

Dear Sister

(No 33)

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I mailed No 32 on the 13th January directed to your care of Isaac, at Mrs Laurier 1402 Walnut St. Phil. when I hope you are in apartments proof against the severe weather that so suddenly succeeded the mild portion of your winter. I have taken dinner socially at Mrs Dodges on several occasions, and met our late minister at Naples, Mr Oron, then once - a very agreeable man. Mrs D was kind enough to send me Marys letter to her of Jan 2<sup>d</sup>, by which I was delighted to find Anna so much improved. I hope Marys fall was not attended with much trouble. On the 20th of January I felt much apprehension that Anna was again suffering, but only with a short attack. Since my last I dined again with Doctor Ashburn, when I tried to give him an idea of Annas case, which of course I could do only very partially. He was fully of opinion that profound mesmeric sleep would be a proper treatment for her. When I mentioned fumes of hot iron, he informed me that bars of heated iron were used, but that the effect thereof in different cases varied exceedingly. Some patients were strengthened while others were weakened by it. He says self mesmerizing is practical, but only to a partial extent he thinks. I saw a very stout man the other who told me he had laboured under very great debility for some 20 years of his early manhood. He at length applied to a physician who asked him what he took for breakfast. Tea was the reply. He was immediately ordered to take milk instead, both at breakfast, and the evening meal. My informant declared that would be impossible for milk always afflicted him with violent head ache. Put common brown sugar

in the milk then. He adopted the change <sup>(2)</sup>  
and in 2 weeks was a healthy man. He now  
uses a pure sort of chocolate put up in rolls.  
He says he was very fond of tea, but is now  
perfectly satisfied its continuance would have  
finished him, although he did not take it strong.  
Coffee he could not use at all.

I went out to West Hill Lodge Highgate Hill 2  
weeks ago to see Mr & Miss Howitt. Miss H is a  
very agreeable person, Mr. H was very kind  
and took much pains to show me a great  
many spiritual drawings very curious &  
many of them very pretty - Both himself &  
daughter are drawing and writing media  
and the daughter also paints much in the old  
mipal style under the same influence. Both  
the wife and daughter were out. While I was  
talking with Miss Howitt (before Mr. H. came in)  
the sun burst out with full brightness on the  
bright green of their nice little lawn & shrubbery  
and I saw the first really blue sky I have  
had a sight of since my arrival from the con-  
tinent - Their nice though plain brick cottage  
and pleasant surroundings seem to be the  
very place, a poet's home, for such a gathering.  
They are in a sort of village outskirts of London,  
a place of green fields and trees, most pleasant  
to visit. I saw a robin not far from their  
house in the grounds of the wealthy & benevolent  
(I believe) Miss Coutts, who has a residence there.  
I received last evening a letter from Isaac at  
Peace Dale Jan 14th. If the slave trade is pre-  
sisted in at the South, I think it will produce  
a crisis in which the whole question of American  
slavery will be settled by some very summary  
proceeds. It has been said here (in the times  
I think) "let the United States take Cuba,  
they will put an end to the importation of  
Africans into that island". Recent events do

not appear to warrant such a conclusion, but (3  
rather a great aggravation of the existing evil  
under Spanish rule. I was surprised to hear of  
the completion of the Stonington and N. London rail  
way. It was only talked of when I left, and a  
director of the Connecticut shore road who much  
desires this link appeared to entertain very little  
hope of its accomplishment. This must be a  
great convenience to Narragansett both as a  
route to New York and the additional daily  
opportunity to Providence &c. Kington is as  
central a place as any in the union, almost.  
I received a letter a few days since from P. A.  
Stockton at Dresden. He has been to the U. States this  
summer, about only 41 days. I also have a very  
pleasant letter from my friend Eric von Schonberg  
of Herzogswald near Dresden. He has ~~just~~ gone to  
Hungary for a few weeks when he has purchased  
a large estate - He hopes to get to the United  
States in 1860. He cannot find a water ram  
in Saxony. If Isaac sees a pamphlet on the  
subject, I wish he would send it to B. B. H.  
for me to send him. I shall find a manufacturer  
of them in London I suppose. It appears to me  
there must be a good opening for their intro-  
duction on the continent, and a fine en-  
terprise for an intelligent Yankee. By a  
letter from John Wakefield I find that  
Logaryg mentioned in the Duke of Somerset will  
is probably Loughrig near Kendal, and not  
Larkrig. He hopes you will see his Nephew and  
Niece will yet see you and the Peaces in  
Phelada. See Emerson Tennent, of whom I  
enquired about the Culver Key of Isaac Walton  
wrote a note for the "Notes & Queries" It was duly  
noticed in the journal, but only to say that  
a similar enquiry had been made a few  
years ago, but without avail. The identity  
of this flower of the meadows by trout streams  
is, strange to say, entirely lost.

Sir Emerson and myself went lately to <sup>4</sup>  
see the "Infant Magnet" a very fragile  
girl of 15, who with the tip of her least finger  
moves a weight of 45 lbs of iron about, as if  
it were a piece of cork. He is now confined  
with gout, though I heard him say only  
a few days before that he had not had an  
attack since 1853. When I reminded  
Lady J. of the Scotchman 200 years ago, who  
congratulated himself on becoming the victim  
of a raid, that he had not been bound out  
before in a year. Sir Emerson knew Wardroth  
intimately as one of his warmest admirers  
and used to visit him at Rydal Mount.  
There is much healing here by Spiritism  
Cancer, insanity, nervous disease, in fact  
all sorts, appear to yield to its influence  
in many cases. Physicians have adopted  
it I hear, in frequent cases depending on  
such advice for their prescriptions with  
great success. The last I knew, Mrs  
J. R. Metler of Hartford was one of the  
most famous healing mediums in the U. S.  
She is wife of Doct. Metler. She is clair  
voyant and has great psychometric power.  
Speaking of Doctors I see the name of "Doct  
Martin Dopen" time of Henry 4th, a  
noted man; of ~~great~~ influence at court,  
I mentioned to you that Mrs Derby at Florence  
(last May) desired me to say to Mary that  
she had not then heard of the arrival of  
the package she sent by her. Isaac Clarke  
of Northampton, who took my letter No 27 from  
Leighon, is now in London and says he sent  
it by the Express from Northampton to Newport.  
We have yet had no winter here. The buds  
have been swelling for 4 weeks and I saw in  
St James Park yesterday weltering willow buds

and those of Persian Lilac so nearly (5)  
open as to be quite green, while the bud  
of the trembling aspen is large and round  
as peas. I think a flower bud. While the  
key of our American black alder there is  
full blown. Chrysanthemums sprouted and  
swart William a foot high standing as  
green as they were last autumn. The apples  
here are as good as one need wish. This is  
ascribed by Mrs Dodge to the fact of the  
unprecedented heat of the last summer.  
She says she pays her footman 35 £ per year and  
he receives as much as 5 £ beside, and cost of  
clothing enough to nearly or quite furnish him.  
The servants are not only boarded in the  
house but, have separate meals prepared  
for their use, and a morning and evening  
lunch, beside their 3 meals, which the  
family confine themselves to. Moreover  
both the footman and Housemaid have  
~~provided~~ each a room and special fire,  
for their own accommodation. Money in  
commutation for beer is also allowed to  
each servant. The Coachman has a home  
fire and gas lights provided for him over  
the stable. If the carriage is used under  
circumstances requiring him to wait  
an hour for their return, he drives the  
manubile to a tavern, and charges 2/6  
(60 cents) for use of himself and horses.  
under pretext of necessary refreshments,  
though the parties he drives may use nor  
need none in the mean time. I am told  
however ~~also~~ these circumstances are  
only the custom of the country and as  
such, submitted to. These abuses are prob-  
ably in a great measure the fruit of the  
degrading and corrupting influence of

of the general system of low wages in this  
country, though 35 £ a year + board + beer  
money and a separate fire, can scarcely  
be considered a low price for such service  
as falls to the share of that functionary in  
an English establishment. Milk is 4d per  
quart (8 cents) Beer by the barrel costs about  
the same, but servants will not drink  
the first or the last several gallons of the  
drawing. I went through the houses of Par-  
liament a few days ago, Mr Bright's new  
reform bill, is bringing down some denunciation  
upon his head, but the English people are  
fast coming to a knowledge of their rights  
and a sense of their power to enforce them  
without any necessity of violence. The days  
of her present institution are numbered.  
The church the great bulwark of oppression  
the great arm of despotism and wrong, is  
tottering. I cannot find that it has a  
friend out of its own pale, save that many  
think its influence necessary to check the  
very spirit of violence and outrage which  
it has engendered by its own infamous example.  
I regard the atheist as an unfortunate man  
but am thoroughly satisfied their system  
would be far more ~~better~~ considerate of the  
rights of the mankind, at least until  
the all corrupting influence of power had  
corrupted it. I have no doubt the atheism  
that prevails in England is the natural  
fruit of the utter selfishness of the estab-  
lished church. I have met with many of  
these men, as a class the most enlightened  
I have seen in England, and I believe good  
by all pure motives, to say the least of it, as  
any class. They are not politicians, but  
vote on the liberal side, and exercise  
an increasing influence and

evidently command the respect of all (7  
minds not too much narrowed and debased  
by bigotry to enquire into their real character  
principles and objects. Men who brave what  
these atheists do, are of course highly inde-  
pendent in thought and action, and al-  
most necessarily honest, a large majority  
of them I have met are endowed with an  
usually strong and clear intellect,  
evidently in earnest pursuit of what they  
deem virtuous objects. Under such circum-  
stances I am perfectly astonished to find  
them denying the existence of deity.

There is certainly full evidence of an overruling  
intelligent power or cause. It is doubtless  
idolatry (a very innocent sort of mistake I  
think, and very universally abused so much  
to give this power a particular form and  
constitution, but how in the name of so  
much common sense and right feeling  
as these men appear to possess they can  
conclude without any evidence in their  
behalf that there is no deity, all I can  
see - This is a proposition, the very idea  
of which, perfectly amazes & confounds me.  
On an Omnibus the other day I met a man  
52 years of age 250 lbs weight though just from Bar-  
bados where he has spent his life. He came  
via New York Philad Niagara Boston &c, and  
was amazed at New York especially - Barbados  
he says has 100,000 Slaves and 40,000 whites. There  
being no waste lands for the Negroes to squat on  
they find regular industry necessary to a live-  
lihood - I imagine too, that the density of  
population has other influences favourable to  
industry - Wants are more numerous, more  
rivalry in display of dress, taste, hospitality

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must exist, Every new pattern of bandanna  
or check on a woolly head must attract  
greater attention and be of more impor-  
tance than in a sparser population,  
at any rate, this island produces double the  
quantity of sugar it did under the system  
of free labour, that it did by that of the slave.  
In the different circumstances of the differ-  
ent Islands in which the experiment of free  
dom is operating, we must probably find  
the solution of the conflicting accounts  
of the real operation of the change, which  
has given rise to so much discussion.  
The Omnibus man told me the horses on  
his line only went 11 miles to day - The  
Highgate Hill route. I notice on a large  
van the name of the firm of "Horsenail  
& Catchpole" - I find the Countess  
with whom I met several times in Switzerland  
and was so much pleased with, is one of  
the <sup>same</sup> family, of the Earl of Devon.

I am very much inclined to believe that  
if the stolen African in Geneva should  
be held in bondage in defiance of the  
law, that a very strong abolition party  
or something very much like one will grow  
up in the Southern States and greatly  
promote the objects of the rank and  
not inconsiderate of the <sup>South</sup> abolitionists.  
The good men of the South certainly will  
not willingly abide by such outrage,  
with all the outrages of slavery, I  
have no doubt there is more suffering  
wretchedness, misery, destitution and  
consequent crime among the poor of  
London in one winter, than among  
our slaves in five years.



In Louisiana certain grade of colour sets a man free without asking any questions, on application to the proper authorities - I should suppose the fact of negroes being found who could not speak English or other European language, would go far to establish the same sort of exemption from bondage - If the anti-slavery party do not make clear work with this new weapon the outrage in Georgia ~~gives~~ them their cause must be much weaker than is generally imagined with us. I begin to think this English climate under more substantial nutriment necessary than is required in our climate where perhaps the brilliant sun and sky furnish the excitement our system which must be sought in food in this murky region. I have been obliged to try what virtues there is in a hearty dinner, have increased my meat, diminished the vegetable and certainly thus far appear to be materially benefited. I dine at a very nice place where all is clean quiet and well served <sup>(Napkins are given)</sup> on separate tables. There are 6 kinds of fish, 6 kinds of soup and 8 different dishes of meats, often Roast Beef, and Roast Chicken with the latter always a leg of round pork boiled and some of it

The very finest I ever saw, better (10)  
even than the famous I ate at Doct.  
Peaces, English pork appears to have  
no oil in it. Salmon has been in  
market since January first, but we  
do not have it, It is too dear for a  
table when the dinner is only  $\frac{1}{6}$   
besides 2d to the waiter, 40 cts in all  
For 12 cts I have half a bottle of fine cider  
with it. European fish I rather think  
are generally better than ours. We  
have Eels, Smelts, Turbot Sole, Haddock  
Cod, Whiting &c at my dining place  
in Leicester square. In the markets  
I see Lemons at 3 for a penny, and  
Small sized mackerel at 4 for 1/-  
6 cents each but little over half a lye  
as ours. I see Green head (Golden Plover)  
in market.

5th My landlady in Bloomsbury place  
having an opportunity to let my rooms  
for the season, and as I do not bind  
myself to a limited time, I volunteered  
to give them, and so have come to No  
"10 Caroline Street Bedford square"  
The square is close by, and I am near  
when I was before with much better  
rooms and still close to the British  
Museum, and 10 minutes nearer to  
my chief resorts, being only 10 minutes  
from Leicester square, 15 from Chancery  
Cross and about 20 from either Hyde  
or St James Park Westminster  
abbey &c and not 30 from the Bank  
as central a place as any in London

(11) <sup>look down a short street (190901) on Follygate Court Road</sup>  
My rooms occupy the entire first floor  
up one pair of stairs. The parlour has  
3 windows on a fine wide quiet street  
<sup>south</sup>  
The room is 21 feet by 16 + 10 1/2 feet high  
white marble mantel, with plenty of orna-  
ments therein to please one more fond  
of such things than myself. a nice  
stuffed Easy chair - 2 sofas, 2 stuffed  
foot stools, 1 ottoman - 1 round center  
table 4 1/2 feet diameter, 1 marble topped  
cabinet table with what not, mirror +  
draw + closet therein - a large mirror  
surmounts the mantel also, 1 writing  
table - 4 small fancy tables or stands  
and eight other chairs - The chamber  
(which also has a back door into the entry)  
opens out of the parlour and is 16 by 14  
feet, with white marble mantel, Amoi  
draw, dressing table, double wash stand  
and every thing in both rooms com-  
plete a double 4 post centoured bed  
window all curtains of both rooms  
and floor carpet - For this I pay  
one Pound per week attendance  
included - We always pay about 1/6 per  
week for washing linen of the ~~house~~ ~~house~~ de-  
beside the rent, I gave 18/ for my last  
room but there are much cheaper at 20/  
I find the lodging house ~~keepers~~ ~~keepers~~ very  
exact, every thing calculated to nicety,  
but penetratively honest. They even  
want to know if you want a half penny  
worth of milk or more or less, unless  
the price is stipulated for a meal  
they are to furnish. I take breakfast  
at home on furnishing my own tea

I found the price of the breakfast (12  
in the weekly bill, thereafter, reduced  
accordingly. Speaking of tea I atten-  
ded a meeting of the Royal Society  
at their new apartments in Burlington  
House Piccadilly - at the close of the  
meeting a member who had been very  
attentive to me (I found to be a Mr  
Appold) asked me to the tea room  
although this apartment (which ad-  
joins the other) is fully 30 by 70 feet  
and 23 feet high, it was perfectly  
charged with fragrance of the tea,  
and which on tasting I found to be  
truly delightful as might have  
been expected. While in the lecture  
room I was struck with its grand  
and beautiful proportions. I asked  
if had been the Ball room of the  
Earl of Burlington. "No but it was  
his kitchen" it is fully 24 by 72 feet  
and 23 feet high - Among about 50  
portraits on the walls I notice one of  
John Dalton D. C. L. and one of Franklin  
(our Benjamin) Strange to say the old  
water Barometer has not been brought  
then former rooms in Somerset House  
where I saw it 2 years - The air gets  
into the water & passing up destroys  
the vacuum in the upper portion of  
the tube, but I should have thought  
they would keep it for a practical  
sake - ~~Sam~~ Alfred Smee the Galvanic  
Battery man made a long speech

The meeting was a protracted & (13  
interesting one. Faraday was there  
a smallish man and small head,  
but very amiable countenance and  
manner, and I am told just in his  
character. Sir Benjamin Brodie Bant  
the President, with rather hard face  
and very small lean frame looked  
in the great presiding chair like  
very dry scenery perched on the outer  
edge of the seat of a royal throne -  
Faraday looks much like Miss  
Baylis a friend of Anna & Doctor  
R. R. Hazard. I have found Gould  
the great ornithological engraver.  
He is the blentest man I ever saw  
but yet kindly enough. Yes, well,  
no, appears to be the staple of  
his conversation. He knows Capon,  
the great American ornithologist  
now, of the Phil. Acad. Nat. Sciences,  
correspond with him. I have the privi-  
lege of the library reading room of  
the British Museum, a most beautiful  
circle under a fine dome. In this  
room alone are 80,000 volumes, the  
shelves thereof only covering the periphery  
of the great circle of the room. All  
the vast floor is occupied with reading  
desks. The Museum Library contains  
600,000 volumes. That at Alessandria  
I think has 800,000. I went on the 3d  
but to see the procession through St James

Park, of the Queen on her way to open (14)  
Parliament. On arriving on the ground  
nearly an hour before the procession came,  
not a place was to be got and thousands  
still coming - Seeing the Duke of York's  
Monument was unoccupied at the summit,  
I supposed it was closed, but it was  
not - for to ~~it~~ I was admitted to the top  
when the whole scene was before, and  
although thousands stood at the base of  
the column, not one had ascended,  
~~Seeing~~ soon one gentleman found me,  
He proved to be a son or something of  
a member of Parliament and very  
kindly offered to furnish me a ticket  
of admission to hear a debate, Only  
about 6 finally came up the column  
though there was room for 30. This fine  
column has 170 steps up, and ~~must~~  
be about 112 feet to the <sup>+ 30 more above</sup> iron colonnade,  
which like that of the fire Monument  
is a cage of iron to prevent fire, a  
precaution I saw nowhere on the  
continent, where there is much less  
horror of death than there is here.  
The Ambassadors coaches came along  
at irregular intervals, very rich &  
splendid liveries, or Tom fooleries,  
after a while 7 state carriages  
each drawn by 6 walking horses,  
made a fine appearance, Then came  
the Queen & Prince Albert in the most  
tawdry vulgar thing (which long  
custom still imposes on them) of a  
carriage can possibly be imagined.

drawn by 8 horses, attended by about <sup>(15)</sup>  
150 most richly draped & pleated foot  
guards & some horse guards also.  
I had a fine view all the way to White  
Hall, under the arch of which they  
passed, and a cannon announced  
their arrival at Westminster Palace  
or Parliament house. I visited the  
panorama of India, China & Japan  
in Leicester square a few nights ago,  
a very fine thing, made me crazy  
for India. I went to Albert Smith's  
China a few nights ago, but it was  
so full I could not get in, though  
it is open every night beside 3 or  
4 days in the week. I should think  
such constant lectures would kill him.  
I visited Hous & Cushing American  
circus, in Leicester square. 1000 gas  
lights illuminate this great amphithe-  
atre. The performers generally did  
not particularly strike me, though  
the applause was unbounded. One  
of the scenes in which a person draped  
in silver with Phrygian wings rides 3  
horses, with 3 children pruned about  
him exceeded in beauty of effect  
every thing I ever saw. No art half  
comes up to the pure beauty and  
operability of this scene, that I ever  
saw. The Acrobats of Judo, all  
the games of chasing, etc.

painting or sculpture. What I ever (16  
saw present me approach to this  
wonderfully beautiful & interesting  
spectacle - a little child of rare  
beauty with face of lilies & roses  
flourish for quarters of an hour, to all  
intent of purpose - on the ground it  
could only toddle about, but sup-  
ported by the unperceived or unnoticed  
arm of the rider, it assumed a series  
of the most exquisite attitudes indy-  
cible, while its smiling countenance  
full of real life & beauty rendered it  
perfectly fascinating. The other performed  
their parts to perfection also. I have  
thought if the despised forms of the  
dance of ropes ballance masters and  
acrobats were not considered,  
they appear to me to be as wonderful  
manipulations of the Physical powers  
of man and often blended with the  
highly intellectual, as a very large  
proportion of his printed mental  
~~demonstrations~~ efforts can boast,  
I have often been wonderfully moved  
and deeply inspired by ~~the~~ performances.  
This company has 40 Oxen colored  
horses, also the wonderful "Black  
Eagle" so remarkably educated. The  
famous Piece of ~~horse~~ horse vice, subdued  
by Rarey (the horse "Cruiser") was also  
exhibited, apparently gentle as a lamb.  
I saw the show day in St James Park



a little enclosure with 8 beautiful (17  
spotted (black & white) ponies, which  
I was told belonged to another enclosure  
here; on the Surrey side I believe.  
Lally Tennant says there is no social  
visiting in London. Society and the  
city are so extensive, it is impossible.  
Gentlemen ~~can~~ with difficulty in-  
deed, do go to an evening party  
even, unless they have dined out  
so that to drop especially for the  
~~evening~~ is not necessary. She  
represents too the same necessity  
here that I have of as existing in  
our American cities, of having a  
special good dinner for invited  
guests, lest they be disappointed  
thereat. Mr. Webb the Secretary  
of the Royal Society entered my name  
conferring on me the privilege of  
attending ~~the~~ their meetings,  
Mr. Appold I find makes one of  
his hobbies in water works, so he was  
able to tell me all about water rams  
and their manufacture here in London.  
Tottenham court road is a street  
of food shops and presents a brilliant  
spectacle at night from my windows  
being within 100 yards of them. I am in  
the very focus of omnibus lines, being  
within one minute of the corner of Oxford  
Street & Tottenham court Road.  
Moreover I have got the Sparrows feeding  
on bread at ~~my~~ chamber window. Their  
cheerful chirping at morning as at Jerusalem a year <sup>ago</sup>.

I look down the short but nice wide (18  
Faviscock street to Fort. Court road -  
The last night I attended (at Doctor  
Dixon's 25 Bedford Row) by invitation  
a meeting convened for the purpose  
of increasing the circulation and  
usefulness of the "British Spiritual  
Telegraph" published by Mr. Marshall  
at Highley in Yorkshire, and founded  
by a benevolent man than the  
who has devoted nearly 2000 dollars  
to this object though much engaged in  
other good works, for neither fee nor  
reward. Spiritualists in London have  
deemed it due to them to relieve him  
of the expense of this undertaking.  
There was a fine assemblage of ~~many~~  
good & true men on this occasion.  
Dr. Arkburn, a talented brother of  
J. Galt Wilkinson (J.G.W. was also  
expected) J. Jones, Mr. Coleman, Mr.  
Stanton &c &c. Great unanimity &  
and vigour of action prevailed.  
I was named for <sup>one of</sup> the special com-  
mittee but declined, as I shall not  
remain in London more than 2 months  
longer probably - I was desired to ~~make~~  
~~some~~ give some account of American  
and their phases of the subject, which  
I did, briefly. 160 dollars were subscribed  
by 8 or 10 persons in a few minutes, being  
all that was required for present purposes.  
I met a man to day who informed me  
he had a brother who is very young  
employed as travelling seller to a firm

in the July business - The last two <sup>19</sup> months he has earned by commissions on his sales 40 £ per month. Besides this he has £13, 13s. per month and is allowed one Pound per day when travelling for his expenses. His wages must amount to some ~~350~~ <sup>340</sup> dollars

per month. I today received the admision to House of Commons. The gentleman proves to be John Thornely. The member signing the order for 8th July Tho' Thornely.

8th went to the Commons at 4 o'clock till 7 and on my return very much disappointed not to find letters from you on my table. I saw the speaker and his train pass through the Hall to the Commons chamber. His house is a part of the great Parliament house and said to be very splendidly fitted up. It is just finished. A man led then the mace. Then the speaker in his big big his train bearer & a chaplain. A scene as ridiculous as could well be. In a few moments the house was then "formed" and spectators were admitted (having order) to the gallery above. The chamber is lighted by gas that is not seen. The ceiling of the it being of ground glass with the lights above that. From above the room below looks more like a ship's cabin than any thing else. Opposite end to

when I sat in the reporter gallery (20  
when sat 30 men with pens & paper.  
Members sit with their hats on or off  
as they choose - a respectable looking  
body, plainly dressed and lounge  
on their seats more than I expected  
to see but less than does our house of  
representatives - On rising to speak or  
walk from part of the house to another  
they doff their hats, none standing  
with them on. a mulatto was among  
the visitors in the Gallery. There was  
much speaking, but it would not  
average nearly so good as that I heard  
at Doct. Dixon's Sunday evening.  
Most of them held notes in their hands  
The treasury bench generally had some  
thing to say. D. Inaelli uttered choice  
and forcible language very eloquently -  
Lord Stanley heritated much, but gives  
the idea of a good honest liberal man  
<sup>and no notes,</sup>  
as he is - ~~John~~ Sir John Pakington  
speaks admirably & without notes -  
Mr. Dalpoh elegantly but perhaps  
with too much <sup>manner</sup> style. Sir Robert  
Peel very well. Sir Trevelyan Part  
who introduced a bill to abolish church  
rates spoke with great fluency.  
Lord Bury moved a bill to let folks  
marry their wives sisters if they wish.  
This called forth on the part of <sup>Mr. Hope</sup> ~~Opposition~~  
a very severe and I thought outrageous

reply that exhibited as much ability (21)  
as illiberality of feeling. This bill has  
passed the house twice but is stopped  
by the virtuous house of Lords who are  
supposed to be wise on such points.  
If I were a widower I would marry  
my wife's sister for spite, and doubtless  
have plenty of it, and be no more  
abroad than the opposer of this bill.  
The hear on the left around the voice  
from the treasury bench particularly  
that of D Israeli, two or three times.  
The speaker presides with dignity, and  
is a fine talking man. I would not  
accept his place even if I were able  
to fill it. I elude sit in front of him  
who wear wigs like the barristers in  
court here. Several others spoke I could  
not learn the names of. Col. Sykes  
Lord Palmerton, Sir C. Stapin also  
The house divided twice, to do which all  
go out and come in Ayer on one side  
No on the other and so counted and re-  
puted. When the speaker passed through  
the hall to the house a herald cries  
as he comes, to the part where spectators  
stand to see the affair, "Strangers, Hats  
Off!"

10th to day at Parliament house saw  
the Supreme Judges in their awkward  
scarlet robes and ridiculous wigs,  
reminding me of the Romish Priests  
This evening attended the meeting of  
the Royal Society. Much interesting

These men often belittle themselves (22)  
by devotion to one object but thereby  
widen scientific knowledge for the  
rest of the world - I believe the indi-  
vidual is better with an imperfect  
knowledge of many subjects than the  
devotee to one. It seems in Sumatra  
the poor use the leaves of the coffee tree  
for beverage, and there is talk of intro-  
ducing them into England as a cheap  
substitute for tea. The majority in this  
country use a most miserable wash  
prepared with copperas to give it for colour  
for tea. Any decent tea costs 1 dollar  
per lb. The Chinese use lemon in tea  
as well as the raspberries - but this excites  
the pulse. A little alkali in tea is con-  
sidered to render it soothing in its in-  
fluence. Considerable testimony was brought  
to show that natural forms or combinations  
of food were most wholesome, especially with  
regard to cereals. A gentleman told me  
he had 200 persons under his care who  
were allowed regular rations. In addition  
to these rations he introduced tea, but  
it caused them to fall away so much  
he was obliged to abandon it, as he could  
not increase their rations. Stopped at  
Allanborough house to look again at the  
rich funeral car of the Duke of Wellington  
for an occasion that cost enough money to  
found a poor house that is more needed than  
a tomb & procession. The Prince of Wales  
having requested that Allanborough house

shall be made ready for his reception, the <sup>(23)</sup> public galleries then will be removed to the National Gallery, on Trafalgar Square, so soon as arrangements can be there made for receiving them.

11th. I will give you my last week bill as a sample of the cost of life in London with fine apartments enough for a Lord and in a situation so cheap, quiet and central I know of none in London I should prefer.

Room rent 1 week	20/		
cleaning shoes & room washing	1		
coals 3/6 kindling and 3d	3 9	} 30 3 1/2d for 7 breakfasts and three teas and	} Stalk in the Pantry
Best loaf sugar	6 1/2		
3/4 lb butter	1 1 1/2		
Milk	3 1/2		
Bread	1 4		
Entire for the week	28 1 1/2		

I find my own tea but it does not cost 1/2d per meal - a nice plain breakfast or tea cost less than 8 cents each; and I only dine out about every other day, so that my home meals are not merely "a cup of tea" but substantial repasts. I mention these facts as rather curious in themselves and interesting to such as desire to come abroad but who are doubtful if their means to meet the expense. Here is less than a dollar per day - add to this a dinner for lunch as shown it for 40cts, or a few steak for 18cts or fine mutton chop for 12 1/2 cents. If the world could only visit each other it would not only be far more intelligent & happy but all wars would cease.

Your movements appear to be very uncertain for the future - I address this to care of Doct Peace, but Isaac will not forget to pay him <sup>the</sup> postage. If you should make an excursion west I think you would find Altoona on the Allegheny Mountain 8 hours by rail from Philad<sup>a</sup>.

a pleasant place for a few days. (24)  
Should your movements be such as to  
at all require my attendance, I hope  
you will let me know. I shall most  
cheerfully come to you when wanted,  
you may settle somewhere for a time  
where Isaac cannot conveniently  
come to or remain with you.

The family of Mrs E. Skelton of whom I  
have my room appear to be very respect-  
able - ~~the~~ daughter a very agreeable &  
refined person. They have much mu-  
sic at evening and I believe keep a  
sort of school for governesses.

I enclose a note for Mrs Robert Sedgwick  
but do not know what street she lives  
in in New York. My love to Mr, Whites  
and Doct Peace families.

I hope the reticent Sperry will be with  
you as early as this letter - Write  
soon, every thing your affectionate  
brother Jos -

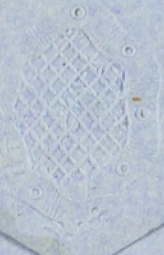
I enclose B. B. Hoar's death Isaac  
they put it in my name by mistake



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