

Boston. Feb. 14, 1865.

Dear friend Webb;

I write now only to say that I send forward, by St. "Africa" tomorrow, to Care of S. R. Graves, Baltic Building, Liverpool, a parcel of books &c. for you, and one to Birmingham also - both included in one to him, and I have written to him to ask him to forward them promptly. I have also said he might look to you for payment of his charges upon these 2 parcels. - I have paid the Ship's freight, & charges here. - Pray excuse any trouble this may cause you. The parcel to you contains -

1. Hon. H. Wilson's "History of Antisl. Measures of 37th + 38th Congresses" - his gift.
2. "Looking toward Sunset" - the gift of my wife, Sarah Russell May, to you.
3. Report of a Committee, appointed by the U.S. Sanitary Commission, to investigate the treatment of our Prisoners in Rebel hands. - and a few smaller papers. -

Here I hope may reach you promptly, and in good condition. I am very sorry that I had not, ready to go, the photograph of Led. Shaw for your son Alfred. But it shall be forthcoming.

Our Antislavery Subscription

Ample as was, on the whole, quite successful - in view of all the circumstances. W. Phillips, and such as are of his faction, - for, although this is the first time I have ever used that word in speaking of his course, yet I honestly think that ^{it} justly describes it - either stand away from the meeting altogether, or declined to render any aid to it. In these circumstances, we did not - ill to collect some \$ 3300.

The Annual Meeting of the Mass^{ts} A. S. Socy. was the least pleasant A. S. Meeting I ever attended. Indeed I never before attended one which I didn't enjoy. But the treatment of Garrison, the attacks

upon him by Mr. Foster, Pillsbury,
& C. S. Remond (absolutely insulting, in
the case of the latter) was almost more
than I could endure. G. Thompson was
moved to rein S. S. Foster up, once, and
effayed to bring him to book. Foster, however,
is a complete eel, & he wriggled & slipped
away, - just as Mr. T. felt surest he ~~had~~
held him firm. You will be able to form
your own opinion about the meeting, if you
care to take the trouble to go over the official
Report. -

Your long, interesting, & most
acceptable letter of Jan. 16th can only just
be acknowledged now. It came to hand
on Sat. Feb. 4th - and its enclosures for Abby Limber,
& Mrs. Chapman were sent forward. - I also had of
you a late "Spectator" - which, after reading, I sent on
to Richard, at San Francisco. - We were very sorry
to hear that the railways were to drive you away
from your new home. I hope you may be ^{soon} settled
again quite to your mind. And though you are
now "60" years old, yet I will not give up
the hope of seeing you on our shores, - where
you shall find a hearty welcome from some of us. }

Barnes will continue the Lib's editing to Jan. in 1866 - after that, perhaps, with a change of name, & perhaps of place.

You will have rejoiced in our joy, in the successful passage by Congress of the Amendment of the Constitution, Abolishing forever Prohibitory Slavery in the United States. Is not this a great Result and an ample Reward for the long toil and hardest labors of the Abolitionists? You will see, I trust Whittier's Lines, "Laus Deo". Already twelve States have ratified the Act of Amendment, & it will doubtless receive the ratification of the number requisite to make it part & parcel of the Constitution. Then, I think, the Anti-Slavery Societies, & should, dissolve, - leaving their members to carry on their beneficent & necessary work of caring for the Freedpeople in other connexions & associations. Why continue the Anti-Slavery Societies when the Slavery has ceased, & been abolished, & removed out of the way? Already the Freedmen's Aid & Relief Societies are becoming a power in the land, and in these & similar Societies the work of aiding, instructing, & elevating the Freedmen can be most directly, most naturally, most easily & most thoroughly done. But I must stop. Ever truly Yours S. May