

Southbridge Mass.
Aug. 8, 1877.

Dear Miss Stebbins,

When your very
kind letter of 16th ult^o was
rec^d I thought I would ack-
nowledge it directly, and tell
you how glad I was
to learn that you were in
better health, and that you
were making progress in
your good work - above
all, that you were encour-
aged by the family expressing
their ~~their~~ satisfaction with
what had been written -
but not being well I have
delayed from day to day.
Now as I leave home
in a day or two to spend,
with my wife, some time
in Saratoga, I will send

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the letters you so kindly
loaned me, and say, I
hope you continue in
better health and are
able to continue your
work on the memoir.
I notice by the papers
the death of Mrs. Weld.
I am glad that I went
to see her when I did.
Death is diminishing our
circles, rapidly.

I hope you will par-
don me for writing
very briefly, and accept
assurances of esteem
and regard.

Very truly and sincerely
Yours,

Manning Leonard.