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Extract of letter.

W. L. Garrison to Samuel May, Jr.

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— — — "Yes, it is true that I am seriously thinking of going across the Atlantic this summer — for four reasons. First, because, tho' I expect to be sea-sick, I believe the trip would be decidedly beneficial to my health, and therefore to my future usefulness; for, though I am much better than I was last summer and fall, I am still lacking in my usual strength and spirits, and need a total change in my surroundings. My previous trips to England have always given me renewed vigor. Second, it will be something — I think a great deal — to see the Paris Exhibition of the world's industries; but this pleasure will be

immeasurably, enhanced by meeting
there Fanny and her husband and
Frank, and perhaps ultimately, et-
turning with them all. Third,
as a World's Anti-Slavery Congress
is to be held at Paris about the
middle of June, it is fitting that
I should be present; and under-
standing that I contemplate going
to it, the Executive Committee of the
American Freedmen's Commission have
already requested me to appear as
a delegate in its behalf. Fourth,
I wish to see my old Anti-Slavery
friends in England, to rejoice with
them face to face over the abolition
of American Slavery, and in all
probability to take of them a
final, ^{cordial} farewell. You know, my
dear friend, for the last three years,
I have had such a project in view.
First, we talked of going ^{over} together,

ing but that failed. The next year
George Thompson and I speculated
about going across, but he could
not see his way clear to do so.

Last year I was utterly broken down
by my fall. This time I trust
it will not prove a failure; but
I shall not think of going ^{if} at the
last, the health of my dear wife
should seem to be precarious.

xxxxx With her characteristic
self-abnegation, she desires me to
go and join the children, and seek
thereby the renovation of my
health. I shall have an ex-
cellent person, a relative of hers,
to be with her during my absence."

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