

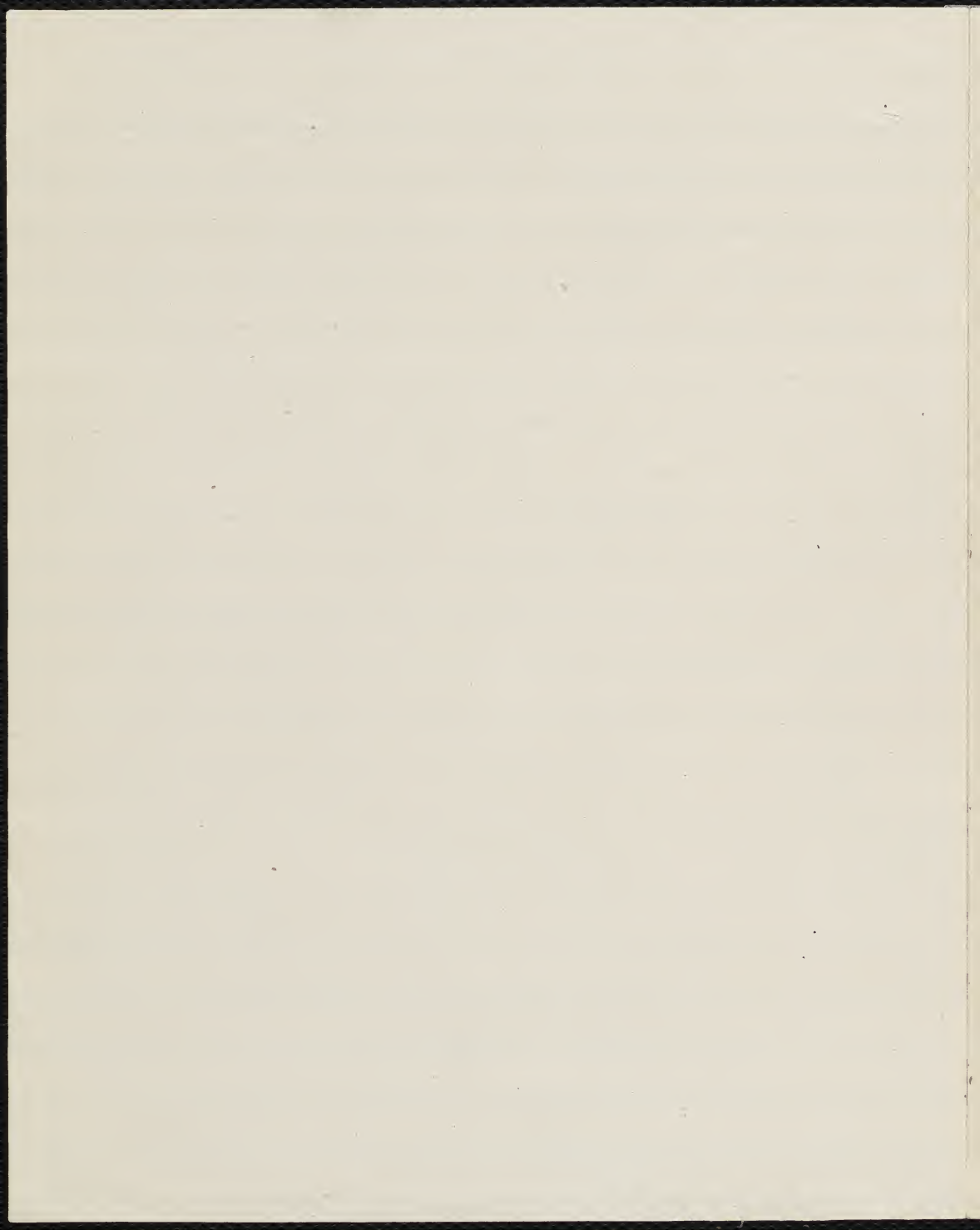
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Boston, May 11, 1853

My dear Mr. May:

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His was received from you today, enclosing ^{two} newspapers. The paper is so crowded, every inch of it, that I could not find ^{room} for the notice our friends Vis. Hitchcock, unless you thought it might be well to re-publish, with additions. I was sorry not to have room for the sketch of Mr. Fox's remarks at Worcester, which you kindly sent, but it can be done except with the utmost care & more entire, & the illustrations in it will be familiar to our friends. We shall take up, but it reads well as a whole. He does not wish to be reported again, my son.

We had a pleasant time at Worcester, and received the hospitality of Mr. Snow, who is about the only one in the place willing to be identified with us. We had a good meeting in Mr. Davis's Church on Saturday evening, a small but attentive audience being present. On Sunday (third service) meeting was a large one, the usual Town Hall being nearly filled - some eight or nine hundred persons notwithstanding - but no collection, owing to a hinder, so that I had to pay my own travelling expenses, and suppose Heywood was left in the same predicament. The hindrance happened in this wise: - On going to the meeting, I said to Heywood, the custom to defray expenses must not be forgotten. My friend Snow went to the meeting in advance of us, so, before I commenced, I beckoned to him to come to the platform, and said it would be necessary to have a collection to meet the expenses of the meeting, &c. He replied that those expenses had been already provided for, which, for some time, had it was deemed best not to have up a collection. At the time, he came up and expressed his regret that no collection had ever taken up in the cause. I then had him thank the Lord, given me no more, & say I would take care up,



and therefore concluded some other arrangement had been made to raise the money. It seems he had assumed the expense of the Hall, advertising, ~~and~~ ^{board} bills, &c., and only meant that I need not be concerned on that score. For want of this explanation at the time, we lost perhaps a good collection, as so many people were present. I was very sorry, and so was Heywood.

I leave in the morning, with Willison, for Ypsalanti, and a trip to the Catskill mountains - then down the Hudson to New York city, where we shall spend a couple of days - calculating to reach Boston on Thursday night, next week. Should you wish to write to me, a letter addressed to the care of Oliver Johnson will be in season, should it arrive any time during Wednesday.

None of the Petitions have yet been sent out. The delay is a serious one, as no time ought to be lost.

Pell has gone West, and nothing can be done about the affidavits desired by Mrs Chapman.

Our friend Mr Johnston, of Topsham, Vt. ⁶⁷/₇ writes to me that he finds it very difficult to get a hearing for me, so strong is the prejudice against me in the various towns. As a specimen of the letters he is receiving, he sends me the one from Wethersfield. Please save it. He asks whether we shall go forward, nevertheless, and incur the expense of Halls, advertising, &c., on account of our Society. I have not time to answer his letter; but I do not feel inclined to have any such expenses incurred at this time. I know very little about the State, and will not sue for a hearing, nor appear to be anxious to thrust myself upon it.

For your kindness to errand, I thank, accept our sincere thanks.

Hurrah for the Atlantic cable!

Truly yours,
W. L. Garrison.

(See, Samuel May Jr,
Leicester
Mass.)

Boston, Aug. 11. 1858.