1 18 March 2 My darling Harry: 3 I have received 75 dollars from the Nation on your account, being 4 payment for "Laugel", "Regniaud", & "Parisian Stage"; and this sum added to sixty 5 received from Osgood (which I wrote you about as pay for Bethnal G. M.) makes \$135 in 6 my hands for you. I wrote to the Galaxy to send me a check for Middlemarch (that article 7 is very much admired); but Mr Church writes me that he sent a check a month ago to the 8 address of H. James ir Esq Cambridgeport (Mass) in payment of that contribution. No 9 trace of such check is left in the Cambridgeport Office; but Mr C. says that it will 10 probably come to him soon from the Dead letter Office in Washington when he will 11 substitute another check & send it to me. He does not name the amount of the check sent: 12 I will keep him in memory. He has your story sent to Gail Hamilton who returned it to 13 me with these words: "Here is a manuscript belonging to that lovely boy of Yours which 14 he bids me send you—I part from it with regret & only wish I had a magazine to launch, 15 because I am sure such freight would make its fortune." I will tell Church to send me a 16 proof & a check. 17 We hear good tidings of Bob & Mary, who are struggling nobly with poverty & 18 hard work: I mean social poverty, for their surroundings are very mean & meagre of 19 cultivation. Mary is a little tramp & Bob is full of appreciation of her. Wilky has moved 20

to Watertown, as you know, & groans very much. But I hope, and indeed am inclined to

feel confident, that he will get through safe & sound, and be all the better man for doing so. We hear nothing of late about Carrie.

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Willy goes on swimmingly with his teaching. The students (57) are elated with their luck in having such a professor, and next year he will have no doubt a larger class still, attracted by his fame. He came in here the other afternoon when I was sitting alone, and after walking the floor in an animated way for a moment, exclaimed: "Dear me! what a difference there is between me now & me last spring this time: then so hypondriacal" (he used that word, tho perhaps in substantive form) "and now feeling my mind so cleared up and restored to sanity. It is the difference between death and life." He had a great effusion. I was afraid of interfering with it, or possibly checking it, but I ventured to ask what specially in his opinion had promoted the change. He said several things: the reading of Renouvier, (specially his vindication of the freedom of the will) & Wordsworth whom he has been feeding upon now for a good while; but especially his having given up the notion that all mental disorder was required to have a physical basis. This had become perfectly untrue to him. He saw that the mind did act irrespectively of material coercion, and could be dealt with therefore at first hand, and this was health to his bones. It was a splendid confession, and though I knew the change had taken place, from unerring signs, I never was more delighted than to hear it from his own lips so unreservedly. He has been shaking off his respect for men of mere science as such, and is ^even[\] more universal and impartial in his mental judgments than I have ever known him before.—You had better destroy this letter; although I am sure he would delight to tell you the same things also, and it is no matter therefore.

All goes on as usual in the family. Alice (who is gone off this morning with mother to the dentist's) is going to visit Cousin Helen soon for a week. Ed Van Buren

45	died in Brighton (England) a week or ten days since, of Consumption. Smith remains
46	well. Elly is first rate, as usual. Willy dined a day or two since with the Holmes'. He
47	thinks no love is lost between W. <u>père</u> & W. <u>fils</u> .
48	No news: except the Sunday paper has a report of the approaching marriage of
49	Philips Brooks and Mrs Renselaer Thayer. I believe it is a mere rumour, like several
50	others to the same gentlemans address.
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- 4 "Laugel", "Regniaud", & "Parisian Stage" "Laugel's Notes on Travel," Nation 27 February 1873:
- 152; "Henri Regnault," Nation 2 January 1873: 13-15; "The Parisian Stage," Nation 9 January 1873: 23-

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- 5 Bethnal G. M. "The Bethnal Green Museum," Atlantic Monthly January 1873: 69-75
- 6 that article James's review of Middlemarch, Galaxy March 1873: 424-28
- 12 your story sent to Gail Hamilton "The Sweetheart of M. Briseux," which Gail Hamilton had solicited for possible publication in *Wood's Household Magazine*, but which was eventually published in the *Galaxy*
- 44 Cousin Helen Helen Rodgers Wyckoff Perkins
- 44 Ed Van Buren Edward Livingston Van Buren
- 45 Smith Smith Van Buren
- 46 Elly Ellen James Van Buren

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