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To [James Thomas Fields and  
Annie (Adams) Fields]

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Dear friend

I have left you with  
 not of welcome to long unac-  
 -knowledg'd. but - believe me - the  
 delay has been unintentional.  
 My health has been good to work  
 every day since I got it - but I  
 have found my days very very  
 full lately - I am here - just  
 trying what winter can be in this  
 place - which all people report  
 as the mildest eastern climate  
 I can have in the north - and  
 am proving - dear - that it can  
 be as better here - or any where -

which in cities one can keep warm  
in the house. here - I find it quite  
impossible. These houses built  
for warm weather are like barns  
they are so cold. No place is  
warmer but bed with four blankets  
Emma & Mrs. Garland were with me  
for a fortnight - but they deserted  
me last Wednesday - since then  
Anna Leon has been two days  
with me. & yesterday William  
Hunt this wife came down to  
stay with me one today & tomorrow.  
- Now - how you & Jane run down  
of the weather gets a little warmer.  
You - how do you look. for I doubt  
think I can go to Boston until  
the summer. I may be compel-  
led to stop in New York for Sunday  
keep the month of March.

& after that, must go immediately  
to St. Louis to Emma Weston and then  
to St. Louis - for two months - then I  
am due in Auburn at Hyde Park  
& after that I shall come East  
again. I am looking for a house  
for Emma for the summer here  
& think I may make it a house  
for the year - so that I can come  
in later in the autumn if I  
choose. Will you not write to tell  
me that you & Jane will come  
down here some day, before I leave.  
(27<sup>th</sup> Feb) & pass a day or two  
with me & talk over lots of things  
that have happened since I saw  
you two happy contented faces.  
Mrs Hunt will tell you of an  
Eve is a diamond, isn't she  
I am very fond of them both.  
but she is beautiful & fine.

How strange - but how right for  
James to retire - In so I think  
the sense is in knowing when  
to retire! But it is very hard to be  
tempted back to work - as I have  
been this last week - by offers  
from three different cities - To read  
a lecture or a ch. in each place  
more money offered <sup>for a night</sup> than I  
ever made in two before! and I  
have not the courage to put myself  
through retirements with the fatigue!  
I don't like to be tempted -

Ever my best love to James - Tell  
him I want you two to come &  
tell me any quantity of things  
as he always does & sets me going  
for ever so long after I have seen  
him - Ever believe me affectionately  
Mrs Charlotte Weston