

<sup>9</sup> Bradley P. Dean notes that candies wrapped in love notes (or “mottoes”) had become popular in the United States in the late 1840s. They were first sold in 1846 in England by Tom Smith (*Spiritual Seeker* 2004, p. 238n8).

<sup>10</sup> The day after T’s May 31, 1851, lecture in Worcester, he walked with Blake to Asnebumskit Hill in Paxton, about eight miles northwest of Worcester. T recalls the walk in a July 21, 1856, letter to Blake; see pp. 117-119.

<sup>11</sup> Golconda was a city in India that flourished in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and became famous for its diamond mines.

<sup>12</sup> Coventry Patmore’s *The Angel in the House* had recently been published in Boston by Ticknor and Fields.

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*From Horace Greeley*

*April 30, 1856*

New York, Wednesday,  
April 30, '56

Friend Thoreau,

Immediately on the receipt of your letter, I wrote to Mrs. Greeley its substance. She was then in Dresden, but I wrote to Paris, and she did not receive my letter till the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. I have now her response, and she is heartily gratified with the prospect that you will come to us and teach our children. She says she thinks it may at least<sup>a</sup> sometimes be best to have instruction communicated by familiar oral conversations while walking in the<sup>e</sup> fields and woods, and that it might not be well to be confined always to the same portion of each day. However, she hopes, as I do, that interest in and love for the children would soon

supersede all formal stipulations, and<sup>a</sup> that what is best for them will also be found consistent with what is most agreeable for you.

Mrs. Greeley will not be home till the middle of June, so that I suppose the 1<sup>st</sup> of July will be about as soon as we should be snugly at home in our country cottage, ready for instruction and profit. Please write me your ideas with regard to the whole matter, including the amount of compensation that you consider fair and just. I prefer that you should come to us feeling at perfect liberty to leave at any time when you think best to do so; but I hope you will be reconciled to stay with us for one year at least. Of course, this would not preclude your going away to lecture or visit when you should see fit. Please write me soon and fully, and oblige

Yours,  
Horace Greeley.

Henry D. Thoreau, Concord, Mass.

*Correspondent:* See p. 61.]

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*From Horace Greeley*

*May 7, 1856*

New York,  
May 7, 1856.

My Friend Thoreau,

I have your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> this moment, and thank you heartily for it. It makes me fear that we shall not agree with regard to my plans for the education of my children,