is no deficiency in the rhyme or measure, and the sentiment is connectedly sustained throughout. I do not know what put such a freak into my head. I neither ask nor expect any remuneration for so trifling an effusion. Accept it, therefore, "gra-tu-i-tiously." In some families the children may be induced to commit it to memory, on account of its novelty. If you print it, do not put any more than my initials to it.

By to-morrow's afternoon mail I hope to send an article for the Independent on "Matters and Things in General." It may not be in season, however, for your

next week's issue. I meant to have got it ready to send this afternoon, but have been interrupted.

Perhaps you are sometimes asked for my autograph. If so, you can save the accompanying lines for that purpose.

Your letter of the 29th, with the money enclosed, was duly received.

The violent attacks upon me, at the recent meetings of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, by Foster and Dr. Knox, evinced a good deal of personal bitterness. A fair opportunity was presented to W. P. to put the seal of his reprobation upon such "gabble," as you justly characterize it. But he had not the magnanimity to do so. To think of him at the head of such ranters!

Ever faithfully yours,
W. L. G.