[illegible], Aug. 11 [illegible]

Dear [illegible],

I [illegible] w[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] closed,

[illegible] amount of a contribution to the [illegible]

A[illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] thank you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible],

at that [illegible] of [illegible] at the [illegible] house. I [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]

[illegible] you that [illegible] [illegible]. I

hope you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] upon [illegible]. Do [illegible] think [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] if it [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Bourke [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], where

Office is in Boston. — I am trying still to get (?) [illegible]

the Autographs of Mr Lincoln. I am surprised to find how

rare they are. I don't believe he often wrote that kind

of notes, letters, &c. which are wont to go into autog. collections.

Who can be the author of an English book called The Gentle

Life, published in London by Sampson Low, &c.? It is

most caustically reviewed in the "Atlantic Monthly" for

August. In the book, references to America are unspeakable

[illegible] you, — I have had [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] engagements [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] & the [illegible], [illegible]
& [illegible] yet. I [illegible]
also [illegible], [illegible]
photographs for Prof. [illegible]
[illegible]. I have [illegible] just, [illegible]
[illegible] fulfilling your request. —
[illegible] expecting G. Thompson [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of Mich[illegible] here. [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible]
in this [illegible] to [illegible].
[illegible] all as usual — My [illegible] health
My son Edw[illegible] keeps [illegible] well. My younger son
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] Virginia. He is however at his [illegible]
as usual [illegible].

With sincere regard

Yours

Sam'l. [illegible] Jr.

Pray excuse haste & (I dare say) [illegible].
I enclose stamps for postage.