

A Letter from Sarah Orne Jewett to Mary Jewett

[Nd, np – but apparently from A.F.'s Summer House in Manchester MA and probably sometime during nephew Theodore's time at Harvard (1897-1901) but after Bliss Perry came to *The Atlantic* (1899)]

(in sleeve marked G-8)

Saturday

[Embossed Stationery] *MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA*

Dear Mary,

A nice cool East windy day, which I don't doubt is just the same at home. I got through with my affairs in time for the 4:30 train but I didn't have much time for Mrs. Gillespie – a dry rub [??] in consequence but they made the most of their half hour. I had a long but pleasant time with

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the Park St. interviews and all seems to be going well. A.F. offers you this cutting which made the first Editorial in the Herald on Thursday! There were friends who referred to it at the office and I couldn't think what they meant, and at last Mr Perry⁴⁴ was so funny and discreet that I demanded an account whereat he was surprised that I hadn't seen it. The tone of it was very kind but it does seem

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so funny to me. Miss Bartlett's anxieties were based upon this you see!! — I found A.F. well & Rose gone in the morning, most unwillingly, she said. Tom Beal and his wife and Ida were here calling but they soon went. = The really important matter is these letters which I enclose which gave us deep joy, and Jessie's anxieties affected us not unpleasantly! Dear little Jess! We were saying last night that Madame De Orcos [Arcos ?] and all the diplomat gentlemen will provide a natural

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entourage and it will be very pleasant. We sat later on the piazza last evening it was so quiet and lovely and the little owl complaining down in the woods in a pleasing way.

I wish you would be so good as to send me that Circular from the York Dramatic Club which I must answer, and also Therese's parasol which is all ready in its wrappings behind the umbrella jar & just needs a tag on! I always seem to be wanting something.

Now I must go and pack my trunk for the express.

with love Sarah

[Cross-written on p.1]

I see that there are yacht races a going on in Plymouth Newport. I thought if dear Stubby were in Cambridge yesterday that I should get him to work into town so we could have luncheon together somewhere!

⁴⁴ Probably Bliss Perry – who took over as editor of *The Atlantic* in 1899.