

Leicester July 20. 1844.

My dear Sir,

I have been desirous to have some notice of the 1st August taken in our favor this year; but we have delayed doing anything about it so long, that I fear it will fall through. I have been thinking that your vacation would begin about ~~that~~ that time. Could you not come up & give us an address? It would be a great thing for us, if you could. Your expenses at least should be defrayed.

If you cannot come then, will you not come & see us some time this summer? I have never had a conference with you on the final action of our brethren on the English letter, nor on the action of the A. U. S. As to this letter, the more I think of it, the less reason for satisfaction do I find. So I have

felt for nearly 6 weeks, & increasingly. I am
astonished how I could have voted (as I did)
for that 1st Resolution of Mr Phillips's, in which
as it is said that we do not think, under
ordinary circumstances, that Slavery is any concern
of ours. I never noticed that expression (though
I endeavored to give a close attention to the Res^{ns}.)
till after the whole matter was published.

Again, to make that poor Savannah Society the
scapegoat for all the Sins of Unitarians, South
& North, in connexion with Slavery is pitiful,
as it seems to me - is not manly. Why
should we not say out what we think? Why
be trammelled by such men as Mr. Gannett?
Nevertheless, on some features of that A.N.A.
meeting, I do look back with pleasure. It was
beautiful to see how the power of certain
men F. Parkman, Gannett, &c. &c. was broken; it
was encouraging to witness how ^{promptly} every movement
of the Pro Slavery folks was put down; there was
an excitement, at the end, in those prompt and
unhesitating votes which I think must somewhat

resemble that felt by soldiers, in the quick, sharp reports of their musketry in a close engagement - only we had the better weapons!!

I think Mr. Chapman took an admirable notice of the A. U. A. action on Slavery - in last week's Standard. I am very glad she set down Gannett & Dewey in their right place, as leaders of the proslavery host^{slutskiyim-isse}. It is true it was done, plainly & emphatically, in my opinion. Whatever they mean to be, such, in fact, are they.

With love to Cousin Lucretia, and to all my second Cousins -

Believe Me, Affectionately Yours

S. May Jr.

We are all as well as usual. Matters & things pretty comfortable in our Society. ~~of~~ Capt. Southgate has been very sick - is still feeble, but about.



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