

Boston, May 29, 1847.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

The "Meditations" have been issued by Crosby & Nichols, in a very neat form. I have not yet had time to examine the work. As no time was to be lost, in order to get it ready for Anniversary Week, (the week just closing), the proof-sheets were none of them sent to me, save of the first signature. Your name does not appear on the Title page, to the great chagrin of Mr. Crosby, who gave orders not to set up the title-page until he had been heard from. I have no doubt it would have had a favorable effect on the sale of the book, had your name been added. ^{He knew, in ample season, that you had given your consent to the use of your name.}

Six copies of the work have been put in a parcel, which will be forwarded to Chapman, London, with the July Examiners, to be sent to you.

Crosby proposed to sell the book, at retail, for .75 cent, - $\frac{3}{4}$ of a dollar - equal to something more than 3/ sterl. This was much higher - 50 per. ct. higher - than I hoped & supposed he would sell the work. In fixing upon this price, he allowed for

a copyright percentage ~~of~~ of 10 per cent
to be paid to you. When I told him you
had positively declined receiving anything
from the sale of the work here, (and
certainly I would consent to receive nothing)
he proposed to reduce the price to 62 1/2
cents - equivalent to about 2/6 sterling.
This is higher than I wish it was.

If you wish for more copies of
the book, Mr. Crosby says you shall
have them. He ^{has} also sent me six copies.

Will you please say to your sister
Anna, that I gave her message to
Mr. Charles Sumner, concerning a
reply to the letter, of which Miss Fanny
Fryndal was the bearer; and he said
he would bear it in mind. He gave
the doll to a daughter of Professor Felton.

We had an exceedingly interesting
meeting, yesterday afternoon & evening,
at the house of Rev. Theodore Parker, in
this City. He styled it, in his notes of
invitation, a "Council of Reformers",
and the object was to discuss the general
principles of Reform, and the best means
of promoting it. Let me give you

the names of some of those present -

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Amos B. Alcott,
William Henry Channing, James F.
Clarke, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell
Phillips, Edmund Quincy, Mrs. M. W.
Chapman, Mrs. Fuller, James and
Lucretia Mott, & daughter, of Philadelphia,
Caleb Stetson, John L. Russell, Francis
Jackson, Charles Sumner, Samuel
G. Howe, E. H. Chapin, Joshua P.
Blanchard, Samuel E. Cones of
Portsmouth, Elizer Wright Jr., Walter
Channing - I have not yet given all
the names. It was a matter of deep
interest even to see this collection of
the men alive of our neighborhood and
day.

From 4 to 10 P. M., with a
short interval for tea, a most spirited
conversation was held on all the great
Reform subjects of the day. I am more
than ever convinced that the Antislavery
Reform carries all other, with it, and
that its triumph will be theirs.

With sincere respects to your Mother
& sisters, I am, Faithfully Yours,
Samuel May.

Miss Mary Carpenter.

Great George Street,

Bristol.

England.