

Ann Arbor, 16th of January, 1899.

Dear Mr. Dawes:

There is no breach of confidence in telling you the name of Thoreau's Michigan correspondent, and I can also reveal to you the identity of "X. Y. Z.", but as the latter is still alive, you will please keep it as a confidential communication. Calvin Harlow Greene was the name of the correspondent. He lived in Rochester, Oakland County, and died just before the booklet was published. He gave me a lot of valuable Thoreau material, including his own copies of the "Week" and "Walden," as well as much else. In fact, he made me the custodian of his Thoreau treasures, amongst which is the copy of Lempriere's Classical Dictionary that Thoreau had when an undergraduate in Harvard.

"X. Y. Z." thinly veils William Ellery Channing, but it is only thinly, to those who read between the lines and who know anything of Channing's testiness.

You are right in regard to the "ex-professor." I had to keep myself out of sight; but the ex-professor's experience is "yard wide and all wool."

The two simple diaries are the record of Mr. Greene's visits to Concord, and their artlessness gives them a charm, in my opinion. The old gentleman had written them and interleaved them in his copy of "Walden."

I contemplate reprinting three of my Thoreau papers: the "Glimpse," the article from Lippincott's Magazine, and "Thoreau's Inheritance." I do this so as to put permanently on record Sanborn's misrepresentations and their refutation. I put out the "Letters" so that the future biographer might have every scrap that I could find. I am really glad to learn that you found my labor of love interesting. I am glad, too, to have heard from you once again. With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Saul A. Jones.*