

Leicester,  
Aug. 21/71.

Dear Charles Busleigh,

Yrs. of Saty. came to me this noon. I return the slip concerning your wife, - having read it with interest & feeling that you may not have copies to spare. I must have known of her death at the time; but it had, when I wrote, passed from my recollection. I hope my allusion did not wound your feelings, and I think it did not; - from your manner of reply, & from your views of her present life. My memory of the few opportunities I had of corresponding with her <sup>is</sup> ~~one~~ very pleasant.

And I thank you most heartily for your ~~pleasant~~ ready reply to our request concerning S. J. May's memoir. What you

Can give us of his character and  
work will be most valuable, even  
tho' much of it be already known.  
You have a special gift of narrative  
in such a case, - I think; remember  
as I do, your account of Captain  
John Brown, in our Reports, which  
I have been accustomed to say was  
the best account, I knew of, of that  
remarkable & noble man.

You need not, I am sure,  
omit any fact or reminiscence  
because you may suppose it to be  
already well known,

Very truly  
Yours

Saml May