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My dear old uncle

This is to say that I am not very well - Last week was a dead loss on my hands I made nothing out of it except a few feeble attempts to be sick which are not like to amount to much. I began with a nervous head-ache which did pretty well considering the head it had to work upon. This continued from Sunday morn until Tuesday night - Then a cold caught me and on Wednesday morn could scarcely speak loud - could not lecture on Thursday eve, and yesterday preached only half a day, and very hoarse at that - I am much better to-day and likely to recover, or should be if my eyes had not become inflamed in some way - The lids are very red and require continued rubbing to keep them quiet - There, I've told you all about myself -

I want to hear from you when you have time to write. I should write to Fannie altho she is in my debt, if I had more time. As things are I am afraid that only a sense of obligation will induce me to do it - Please ask her if she does not love me well enough to fill a sheet for my special individual benefit -

How is my Aunt and the little boy Ernest? I told you I should come down again in June but I am not so sure of it as I was - I hope to go West in July or August and if I do I may not be able leave home in June - However I can tell better about that by and by -

I see that petition in circulation in
→ behalf of Dr Webster - People out of Mass. had better attend to their own business - Depend upon it John White Webster will be hung unless the Mass. Legislature interfere - Gov. Briggs is not to be moved by the backing of all the anti-cap. punishment folks in the country - They might as well shut up at once - It is a significant fact that no one in Boston has asked for a commutation of W's sentence - They know he deserves to be hung -

I believe we were to write Charlie about this time and direct to care of Sailer's Home A. P. - I hope you of A. H. will find time to drop him a line -

How is Hannah Brown? I think by this time she must be either better or worse - When you write will you please remember to tell me about her - How is Temperance in F. H. I suppose the excitement is over - What now is the result?

I have written this so hastily, and

there is so little in it that it will scarcely
pay for the postage, but I did not wish to defer longer
so please read, and then be sure you burn it up.

Love to all -

Yours as ever

Henry Steele Clarke

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