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Beloved friend,

I did indeed seem a long time since we had had intercourse, but I suspected just how it was, that the Committee were occupying your good husband in N.Y. & that you were waiting their action to make your arrangements. I fondly hoped they would be such as would bring you to us soon, before our House became quite filled up which it is rapidly doing - However I trust there will be a prophet's chamber for you as long as you will consent to occupy it - at any rate you are to be at Mr. Welch part of your time, at which, for several reasons, I am greatly pleased, not excepting the selfish one that I can see much of you thus I hope.

And you are to go to Chicago & Cincinnati

when you can I wish I could be of help for you both  
Believe me always  
Yours faithfully - Geo  
W. L. Jackson

a long journey for you at this season -  
May the weather be favourable as it  
often is at this season, & may the embell-  
ing Arms be underneath you - keeping  
far from you every evil, your dear hus-  
band's gout inclusive - I shall indeed  
follow you with my thoughts & prayers,  
dear friends - But you will not surely  
go to Chicago & Cin<sup>i</sup>, without taking in  
Milwaukee & Louisville? - The latter  
w<sup>d</sup> be particularly pleasant to you -  
there are warm, earnest, big-a folks  
there - And Milwaukee & Washburn are  
with your seeing & sure to take an  
interest in your Mission - Then you  
will see to my brother & his children, his  
daughter is my dear niece Mrs. Sanborn,  
with whom has been my home of late  
years, & probably, if I live much longer,  
will be so again - her sweet children are  
my special darlings - You will stay  
with her I hope if you go to Phil. for it  
w<sup>d</sup> delight her heart to entertain you, if

she is in a situation to render it proper  
for her or agreeable to you — And then  
as to Chicago I have some charming & very  
dear friends just out on the Prairie from  
there — Mr & Mrs Bryan, he perhaps the  
most influential & distinguished citizen here  
— he is a native of Wis<sup>con</sup> & she a Page of  
Verg<sup>inia</sup> — they returned last summer from  
a three w<sup>ks</sup> visit to Europe, making Europe  
— and their head quarters — he has now given  
up his business & they are to spend their  
winters in Washington & summer at their  
place out on the Prairie — I am sure it  
w<sup>ill</sup> be a delightful pleasure both to you &  
them for you to spend a night & so much of  
the days as you can give, with them —  
I want you therefore to send y<sup>e</sup> cards, di-  
rected Thos<sup>os</sup> B. Bryan Esq. to his office at  
Bryan Hall & I shall write them word  
that you will do so —

And now it is high time that I sh<sup>ould</sup>  
thank Dr<sup>g</sup> Hill for all the trouble he has  
had about my bag — Some expense too wh<sup>ich</sup>

we can arrange when we meet.

Was it not a curious thing that it  
shd. we have got to me at all? and  
what a good & profitable thing it is to be  
a friend of Mr. Hills! — But dear &  
profitable as you are to me — I must stop  
my pen & say Good bye for the present.

And you wd. wonder, dear Fanny, that  
I have not said it before if you know  
in what pain I write & that my Dr. wd.  
me to write as little as possible — but for  
this you wd. have heard from me before  
this — A day or two after I left you I  
was taken with what I supposed to be  
rheumatism in my neck & shoulders —  
it soon mounted into my head & became  
intense <sup>pain</sup> night & day, so that I cd. not  
sleep — I thought it must be Gennalgia  
tho' the Dr. gives it not that name, which  
he thinks it on the nerves & occasioned  
by too much strain on them — For more  
than four wks there had not been a mo-  
-ment's cessation of pain, only I am  
thankful to say, just now <sup>swinded</sup> mitigated —  
— Let me hear from you, dearest Fanny