

Comtable
New York Dec. 31. 1842

Dear Doctor

I shall let the old year pass away & the New One Commence without sending you a line, to remind you that at this season of good wishes, you are one of the first of my absent friends for whose face I find myself longing to look upon, & whom I wd. fain give a heartfret shake of the hand, & wish "A Happy New Year" Altho' that in your case is quite a work of supererogation, for you are always happy; there is no rigorous combination of disagreeable circumstances that can depress your whale-bone sinews & your gum elastic spirit - Witness your little den in the Medicine College; all alone, hot hard coal fire in a dirty box stove, surrounded, by dead & decaying vegetable matter, making no money, working like a dog, no pretty wife, no sweet little ones - and yet credit Judaea, who so happy as thou.

Why Doctor I miss your smiling face I miss your warm welcome, which took me off hand that you were glad to see me - in fact

my dear friend I miss you sadly. I am but
gone to Cincinnati, so that in fact I have no one
now to talk with about plants, or country ram-
bles, or the art or sciences that refine life.

Next month will I hope bring you to
New York, & then we will have high times.

Sorry today I have not called upon Mr Carey
shall do it before I am many days older.

All friends are well at the Britons, poor
Henry Brighton obliged to go home on account
of palpitation of the heart, Toland laid up with
a sprained ankle, Conway as tall & interesting
as ever; Langdon as decided in manner &
convivial as great an admirer of the fair
sex. Miss Whetstone as small as usual & as
larklike, says she has lately discovered a
secret attachment of Langdon's for herself, which
the modest youth feared to disclose. Mr Phelps
lives in statu quo - pray what is that.
Miss Emma well & quite steady like finding
over the loss of Bishop "Dear Mantua"

Dr Torrey I have met once in the street
since I saw you last - the sight of him re-
-minded me of that pleasant breakfast at his

house, for which I was indebted to you, when all
we good men met from the ends of the earth
to exchange knowledge & enjoy each others so-
-ciety - Have you rec^d any tidings of brother
Mar Johanni - He had not yet writ to me
of his journeyings. A Grattaman from Boston
promised me on his return to remember me to
the Grays, for fear of failure will you re-
-spond when you see them to give my re-
-gards to them & wish them "A happy New Year"

Mr Docton for the P. S. Is there now a
vacant berth of a Professorship in the University
of Harvard, if so I can name an incumbent
Let me now at once & he will come on foot-
-step it up immediately - Time presses & I must
bid you good bye. Wishing you "A happy New
Year" & a many of them & may we spend some
of them together in improving & affectionate
intercourse. God bless you my dear friend &
may He also bless me & make me a better man.

Your attached friend

James Constance

Mother Anna & William

would send their regards if they knew of my writing

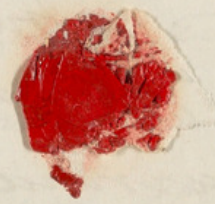
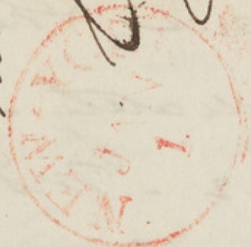
The Rev. Amos A. Phelps, D.D.,
in his letter of the 10th of Nov. 1844,
expressing his interest in the
cause of the colored people,
and his desire to see them
freed from all bondage,
has been the subject of much
discussion in the
church and society.

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