

Boston, 21 Cornhill,
Feb. 2 / 54,

My dear Sir—

You really "had me" on the matter of the date of my last. — I remember I wrote it in haste; but I could hardly credit it, that I ^{had} written Nov. for Jan. — Some passing thought or allusion, at the moment, perhaps was the cause. — Now I write on Candlemas day, and I hope you have "half your wood, and half your hay", & a good stock of flour, &c. &c. in these times of high prices.

The ten dollars for the Bazaar was received, and I enclose herein the little due-bill you gave. —

Mr. Wadcut has one dollar of yours in his hands. The ^{retail} price of the Decade pamphlet has been put at 25 cents, though this is not equal probably to the cost; for it is a thick pamphlet of

over 170 pages. - Mr. W. will enter
your \$1. in acct of the pamphlets. - I
propose to send you 25 copies of it,
to make such use of as you think
best. Where you think the cause
will be subserved, you will
please ~~send~~ give away copies;
~~where~~ - Where you choose to do it,
and the person can afford to pay,
and may properly be asked to do it,
so, you can sell copies, at 25 c.
And whatever - if anything - you
receive for them, over & above expenses,
you can send to Mr. Wallcut.
- Crosby & Co. had sent their
bundle to you, before our pamphlets
was out. So I must send to
you an independent parcel -

F. Douglass's matter - which
you wished me to keep you informed
about - has assumed no new aspects,
to my knowledge. He was here

Last week, at our Aunt's meeting,
I made a very few remarks, quite
lame & impotent; he evidently felt
a strangeness in that company.

Mr. Finch did not send me one of
his books; but I have an opportunity
to see it. — I shall be very glad
to hear of the progress of your Free
Meetings in Syracuse. I agree with you,
that it is often a ^{necessary} very good work to
clear away that fog round people's
minds, which old dogmas, & unintelligible
& irrational theories, have formed; — and
which, I more & more believe, they were
designed to form. — Yesterday, about
100 eminent Unitarian Saints met in
this city, to devise ways & means, to wake
up a greater interest in themselves & others,
circulate their writings, &c. &c. They are as
sectarian, & narrow, & dead to all
true & Christian work, as any body of
people I know of.

I have brought my wife, & my
daughters to Boston for the ^{rest of the} winter,
and we are at board. — Edward
will continue at the academy
in Leicester, and Rufell is still
at Miss Ripley's school, in Concord.
— Please give my best love to all
your family. All well, among
our relatives, so far as I know, —
excepting Mrs. Maria May, who
remains in the same paralysed state
in which she has been for months.

Believe me,

Very affectionately,

Yours

Sam^l. May Jr.

Mr. Wallcut desires his love
to you. —

Sam^l. May Jr.
H.C. 2^d 1854