

moved.<sup>2</sup> You I suppose have not passed the winter to the world's unprofit.

You never have seen, as I have, the book with a preface of 450 pages and a text of sixty. My letter is like unto it.

I have only to add that your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> did its work, and that I submit to you cordial thanks for the same

yours truly

Chas Lane

I hope to hear occasionally of your doings & those of your compeers in your classic "ploughings and diggings."

*Correspondent:* See p. 189.

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 16:18: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

<sup>2</sup> From October 1842 to August 1845, Lane had espoused communal living, first at Fruitlands, then at the Shaker community at Harvard, Massachusetts. In the spring of 1846 he lived in Boonton, New Jersey, where abolition was warmly supported. Lane probably wrote essays for the reforming local newspaper, the *New Jersey Freeman*, but he did not lead an active public life.

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*Author's Alteration*

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*From Horace Greeley*

*August 16, 1846*

New York, Aug. 16, 1846.

My dear Thoreau,

Believe me when I say that I *mean* to do the errand you have asked of me, and that soon. But I am not sanguine of

success, and have hardly a hope that it will be immediate if ever. I hardly know a work that could publish your article all at once, and "To be continued" are words<sup>a</sup> shunned like a pestilence. But I know you have written a good thing about Carlyle—too solidly good, I fear, to be profitable to yourself or attractive to publishers.<sup>1</sup> Didst thou ever, O my friend! ponder on the significance and cogency of the assurance, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon,"<sup>2</sup> as applicable to Literature—applicable, indeed, to all things whatsoever. God grant us grace to endeavor to serve Him rather than Mammon—that ought to suffice us. In my poor judgment, if any thing is calculated to make a scoundrel<sup>c</sup> of an honest man, writing to sell is that very particular thing.

Yours, heartily,  
Horace Greeley.

Remind Ralph Waldo Emerson and wife of my existence and grateful remembrance.

*Correspondent:* Horace Greeley (1811-1872), son of Zaccheus and Mary Woodburn Greeley of Amherst, New Hampshire, married Mary Young (or Youngs) Cheney (1811-1872), daughter of Silas and Polly Young (or Youngs) Cheney, in 1836. He established the *New-York Daily Tribune* in April 1841 as a Whig paper. By the middle of the decade it had become the best paper in the country. In 1844 he hired Margaret Fuller to be his book editor and later published the letters she wrote from Europe. An indefatigable reformer, Greeley admired Fourier, hated slavery, and opposed the Mexican War. As T's champion and literary agent, Greeley gave him advice, sent his work to editors and publishers, and faithfully reviewed and complimented his writing.

<sup>1</sup> T had delivered a lecture on Carlyle at the Concord Lyceum on February 4, 1846. He sent an essay based on the lecture to Greeley, who sent it to Rufus Wilmot Griswold on August 25 to publish in *Graham's Magazine*, calling it "a brilliant as well as vigorous essay" by "one of the only two men in America capable of giving it." The essay, Greeley wrote, "gives a daguerreotype of Carlyle and Carlylism which no man living but Emerson could excel" (Greeley to Griswold, MB, Gris. Mss. 434). When the article did not appear in *Graham's*, Greeley demanded of Griswold, "Why didn't Graham publish my friend Thoreau's article on Carlisle? He has nothing in

the January that would be read with greater interest" (Greeley to Griswold, December 16, 1846, MB, Gris. Mss. 436). Greeley's impatience was rewarded when T's essay appeared in two parts in the March (pp. 145-152) and April 1847 (pp. 238-245) issues of *Graham's* as "Thomas Carlyle and His Works" (see *Early Essays* 1975, pp. 219-267).

<sup>2</sup> The well-known injunction found in Matt. 6:24 and Luke 16:13.

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*Author's Alteration*

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*From Horace Greeley*

*September 30, 1846*

I learned to-day, through Mr. Griswold, former editor of "Graham's Magazine," that your lecture is accepted, to appear in that magazine.<sup>1</sup> Of course it is to be paid for at the usual rate, as I expressly so stated when I inclosed it to Graham. He has not written me a word on the subject, which induces me to think he may have written you. Please write me if you would have me speak further on the subject. The pay, however, is sure, though the amount may not be large, and I think you may wait until the article appears, before making further stipulations on the subject.

*Correspondent:* See p. 280.

<sup>1</sup> "Thomas Carlyle and His Works" appeared in *Graham's Magazine* in March 1847 (pp. 145-152) and April 1847 (pp. 238-245); see *Early Essays* 1975, pp. 219-267. Griswold had been the magazine's assistant editor from May 1842 to October 1843. George Rex Gra-