

Ann Arbor, 20th of May, 1896.

My dear Mr. Dawes:

The ill-tidings were brought to me simultaneously by your letter and one from Concord. The Concord report is much more quiet than I should have expected; for the whole world dissolves when Concord sweats.

Fortunately, Mr. Hosmer has a good negative of Thoreau's pines which will have to do until they are replaced.

Are you aware that Mr. Salt has published another Life of Thoreau; one free from the errors of all preceding lives of T.

It appears in the Great Writers Series, published by Walter Scott in London and for sale at Scribner's Sons in New York.

It is condensed in both form and statement, and will probably remain the Life until later days reveal what is always kept from contemporaries.

I have edited another book for the Rowfant Club -- some unpublished lectures on English Poetry by Lowell. They were originally delivered before the Lowell Institute in Jan'y and Feb'y, 1855.

Lowell refused Field's application to publish them; he doubtless expected to put them into better shape, but the duties of the professorship, to which he was appointed whilst the lectures were in delivery, precluded. Ultimately, I presume the lectures looked too like 'prentice work to suit him, and they were left.

They are too good to lose, and I shall not fear to meet his sprite with the Rowfant Club behind me.

I thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the calamity clipping from the paper, and I am, dear Mr. Dawes,

Sincerely yours,

Sam'l S. Jones.