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Dear Eliza,

My letter which was duly received was to me quite a gain. I can heartily agree with the sentiments expressed, in regard to our progress depending upon our knowledge of, and obedience to, the laws of nature. These is in this, no mystery and does not require far-fetched arguments to prove its truth. I have often thought to recognize the truth of any principle, was something towards animating the practice of it most likely; and when the World we acknowledge, that Physical and Moral evil, not the Consequences of transgressing laws, which are as truly laws, as in the case of those, which were spoken from Mount Sinai, then well there be a grand step, taken towards perfection. Much progress is now being made, and has been made, in the past centuries, and the age in which we live, has been prolific in new developments in regard to both mind and matter. Many men, whole fouled men, who have been tampered by Church and State, do now, dare to breathe out the spirit of reform, in some one of the many channels. Grace Mann is done much by promoting the cause of education, towards elevating the people and is interested in physical, as well as intellectual develop-ment; he said in a lecture, which he delivered a short time since. "Man being lips, but a depraved stomach, is an almon-ation to the Lord. ... Samuel J. May. wont to write every morning..."
and other similar reforms, worthy to be spoken of from the
pulpit. It is very pleasant to see such evidences of advance in
ment, and though there is much going on in the world, which
involves, it should not lose sight of these manifestations of the
good. I have sometimes wondered whether the great mind of the
age, would not evidence, of a better day, coming like the
Sylph and Paphian Oracle, working out of the bad stuff, and show
there is no greater Contradiction of Terms. When we say a "beauti-
ful soul" than to talk of a glorious vector, when it leads by the
Weeding men.

I wish Miss C. had been here and at the Anti-Slavery Convention. Here was a feast of reason and a
flow of soul." I have sent home the paper containing an
the proceedings of the meeting, and think you will be interested in
reading them; by one of the paper you will see a notice of
of an Anti-Victorian Convention, which is to be held here. I look
forward to it with much interest, and will take time yet
to attend. I have often, while trying to develop my intellectual
faculties, forgotten that to cultivate the moral faculties was as
nearly necessary, and by this neglect, have lost much. I do I think the perfection will never be portected without Physical, the
Intellectual and Moral Culture. And when the Intellectual
is Cultivated at the expense of the Physical or Moral, there is a
loss of that Symmetry, which was designed by nature. By the proper
Cultivation of each faculty, I think we would realize more the
formant, than by Cultivating the other Faculty, and neglecting that. We Would like much to have some clearer ideas than I now have.
hark of Original Sin. I have heard some arguments for, and
one against, the doctrine, but very little that was conclusive on
either side. Sometimes I am rather inclined to doubt that the
sorrow of Adam’s fall we witness all. And then again I think there is more
of truth than poetry in it. That we have a disposition to do good,
and power to overcome evil with good, I do not doubt, but that
we have, and a disposition to sin, is born with us, seems to be quite
the last evident. Every one will acknowledge that disease, and a pre-
disposition to disease, may descend from parents to children,
and may not evil, and a disposition, or inclination, to do wrong
and be born hereditarily. The parents, have taken your grasp, and the
children’s, teeth, I will tell you else. I will leave this now, and
the hope to be summed, with my advice, in the subject when we
see fields like it. I will have the Water Cure Journal sent
to you, and think you will find it worth reading. I am not
yet, converted to any System of Medicine, without it is the
true System of Prevention, that I have great faith in, and hope
to see the day, when it will be quite unexceptionable, to stick
to. I do not doubt, that medicine, are often useful, one of the most
real daily acts, if there be such, but if we lived right, I am sure
we could do them well without them. Somebody says that
a Physician, and the Nut Crackers, to get our funds out of the
shells, which surround them. It is not for all, that these
be often a necessity, for home treatment, when people take
medicine every day, in the shape of tea, coffee, tobacco. I
now, I hear a very good reason, since some time since, why,
The man had never intended to be a devilish for drink. The doctor said if it had have been intended for milk, it would have been the other side up.

Tell Gertrude I think she must have been a very kind little girl to become so devoted to a spell, and when I come home will have a great deal to tell her. Sarah, and little Amelia Tower, who is here with her. Nelly, she is about as old as Sarah, had never been any meal, and it was quite a pattern for little folk to. I would be very glad if Gertrude and Sarah would not take meal or drink tea or coffee.

There is a deep snow on the ground, and it had been snowing all day. The winter is far, but not been very cold. So someone I expect to commence drink to have a black woman to begin upon. Yesterday he had a Clinic, a Surgical operation. A boy of five or six years old for over list; it was a bad case, and hurt the little fellow very much. They tied his hands and feet, and two held him. The very much like butchering, and was unpleasant to see the child have to be hurt so bad.

I am always glad to get letters, and hope you will feel like writing often. I should like to have a copy of Lecat's Mott's lecture on women, lend me.

With much love to Hannah and the children. I conclude.

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