

Sam. May Jr.
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Boston, June 4, 1848.

My dear Sir,

I am sorry that I did not know that Father was writing to you yesterday - as I could have sent this at same time. Our postage is not yet as cheap as it ought to be.

The W. England Convention voted that One hundred Conventions should be held in Massachusetts, the Scyres Case to be thoroughly presented & argued. They are to be commenced immediately. The Comtee. on these Conventions have instructed me to write to you, and see if you can obtain a furlough for 2 or 3 months, or even one, and aid us in this work.

I need not set before you the importance of the case, nor the value ^{& acceptability} of the help you could give us, nor the pleasure you might derive from this visit to Massachusetts. All these you will consider for yourself.

Will you therefore write me as soon as you can and say

1. Whether you can aid us? If so, how soon? And what part of the State you would prefer to work in?
2. What Compensation, in addition to your travelling expenses here & back, & while here, you would expect?

The Convention will begin probably by 17th of June.

I need not say how much pleasure it would give me if you could accept this call. - My love to all yours.

Affectionately, Yours

Saml May Jr. - for the Committee

P.S. Dr. Lowell brought up the question of Slavery (!!)
in the Convention of Cong. Ministers !! What next?
I am told he demanded action of them, and made a
most eloquent speech! Weyden was for postponing,
Nehemiah Adams wanted a packed Convention. But they
chose a pretty fair Convention, I believe, - Dr. L., Chairman
& orthodox ones (Hitchcock of Randolph, one) & 4 Unitarians
(Briggs of Plymouth & Thompson of Salem among them)
This Convention is to report next year, I believe.

— J. W. Holland is de. elected Sec. A. N. A. - I don't
know how the vote stood, (I confined myself this
year wholly to the anti-slavery meetings.) I hear
that he receives ^{but his own suggestion} but \$1000. for his services,
instead of \$1500. or \$2000. as it was intended to be given.
This will doubtless go far in reconciling many to him.
— I hear that he preaches very acceptably. You will
have a call from him, doubtless, about these times, as he
has gone on to Rochester to help ordain a man. I have told
a few of the "boarding-house keeper & self candidates." —

How suddenly you left us at N. York! What became of you?
You did not appear in our meetings on Thursday, I believe,
and I could not hear what became of you.