ham (1813-1894) of Philadelphia created the magazine in 1840 and made it one of the best of its time and one of the very few that paid its contributors. He pioneered the use of engraved plates made especially for the magazine, and he supported and appealed to women writers and readers. His writers included Lydia Sigourney, Catherine Sedgwick, Longfellow, and, most prominently, Poe, who preceded Griswold as editor.

Copy-text: HDT 1882, 219-220

Published: HDT 1882, 219-220; Cor 1958, 170

Editor’s Notes

PE supplies the date “September 30, 1846” based on information in HDT 1882.

Greeley suggests that Graham might have written to T; Sanborn’s footnote in HDT 1882 states “No such letter appears.”

From Ralph Waldo Emerson

Late September 1846

Will Mr Thoreau please to bear in mind that when there is good mortar in readiness, Mr Dean¹ must be summoned to fit the air-tight stove to the chimney in the school-room; unless Mr T. can do it with convenience² himself.

Correspondent: See p. 53.

¹ As Tilton suggests, Dean is probably James Dean, a Concord mason (Letters of RWE 1990-1995, 8:91-92n67).

Copy-text: AL (NN-BGC, Henry David Thoreau Collection, 1837-1917, Series IV)

Published: “Emerson-Thoreau Correspondence,” AM 69 (June 1892): 742; Cor 1958, 195; Letters of RWE 1990-1995, 8:91-92

Editor’s Notes

This letter is addressed “H. D. Thoreau”.

PE supplies the date “Late September 1846” based on two of Emerson’s letters to Lidian, dated September 11 and 15 respectively, as well as information from Emerson’s account book. In his letters Emerson mentions making “a chamber over the schoolroom in
the barn” and indicates that “Thoreau is to build” the barn room (Letters of RWE 1939, 3:347, 348). In Emerson’s account book for 1845-1849, “an 1846 entry under the date September 30” records a payment in advance “to Thoreau of $15” (Letters of RWE 1990-1995, 8:91-92n67).

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From Horace Greeley
October 26, 1846

My Friend Thoreau,

I know you think it odd that you have not heard farther, and perhaps blame my negligence or engrossing cares, but if so without good reason.

I have to-day received a letter from Griswold in Philadelphia, who says:

“The article by Thoreau on Carlyle is in type and will be paid for ‘liberally.’”

‘Liberally’ is quoted as an expression of Graham’s. I know well the difference between a publisher’s and an author’s idea of what is ‘liberally,’ but I give you the best I can get, as the result of three letters to Phila. on this subject.

Success to you, my friend! Remind Mr and Mrs. Emerson of my existence, and my lively remembrance of their various kindnesses. Yours, very busy in our Political contest,

Horace Greeley.

Correspondent: See p. 280.

1 Greeley, who founded the New-York Daily Tribune as a Whig organ, busily championed the candidacy of John Young and Hamilton Fish, the Whig candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, in 1846. The ballot that year was crowded with important state issues, including proposals to revise the state constitution, reform the judiciary, and grant suffrage to blacks, all of