

To S. J. May

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Boston, Jan. 8, 1858.

Beloved Friend:

By a brief letter received from you yesterday, (dated erroneously Dec. 5, 1857, instead of Jan. 5, 1858,) I am delighted to learn that you have left the Water Cure at Glen Haven, and are once <sup>more</sup> at "home, sweet home," measurably restored to health, and in good spirits. I meant to have sent you a letter at G. H., thanking you, with a full heart, for the kindly interest you have taken in Wendell's case at Harvard, and for writing in his behalf to Pres. Walker; and also for the letter of Pres. Walker, enclosed in one of yours to me, announcing the result of the correspondence. In how many ways have I been indebted to you since our long and cherished acquaintance! But I am only one of a great multitude, whose deep indebtedness runs in the same direction. Within a few days, Pres. Walker has signified to Wendell that he will undoubtedly be one of ten scholars to participate in the interest or the bequest of the late John G. Thayer; and though the proportionate amount will be small the first year, (about \$25,) it will be increased afterward. Wendell feels very grateful (as well as his father and mother) for what you have done in his behalf.

It is not too late to wish you, and your dear wife, and all the members of your beloved family, — "aunt Charlotte" never to be forgotten, — "a happy new year"! As health is so essential to happiness, may you continue steadily to improve, and every vestige of disease be removed from your system! I beseech you to be careful of "the outward man," and not let the inner man do him any injury through excess of mental or moral effort. Advancing in life as we are, we need to be admonished that we cannot labor and expose ourselves with the same impunity that we could in our younger days. I cannot bear to think of your removal for many a year to come, even though it be to "another and a better world," for this world is so disordered as imperatively to need your presence to the latest possible hour of mortality. God bless and watch over your entire household!

At home, we commence the new year in good health and spirits. George continues to reside in Minnnesota, and seems to be perfectly contented in his new position. William remains in the States, at Lynn, and gives entire satisfaction. We take great comfort in all our children, and there is not a particle of bitterness in our cup of bliss. They all seem to be animated by one spirit of affection, and to desire to live without a blemish.

I mean to try to correspond with you, by  
letters, more frequently than I have hitherto done. Be  
assured that, <sup>both</sup> in the "letter" and in the spirit, I am ever  
Your faithful, attached and admiring friend,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

P.S. I deeply regret that the health of your dear  
Joseph is not yet restored, so as to warrant his return  
home. Give him my tenderest sympathies and my  
warmest remembrances. He is indeed a noble youth.  
— Helen sends her most loving regards to you all.

W. L. Garrison  
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