

Auburn. Aug 31/94

My Dear Sir

Your letter is thankfully received. I have often thought of you in connection with Mr Alward and have been tempted to write you and inquire how you were, but time has sped along many months since we met, and I've not done the thing in my mind to do.

I often feel grateful for having had such a friend as Alward and feel that in his troubled days I was of some help to him.

He was at his best a rare man, and deserved of fate a better ending

of life.

My success in disposing of the said effects satisfactorily I cannot now understand and do not think it could be repeated.

As to disposing of Charlotte Cushman's letters to Mr Baker - it is a mistake. He came in to see me about them and impetuned me to show them to him. I somehow did not care to part with them & would not name a price for a batch of letters of hers - of Mr Seward & others, at last he made me an offer & I would not accept; & then he increased it & finally came in one day & doubled it, with no result.

I heard of Tallis' death - what a memory of Charlotte Cushman has gone from earth! I have destroyed most of her notes - will look over and see what more I can find and send you. I find a number of letters from Miss Stebbins - but not of any use to keep & think I will destroy them. When in N. Y. in June on my way to the commencement at Yale I came near getting time to see you, but an old friend met me and took me to lunch and before I knew it - I had to hurry off to the New Haven boat it being on a Saturday afternoon.

My son graduated in the Academic Dep<sup>t</sup> - in fine shape. Was president

of the Yale Glee Club one of the Class  
day Committee, & a Scroll & Keys man.

He goes to N. Y. to the College of  
Physicians & Surgeons in Sept<sup>r</sup>, having  
chosen medicine as a profession.

Glad to hear from you always

Yours Very Truly  
Byron Smith

I find only these three letters now, but think  
there are more. B.S.