

Boston, 21 Cornhill,
Saml. May Jr.
February 28. 1857.

My dear Sir;

When I say "my dear Sir" to you, it has a little more meaning than I suppose it commonly has at the head of a letter. This, I say, to avoid the air of formality, which otherwise might appear in it.

I am glad to be able to send you, herewith, the extracts from Mrs. Maria W. Chapman's Letter to Richard D. Webb, respecting Frederick Douglass.

- It seems that H. C. Wright wrote to Mr. Webb, for whatever Mrs. Chapman had written to him ^{at the time in question.} -

Douglass. Mr. Webb sent him these, which, after one or two copyings, have come into my hands in what

I deem a perfectly authentic
manner. - I will, however,
compare my ^{copy of the} extracts with that
in H. C. Wright's possession, and if
there is any variation, will let
you know it.

I should be glad to know
what you think of these extracts?

I have no special news to
give you, I believe. - Father's
health is not quite as good as
it has been, but I do not
apprehend any thing serious.
- My family are now at board
with me here, for the remainder
of the winter. We have been
here a month. Our healths

have been up & down, and
not of the soundest kind now.
Still, we keep about, in the
mutable weather of this rough
winter.

I hope you got the 25
copies of the Decade pamphlet,
which I sent to you. We
could send you 25 more, if
you wish for them. -

I am, "My dear Sir",
and Beloved Cousin, with
Affectionate Regards to
All your Family,
Very sincerely
Yours,

Samuel May Jr

Samuel May jr
&
Mrs Chapman's
letters.