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Roxbury, Jan. 25, 1875.

My dear Wendell:

Enclosed, you will find some of the reasons why my name was not appended to the Faneuil Hall ball - though, of course, the getters-up of the meeting knew me too well to solicit my signature.

In dealing with the Louisiana imbroglio per se, and with Rebeldom generally, the course of The Nation gives me a great deal of sadness for its one-sidedness, its false coloring, and, especially, for its lack of sympathy with and evident contempt for the colored race. In all these respects it manifestly grows worse and worse, and utterly at variance with all the hopes and expectations of those who took a special interest in its success at the outset. It is, to all intents and purposes, a Southern organ. At least, the South must be very unreasonable to desire a stronger Northern ally.

— But, to more agreeable topics.

Not knowing where a reply would reach Anne Percy, I have not answered her last letter to me, in which she stated that she would accept our invitation to her to make us a visit, though postponing that visit for a few weeks. Should you happen to see her, please tell her why I have not written, and that we shall be ready to welcome her at any time most convenient to her. It was unfortunate that you did not know of Dr. P's funeral in season to attend it, as your presence ~~must~~^{would} have been consoling to Anne.

Yesterday, for the first time, William's baby boy and George's baby girl came together under our roof, with a crowd of other grandchildren. It was a lively and gratifying occasion. Each baby was pronounced A 1. Love to you all.

Your mother is comfortable, and I am gaining in the matter of walking.
Your loving Father.