

Athens Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 1856

My dear Mr. Hill,

I hasten to answer your kind note of this afternoon, which I received after nine this evening.

We were all much surprised, to learn that you had been here, but were unable to gain admittance—

I hardly see how that was possible, for I was in my room, writing all day long— & at the very time you came, (as soon as Miss Baldwin tells me.) I was the only one upstairs— & as my door stood open, I could hear the least noise in the hall. All the rest were downstairs, engaged with two Inquisist gentlemen— All we can do, is to express our regret, & hope that next time, you will knock louder, so that

we may not again be so unfortunate  
as to lose a call, from you.

We are happy to hear that you & Mrs.  
Hill, are enjoying your stay at  
Kasa so much. I trust you have  
had the full benefit of these delight-  
ful winds, which have been blowing for  
so many days past. I assure you we  
have enjoyed them exceedingly - our  
house has been full of dust - indeed  
I heard that a certain gentleman in-  
tended planting potatoes in one of his  
rooms, with the expectation of having  
a very good crop.

This evening I received  
a letter from Mrs. Barnes, in which  
she desires me to "give much love to  
D. D. D. D. Hill & Mrs. Hill." I presume  
you understand what she means by the  
four D's. She also requested me to  
say that she forgot to mention a fan,

which was put in your box, for me -  
by Mrs. Chapin. It is in a separate  
"box by itself, wrapped in cotton."

With this, I send, the <sup>last</sup> three numbers  
of the N. Y. Observer. (July 3<sup>d</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>)

Kind regards from my Parents to you  
& Mrs. Hill, and much love to Mrs. H.  
from me -

It is nearly 1. A. M. &  
my light is so dim, that I can  
scarcely see to write -

Yours truly,  
Abbie King