

Leung. Mass. July - 6/78

My Dear Friend,

Since the receipt of your letter, I have made a change of base as you see above, and am now established in my little cottage, with John Lillan and my good Sallie for companions. Not better yet in the change of air, though hoping to be - I find excessive heat here as at Hyde Park, and was hardly equal to the journey - The first three days, were trying in many ways, living in a house which has been closed for more than a year, is not easy at first - but with time and patience, everything comes round - a delicious change of temperature has come for one thing & now it is more like the climate of the Berkshire Hills - and I hope in looking up to them, I may find help - as I have done before, but my decline, as I look back upon it, has been so slow but steady - that it is hoping against hope

I note your suggestions about Dr  
Mitchell - his method is not unknown  
to me. If I still continue in this helpless  
helpless way when the Summer is over  
and my Boy goes back to College - I will  
think seriously about committing him,  
though I fear the expense will be beyond  
my present means. Do you know any-  
thing about his charges? or could  
you find out for me from the friend  
you speak of? I should like to know  
if I could choose my own abiding  
place, and have Lallie to take care  
of me. in that case I might do it.

Thanks for all you say about the  
Books - I do not desire better - and  
you may criticize it all you will.  
I know well it is open to much -  
though it has been mercifully spared.  
As you sent me a thick package of  
notices, from all parts of the Country

And I was surprised to see how formidable  
they were. But the best I get is from  
private sources - from her friends and  
mine - you don't know how sweet  
they are. Upon the whole I am  
more satisfied than I have ever been  
by anything of my own doing, though  
it has come through difficulties which  
you can hardly dream of.

I hope you will write to me sometimes,  
and do not let your letters be all about  
me only - I am interested in your  
doings and thinkings, and yourself,  
and am always

fidelity yours,

Ed.

7-6-1878

## Letter from Emma Stebbins, Lennox, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1878 July 6

Emma Stebbins

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