

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^d, 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 Ashburner, 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 ⁽²⁾
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 &. 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 ⁴
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 Doct. 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
Lepton, 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 open as to be quite green, while the buds 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 sweet 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 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 probably 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 Mr Courtenay
~~with~~ whom I met several times in Switzerland
and was so much pleased with, is one of
the ^{same} 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
most inconsiderate of the ^{South} 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 renders more substantial nutriment necessary than is requisite 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 ^(No tips are given) on separate tables. There are 6 kinds of fish, 6 kinds of soup and 8 different dishes of meats, often Roast Hare, 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 heads (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) ^{look down a short street (190901) on Follygate Court Road}
My rooms occupy the entire first floor
up one pair of stairs. The parlour has
3 windows on a fine wide quiet street
^{south}
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 eentwood 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~~ de
beside the rent. I gave 18/ for my last
room but there are much cheaper at 20/
I find the lodging house ~~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,
~~any~~ 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 ^{+ 30 more above} 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 Ambassador's 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 ⁽¹⁵⁾
150 most richly draped & plumed 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 feats of chasings, 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 indistin-
guishable, 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 or 50 colored
horses, also the wonderful "Black
Eagle" so remarkably educated. The
famous Piece of ~~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, to 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 ^{ago}.

I look down the short but nice wide (18
Farr's Clock 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 ^{one of} 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 ¹⁹ 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~~ ³⁴⁰ 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 byrig 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
^{and no notes,}
as he is - ~~John~~ Sir John Parkington
speaks admirably & without notes -
Mr. Dalpohl elegantly but perhaps
with too much ^{manner} 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 ^{Mr. Hope} ~~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
pounded 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 sulphur - 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 (23)
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	
Best loaf sugar	6 1/2	} 30 3 1/2d for 7 breakfasts and three teas and Stalk in the Pantry
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
beef as above it for 40cts, or a few Steaks
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 war would cease.

Your movements appear to be very uncer-
tain for the future - I address this to
care of Doct Peace, but Isaac will not
forget to pay him ^{the} postage - If you should
make an excursion west I think you
would find Altoona on the Allegheny
mountain 8 hours by rail from Philad^a

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.

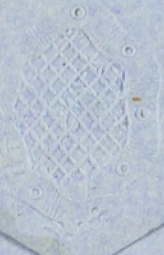
I hope the reticent Sperry will be with
you as early as this letter - Write
soon, every thing your affectionate
brother Jos -

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

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