

135 W. 41st St.,

April 12, 1887.

My Dear May,

I am surprised to find that Thayer's pamphlet is published ~~appears~~ <sup>is published</sup> entire in the Proceedings of the Antiquarian Society, as appears from the pamphlet just received from you. Friend Howland's shot is well aimed and effective, but it does not fully meet the case ~~nor~~ or satisfy our claims upon the Society for a hearing. If it would print my review with its Proceedings for 1887 it would

acquit itself handsomely toward  
us. There may be a technical  
reason, in the form of my paper,  
for declining this, though I  
hope not. At least I should  
hope they would accord it a  
reading. I shall doubtless  
hear from Howland, in  
reply to my letter, in a  
day or two. If W. L. G. ap-  
proves my review, and How-  
land thinks he can get a  
chance to read it before the  
Society, would it not be  
well to send the MS. to  
the latter? If, meanwhile,  
you get up from your ill-  
ness, I should like to have

you see it first.

Yesterday, Wendell reminded me, was your birthday. I had not even thought of it before, or I should have sent you my congratulations. You are less than 4 months behind me in the journey of life, but in spite of the ruthless cold that now holds you in its grasp, I think it most probable that you will outlive me. I pray God you may not be now near the end, but that years of usefulness and happiness are before <sup>you</sup>. It distresses me to think of you as having had to pass your birthday in bed. If I were

only endowed with miraculous  
power, how quickly I would see  
you!

Yours, tenderly,

Oliver Johnson.