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Dear Sir

I should be glad to visit  
Rymouth again, but at  
present I have nothing  
to read which is not  
generally hearthside, or  
at least secular, - which  
the dictionary defines  
- "relating to affairs  
of the present world, not  
holy!" - though not ac-  
cidentally unholy; nor  
have I any leisure to  
prepare it. My writing  
at present is profane,  
yet in a good sense,  
and as it were sacred;  
I may say; for finding  
the air of the temple  
too close, I sat outside.

Don't think that  
I say this to get off.  
No, no, - it will never  
do great much thing  
to many cars. If they  
ask for bread will  
ye give them a stone.

When I have some  
thing of the right  
kind depend upon it  
I will let you know.

Yrs  
Henry D. Thoreau

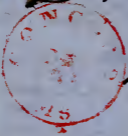
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