

Ann Arbor, 11th of January, 1895.

My dear Mr. Dawes:

Your letter came last night, and it would have had an immediate reply were I only the master of my own time; as it is, I am at you this morning.

Now, for Friendship's sake, don't mis-understand me, but I really cannot accept that copy of The Union Magazine. It is n't because it is an incomplete copy - for I would n't give a fig for anything from it other than Thoreau's papers - but only that I cannot allow you to rob your own collection for what appears to me a mishaken liberality.

I can easily understand the generous impulse that filled you, for I, too, am "built that way;" but you are about to commit a bibliographical Felo de se, and I cannot be particeps criminis!

My great desire to see that magazine was that I might behold the paging with my own eyes - a prime desideratum!

When I am translated, my Thoreau Collection will go to the University of Michigan intact, to fructify (I hope) minds that are now, WHERE? (Oh, if you could only answer that question!) But my first desire is to get the Union Magazine Thoreau-papers for that Concord Collection which Mr. Hosmer are piously trying to accomplish; so that, if you feel in your "bones" that you can offer your Union Mag. volume at that altar, it will be accepted quicker than any vinegary virgin ever said "Yes" to the one chance of her life!

The leaf of Desiderata is now enclosed. I have one typewriter in my den at home, and one in my office, and as I wrote you from the home end, and as the leaf of Wants was at the office, I sent the letter without it.

The items marked ✓ are Wants that "cry to Heaven;" and if A. S. Clark can fill them, he will surely go there! Of THAT there is n't a shadow of doubt!

If I can possibly find any of my INLANDER articles on Thoreau, I will do so and send you them, not that I am "stuck on myself," but only for whatever little bibliographical value they may have.

If you care for it, I will also specify for your guidance such of the Ana as contain especially good observations on or about Thoreau. You know that one sometimes buys trash from trusting a title-page.

You owe your escape from a longer infliction to the fact that I am stealing a few moments from "business."

Sincerely yours,

Saml A. Jones.

P. S.

Did I tell you that the English end of McMillans is about publish "Selections from Thoreau", edited, with an introductory paper, by Mr. Salt? He has done, and is doing, more than any other man to make Thoreau known to English readers, and his introductory paper is sure to be a welcome addition to the Thoreauiana.

One has to send to the English house in order to get it, as Thoreau's American publishers do not want any other "near the throne."

I have sent in my order for two copies: one for my own shelves and the other for the University library. I hope, of course, that the some of the good seed will not fall in stony places.

I wrote to Mr. Salt the other night, and quoted what you said about his Life of Thoreau. It will please him, and justly, and it is a solemn duty to go please a fellowman when one can.

I am delighted to hear that you have written to Mr. Hosmer. He is very remotely related to the Hosmer you mention. He, however, has only one son living. This one is a resident of Detroit, and is doubly interesting from the fact that he went to school at - BROOK FARM!! His reminiscences of that "God-intoxicated" crowd of splendid idealists are an infinite delight.

His sister, Miss Eliza Hosmer - a spinster whose shining life simply consecrates "single-blessedness," gave me the Emerson autograph of an epitaph he composed for her grandfather's tombstone, and that grandfather is the one whose impassioned appeal impelled the "embattled farmers" to fire upon the British at Concord Bridge.

Of course, ~~this~~ treasure is appropriately mounted and framed, and every one who sees it turns green from envy!

Miss Hosmer also gave me a wooden paper cutter made by Thoreau and painted by his sister Sophia. She painted flowers divinely, and on one side of this relic is a picture of a sprig of the climbing fern which her brother first discovered.

N.B. !!!!!

It is possible that through Mr. A. W. Hosmer, you can get one of the famous pencils made by "John Thoreau and Son, Concord." This is the stamp on them. You can rely on the genuineness of this trophy! IF Mr. Hosmer has one left.

S.A.J.

DESIDERATA.

- ✓ 1843. *The Boston Miscellany*, vol. iii (January).
(I would much like to purchase the WHOLE of vol. iii.)
- ✓ 1843. *The Democratic Review*, vol. xiii, October and November.
- ✓ 1845. ⁸ *The Union Magazine*, vol. iii (July, Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. ~~Jan'y, Feb'y, March, April, May~~).
(I would like to buy the whole of vol. iii.)
- ✓ 1847. *Graham's Magazine*, vol. xxx (March and April). 1845(?)
- ~~✓ 1855. *Knickerbocker Magazine* vol. xiv. (The month is not known to me, but at p. 255 begins the article desired.)~~
Town & Rural Humbugs.
- Single copies of the following numbers of the
Atlantic Monthly.
1858. June, July, August.
1862. October, November.
1865. November.
1878. April, May, June.
1885. January.
1892. May, June.
1893. December
1878. *Scribner's Magazine*, vol. xvi (The desired paper is on p. 721. et seq.).

(With the above, excepting the Knickerbocker for 1855, I can complete the first section of the collection for Concord Free Library.)

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