

ZIEGLER SARGENT, EDITOR; AGNES W. B. SARGENT, ASSISTANT EDITOR.

MICHAEL LATTIMORE, SON OF EMILY LEWIS AND DAVID LATTIMORE, WAS BORN ON FRIDAY, JULY 25, ABOUT 5 P.M. AT THE GRACE-NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, NEW HAVEN, CONN. HE WEIGHED 8 LBS, 5 OZ, AND HAS RED HAIR. HE IS THEIR FIRST CHILD AND IS NOT NAMED FOR ANYONE. HE IS A GRANDSON OF WILFRED SARGENT LEWIS, GREAT GRANDSON OF EMILY SARGENT LEWIS, AND GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF GEORGE HENRY SARGENT (1828-1917). THE LATTIMORES ARE LIVING THIS SUMMER WITH HER PARENTS AT 188 BISHOP STREET, NEW HAVEN, WHILE DAVID IS STUDYING ORIENTAL LANGUAGES AT YALE. EMILY RETURNED TO BISHOP STREET WITH THE BABY ON THURSDAY, JULY 31.

ROBERT NORTON PARKER, SECOND SON AND FOURTH CHILD OF PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND CHARLES SPRAGUE PARKER, WAS BORN ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. HE WAS BORN AT 10:17 A.M. IN THE VIRGINIA MASON HOSPITAL, AND WEIGHED 5 LBS, 5 OZ. HE IS A GRANDSON OF ROBERT LEWIS FISHER AND OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER, AND A GREAT GRANDSON OF MARGARET SARGENT FISHER. HE IS THE 53D GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). PHEBE-NORTON WROTE TO YE EDITOR ON JULY 15:

"... HE IS NAMED FOR MY SECOND COUSIN, ROBERT NORTON DOWNS, 3RD, OF WILMINGTON, DEL. HE WAS ABOUT THREE WEEKS EARLY WHICH PARTIALLY ACCOUNTS FOR HIS SIZE, THOUGH ALL OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN RATHER SMALL AT BIRTH. I HAD A VERY EASY TIME, AND A WONDERFUL DOCTOR WHO ORDERS ALL HIS PATIENTS TO GO OUT FOR DINNER ON THE FOURTH EVENING WITH THEIR HUSBANDS! SO WE HAD A DELICIOUS LOBSTER DINNER TO CELEBRATE. SPRAGUE'S SISTER JOY CAME OVER TO TAKE CARE OF THE FAMILY WHILE I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, A FIVE DAY STAY, AND THEN THE GIRLS WENT VISITING FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, SO IT WAS VERY PEACEFUL AT HOME, AND RATHER STRANGE. THE GIRLS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ROBBIE, TAKE TURNS HOLDING HIM AND HELPING WITH HIS BOTTLE. THEY ALSO HELP ME BY MAKING THEIR BEDS AND BRINGING IN THE LAUNDRY OFF THE LINE, WHICH IS A FUNNY SIGHT TO WATCH. THE BABY NOW WEIGHS ALMOST 8 POUNDS, AND IS VERY GOOD. WE FEED HIM ON THE DEMAND SYSTEM, AND I FIND IT MUCH EASIER.

"THE WEATHER HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, ALMOST TOO HOT! WE HAVE BEEN OUT FOR A FEW PICNICS, AND A FEW WEEK-ENDS AGO TOOK ALL THE CHILDREN AND OUR ST. BERNARD TO CAMANO ISLAND, WHERE SOME FRIENDS HAVE A CABIN. IT IS A TWO-HOUR DRIVE NORTH OF SEATTLE, ON THE SOUND. THE GIRLS AND I GO SWIMMING ALMOST EVERY DAY, AND THEY DO VERY NICELY. I HOPE TO START SWIMMING LESSONS NEXT WEEK. THEY HAVE STARTED RIDING AGAIN, THOUGH SHARON ONLY GOES EVERY NOW AND AGAIN. BEE LIKED IT SO MUCH LAST YEAR THAT I PRIMARILY STARTED IT FOR HER. SPRAGUE, JR., IS ALMOST AS LARGE AS SOME 3-YEAR OLDS I KNOW, THOUGH WILL BE 2 NEXT MONTH. HE IS INTO EVERYTHING, BUT IS PRETTY GOOD, AND HE'S CRAZY ABOUT AIRPLANES. HE IS A VERY HAPPY CHILD AND AMUSES HIMSELF A LOT.

"SPRAGUE IS FINE AND DOING VERY WELL WITH HIS WORK WITH RYERSON STEEL CO. THERE ARE A GOOD MANY CHANCES OF ADVANCEMENT, BESIDES GETTING VARIED EXPERIENCE WITH THE DETAILS OF STEEL. I MANAGE TO KEEP BUSY WITH VERY LITTLE EFFORT." THE PARKERS' ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 92, MERCER ISLAND, WASH.

DANIEL LISLE TATE, JR., SON OF DANIEL LISLE, II, AND HOPE MAXWELL TATE, WAS BORN SATURDAY, JULY 26, AT THE LAKESIDE HOSPITAL IN CLEVELAND. HE WEIGHED 9 LBS AT BIRTH. ALICE SARGENT TATE, THE BABY'S PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, WROTE ON JULY 27: "... BOTH HOPE AND THE YOUNG MAN ARE FINE. HOPE FELT HER FIRST PAINS AT 5:30 YESTERDAY MORNING (THE 26TH), SO THEY DROVE THE 25 MILES TO CLEVELAND AT ONCE AND THE BABY WAS BORN AT 2 P.M. INCIDENTALLY HE ARRIVED ON THE DATE HE WAS EXPECTED." THE BABY IS A GREAT GRANDSON OF COLONEL FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT (1862-1928) AND A GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF HOMER EARLE SARGENT (1822-1900). DAN, THE BABY'S FATHER, IS CONNECTED WITH THE CLEVELAND OFFICE OF THE TIME-LIFE ORGANIZATION, AND LIVES IN THE SUBURBS.

FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT, III, SON OF F. HOMER SARGENT OF ORLANDO, FLA., IS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO MISS DOROTHY MILLS BROWN, DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS. JASPER M. BROWN OF 1204 GREENWOOD CLIFF, CHARLOTTE, N.C. FRED WROTE ON AUGUST 7: "... WE WILL BE MARRIED BY REV. DR. GEORGE D. HEATON, PASTOR OF THE MEYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH AT 8 P.M. SEPTEMBER 27TH. OUR PLANS ARE TO SETTLE PERMANENTLY IN CHARLOTTE."

J. WEIR SARGENT, JR., IS NOW LIVING AT 10 RICHMOND ROAD, OLD GREENWICH, CONN. WEIR AND NAN, HIS WIFE, WROTE TO YE EDITORS ON AUGUST 4: "AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE ABOVE ADDRESS, WE ARE NOW IN OUR NEW HOME AND HAVE JUST STARTED ENJOYING ITS MANY ADVANTAGES. WE MOVED AUGUST 1ST AND HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE MORE OR LESS PERMANENT, AT LEAST FOR SOME TIME. SEEMS AS IF WE HAVE MOVED MANY TIMES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. LOUISE AND BILL HINKLEY HAVE BEEN MORE THAN HELPFUL IN SHOWING US THE ROPES IN THE AREA. WE JUST RETURNED, JULY 18-27, FROM THE RANGELEY LAKES, MAINE, AND HAD A WONDERFUL WEEK OF SUN, RELAXATION, FISHING, TENNIS, ETC., ALONG WITH GEORGE AND PHE HARDING. NOW IT'S BACK TO WORK COVERING WESTCHESTER COUNTY, LOWER CONNECTICUT, UPPER BRONX, SELLING FOR S. & CO. WE HOPE NOW THAT WE ARE NEARER NEW HAVEN WE WILL SEE YOU FROM TIME TO TIME, AND EXTEND AN OPEN HOUSE TO ANY AND ALL RELATIVES WHO COME OUR WAY. IT'S A LOVELY SPOT, AND WE FEEL VERY LUCKY AND HAPPY TO BE ON OUR OWN AGAIN."

LUCY HOLLAND PUTNAM, DAUGHTER OF MARY (MINNIE) RUPERT HOLLAND, HAS IN HER HOME IN WAYNE, PA., A CHINA COFFEE POT THAT WAS PART OF A SERVICE BELONGING TO MARY DENNY SARGENT (1758-1813), WHO WAS THE WIFE OF JOSEPH SARGENT (1753-1787), AND THE MOTHER OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT (1787-1849). THE COFFEE POT STANDS WITH THE COVER ABOUT ELEVEN INCHES HIGH, IS OF WHITE CHINA, DECORATED IN BLUE, NANKEN TYPE, AND WAS PROBABLY MADE IN THIS COUNTRY. IT HAS A VERTICAL CRACK IN IT, PROBABLY FROM OVERHEATING ON ONE SIDE.

## SARGENTRIVIA

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- SEPTEMBER 3 - MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER, DAUGHTER OF F. HOMER SARGENT  
 (5TH) JOHN HOTCHKISS SARGENT, SON OF DAVID COLLIER SARGENT  
 5 - (4TH) MARY STUART FITZHUGH, DAUGHTER OF MARY CUMMING FITZHUGH  
 7 - (25TH) MARIAN RUPERT HOLLAND, DAUGHTER OF LEICESTER BODINE HOLLAND  
 8 - WILLIAM PARKER SARGENT, JR.  
 11 - RUSSELL SARGENT FENN, JR.  
 (23D) JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS DENNY SARGENT  
 12 - ELIZABETH COLLIER SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT  
 (2D) WILLIAM JOSE CASANOVA, SON OF MARGARET SARGENT WILLIAMS CASANOVA  
 17 - (1ST) BREHON HOLLAND ODRONIC, SON OF ELEANOR HOLLAND ODRONIC  
 18 - HENRY JAMES WISER, HUSBAND OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER  
 19 - BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD, DAUGHTER OF RUSSELL SARGENT  
 THOMAS COLLIER BABBITT, SON OF MARGARET (PEGGY) FISHER BABBITT  
 20 - JOHN MOFFAT SARGENT, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT  
 DOROTHY SARGENT BAUER, DAUGHTER OF CHARLES FORBES SARGENT  
 23 - (23D) ELAINE MCEACHERN WISER, WIFE OF THOMAS HUNTINGTON WISER  
 27 - (25TH) MARY PULFORD GREGORY, STEPDAUGHTER OF CATHERINE RICE PULFORD  
 28 - (1ST) KEVIN MARLIN GOSNER, SON OF LINDA DEMING GOSNER  
 29 - LIEUT. GEORGE SARGENT GROVE, U.S.N., SON OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD  
 30 - (1ST) WILLIAM ARTHUR GOELLER, SON OF ELIZABETH (BIBBY) DEMING GOELLER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- SEPTEMBER 1 - (18TH) BARBARA SARGENT AND LUDWIG K. MOOREHEAD  
 5 - (22D) LUCY HOLLAND AND GEORGE P. PUTNAM  
 8 - (1ST) MARY PULFORD AND CHARLES N. GREGORY, JR.  
 9 - (2D) JEAN SARGENT AND ROBERT G. BUSHNELL  
 25 - (4TH) LINDA DEMING AND KENNETH L. GOSNER, JR.  
 29 - (24TH) LOUISE SARGENT AND JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, III  
 (19TH) SYLVIA TILNEY AND HARRY HARLAND SKERRETT, JR.

THOMAS OWEN SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS D. SARGENT, HAS COMPLETED HIS FIRST YEAR IN THE BERKELEY DIVINITY SCHOOL IN NEW HAVEN. SOON AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR HE AND KATHY, HIS WIFE, WHO IS A CATALOGUER AT THE YALE LIBRARY, MOTORED IN THEIR AUSTIN CAR WITH THEIR DOG TO TOWNSEND, MONTANA, WHERE HE WAS TO DO SUMMER WORK IN THE CHURCH. KATHY WROTE ABOUT THEIR TRIP AND THEIR STAY IN TOWNSEND IN A LETTER DATED JULY 8:

"... SUNDAY EVENING AT 6:45 SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT IT WAS ONLY 54° THEN. I WISH NOW THAT WE HAD BROUGHT SOME OF OUR WARMER CLOTHES. WE HAD A WONDERFUL TRIP OUT HERE, AND MADE MUCH BETTER TIME THAN WE EXPECTED, SO DETOURED A BIT TOWARD THE END TO SEE SOME SCENIC BEAUTY. WE DROVE MOSTLY AT NIGHT TO AVOID THE HEAT AND MET A TRUCK DRIVER IN SOUTH DAKOTA FROM NORTHPORT, THE TOWN NEXT TO MY FAMILY'S ON LONG ISLAND. SMALL WORLD.

"WE DROVE THROUGH THE BAD LANDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT 4 A.M. JUST AS THE SUN WAS RISING. ONE OF THE WEIRDEST BUT MOST BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS WE HAD EVER SEEN. MOST OF WYOMING WAS THE MOST GHASTLY PLACE I'VE EVER SEEN. EVERYTHING WAS DRIED UP, DUSTY, AND BOW-LEGGED INCLUDING THE LAND, PEOPLE, AND ANIMALS. EVEN THE GOPHERS WERE SKINNIER THAN THEY ARE HERE IN MONTANA. MOUNT RUSHMORE WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE. WE CROSSED THE BIGHORN MOUNTAINS WHICH WERE BEAUTIFUL. MAC HAD A LOVELY TIME CHASING WOODCHUCKS AND ROLLING IN THE SNOW ON THE TOP OF THE PASS. WE ALSO WENT THROUGH A CORNER OF YELLOWSTONE. TOM WANTED ME TO SEE OLD FAITHFUL. BY THE TIME WE GOT TO OLD FAITHFUL IT WAS DARK, SO WE DROVE THROUGH THE REST OF THE PARK IN PITCH BLACKNESS. ONLY SAW TWO DEER AND TWO BEARS, SO I DIDN'T FEEL WE REALLY GOT OUR \$3 WORTH. WE HOPE TO STOP BACK THOUGH ON OUR WAY HOME.

"TOWNSEND IS A WONDERFUL LITTLE TOWN. WE DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF IT AT FIRST, BUT IT HAS BEGUN TO GROW ON US. THE PEOPLE HERE ARE WONDERFUL, AND WE HAVE HAD GREAT FUN WITH THEM. WE HAVE HAD FUN PARTICULARLY WITH THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH AND HIS FAMILY. GARRISON IS DISTRICT MANAGER HERE OF THE AMERICAN CRYSTAL SUGAR CO. (BEET SUGAR). HE AND HIS WIFE ARE IN THEIR EARLY THIRTIES AND THEY HAVE FOUR OF THE MOST ADORABLE LITTLE BLOND CHILDREN WE'VE EVER SEEN. THEY RANGE IN AGE FROM 6 TO 1½ YEARS. ON THE 4TH OF JULY TOM, GARRISON, AND HIS OLDEST CHILD WENT FISHING UP IN THE MOUNTAINS EAST OF HERE (WE ARE IN A FLAT PLAIN SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY MOUNTAINS) AT 8 A.M. HIS WIFE AND I WITH THE OTHER THREE CHILDREN FOLLOWED AT NOON WITH LUNCH, AND WE HAD A LOVELY PICNIC BY A BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN STREAM. THE FISHERMEN CAUGHT TEN FINE RAINBOW TROUT, WHICH WE COOKED AND ATE ON THE SPOT. THEY WERE WONDERFUL. THEN IN THE EVENING THE CHILDREN WERE ALLOWED TO STAY UP TO GO TO HELENA TO SEE THE CITY DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS. WE ALL HAD A WONDERFUL TIME.

"OUR LITTLE CHURCH HERE IS SWEET AND THE RECTORY, ALTHOUGH VERY SPARSELY FURNISHED, IS A VERY NICE COMFORTABLE HOUSE. WE ARE SO BUSY ALL THE TIME DOING ONE THING AND ANOTHER THAT WE STILL NEVER GET TO BED. WE STARTED THE CHURCH SCHOOL YESTERDAY, AND IT SEEMS TO BE GOING ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE IT

HERE FOR TWO WEEKS AND THEN OVER THE MOUNTAIN IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR TWO WEEKS. WHITE SULPHUR IS ONLY AN HOUR'S DRIVE, SO WE SHALL COMMUTE MOST OF THE TIME. IT IS NOT AN EASY DRIVE THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN THOUGH BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO WATCH SO CAREFULLY FOR COWS AND DEER ON THE HIGHWAY. TOM HAS BEEN CONDUCTING SUNDAY SERVICES HERE AND IN WHITE SULPHUR AND IS DOING VERY WELL, I THINK. THE PEOPLE SEEM TO LIKE HIM—AS THEY SHOULD, OF COURSE! MONTANA IS VERY BEAUTIFUL, AND WE LOVE TOWNSEND, BUT AS A STEADY DIET, GIVE ME GOOD OLD NEW ENGLAND. . ."

THE FOLLOWING ARE CORRECTIONS IN DATES IN SARGENT GENEALOGY IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA, PUBLISHED IN 1895. ON PAGE 45 OUR ANCESTOR, JOSEPH (NO. 166) WAS BORN JULY 24, 1756 (NOT "IN 1757") AND DIED MARCH 12 (NOT 14), 1787. HIS HALF-SISTER MARTHA, NICKNAMED PATTY (NO. 167) WAS BORN MAY 19, 1759, AND HIS HALF-SISTER RACHEL (NO. 168) WAS BORN JANUARY 19, 1761. (THE GENEALOGY GIVES ONLY THE YEARS OF BIRTH OF THE LATTER TWO.) THESE CORRECTIONS ARE SUPPLIED FROM THE LEICESTER VITAL RECORDS (TO THE END OF 1849), PRINTED IN WORCESTER IN 1903.

A WORD PICTURE OF THE SOCIAL LIFE OF SOME OF OUR LEICESTER, MASS., FOREBEARS IS GIVEN IN A LETTER WRITTEN IN NOVEMBER 1847 FROM LEICESTER TO NATHANIEL BARNEY IN NANTUCKET BY HIS WIFE ELIZA, WHO WERE NOT SARGENT RELATIVES. THE FOLLOWING IS FROM A COPY OWNED BY LUCY HOLLAND PUTNAM. GEORGE SARGENT IS GEORGE HENRY SARGENT (1828-1917). MRS. SARGENT AND COL. SARGENT REFER TO COLONEL JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT (1787-1849) AND HIS WIFE MINDWELL JONES SARGENT. THEIR SONS IN GEORGIA WERE HARRISON JONES SARGENT AND JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907), AND LUCY SARGENT RUPERT (1824-1895) WAS THEIR DAUGHTER IN KENTUCKY. SARAH SHAW WAS FROM NANTUCKET, WAS A STUDENT AT LEICESTER ACADEMY, AND IN 1855 WAS MARRIED TO GEORGE HENRY SARGENT. MRS. JONES WAS PERHAPS A SISTER-IN-LAW OF MINDWELL JONES SARGENT. MRS. MAY WAS THE WIFE OF THE CLERGYMAN WHO MARRIED IN 1846 LUCY SARGENT AND ELON W. RUPERT. SOUTHGATE AND EARLE WERE OLD LEICESTER FAMILIES.

"RESPECTED FRIEND:

"I SHOULD REGRET IF THOU WERE A YOUNG MAN, FOR THY CHARACTER TO BE MARKED WITH SO MUCH IN-DECISION, AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THY DEPARTURE HAS MANIFESTED, FOR SISTER TOLD ME THAT THOU DID NOT DECIDE TO REMAIN TILL THE STAGE STARTED, AND WOULD NOT DECIDE TO GO ON, TILL THE CARS BEGAN TO MOVE. THE ACTIONS OF A MAN SOMEWHAT IN YEARS, LIKE THY LORDSHIP, ARE NOT OF SO MUCH CONSEQUENCE, AS THE MOVEMENTS OF ONE WHOSE CAREER FOR GOOD OR EVIL IS JUST COMMENCING. TO THE LATTER I WOULD SAY, WEIGH AND DELIBERATE, AND WHEN THY JUDGMENT IS CONVINCED, MOVE, FEARLESSLY AND DECIDEDLY. I INVITED BOTH OF THE GIRLS TO DINE, AS WE HAD OYSTERS AND BAKED APPLIES AND MILK, TWO DISHES HIGHLY AGREEABLE TO THEIR TASTES. AFTER DINNER GEORGE SARGENT ASKED THEM, WITH THE ADDITION OF ELLEN TO TAKE A RIDE, WHICH OF COURSE THEY ACCEPTED, AND I FOUND MYSELF ALONE, BUT NOT LONESOME, FOR THIS FEELING DOES NOT DEPEND NECESSARILY ON THE ABSENCE OF THOSE ABOUT US, NEITHER IS IT ALWAYS REMOVED IN THE PRESENCE OF COMPANY. BUT I SAT DOWN TO MY WORK, AND ERE I HAD SAT LONG MRS. SOUTHGATE CALLED, AND WE HAD A LONG, FREE AND PLEASANT CONVERSATION, UPON SUCH SUBJECTS AS WOMEN USUALLY TALK UPON. I MEAN THOSE THAT INTEREST THE DOMESTIC FEELINGS. WHEN SHE LEFT, I RESUMED MY WORK, BUT PRESENTLY MR. AND MRS. CLARK CAME IN. NOW THE SUBJECTS INVOLVED MORE OF THE INTELLECT; AND A GREATER DRAFT UPON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM. WE SPOKE UPON THE FREE SOIL, EDUCATION, ETC. WHILE THEY SAT, MRS. SARGENT CALLED. SHE IS A STRONG MINDED WOMAN, AND CONSIDERING HER POSITION QUITE A HEROINE. SHE HAS TWO SONS ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN GEORGIA, ONE DAUGHTER MARRIED IN KENTUCKY AND HER HUSBAND AND HER BROTHER HERE, BOTH PROSLAVERY AND TAYLORITES. STILL THROUGH ALL THE OPPOSITION SHE MAINTAINS HER PRINCIPLES WITH DIGNITY. SHE SAID THAT WEBSTER IN HIS SPEECH IN BOSTON AT THE WATER CELEBRATION, IN SPEAKING OF JUDGE ALLEN, SAID THAT 'MASSACHUSETTS HAD NOT A SUPERIOR SON IN HER WHOLE COMMONWEALTH.' AFTER THEY HAD ALL LEFT, I MUSED UPON THE SOCIAL SYSTEM OF MAKING AND RETURNING CALLS, AND CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT FOR ME IT IS BETTER THAT THEY COME UNEXPECTED. FOR IF I WERE TO HAVE THE ANTICIPATION OF A CALL, AND ITS REALIZATION TOO, I SHOULD HAVE THE HORRORS. AND YET THEY WERE VERY PLEASANT AND I REFLECTED UPON THEM WITH SATISFACTION.

"THE GIRLS AND MYSELF HAVE HAD PLENTY OF CONVERSATION TO DAY ON THE SUBJECT OF THEIR DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. SARAH SHAW HAS BEEN SOBER WITH THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF NOT COMING BACK AND SARAH S. WITH THE THOUGHT OF PARTING WITH HER, FOR REALLY, AS UNLIKE AS THEY ARE, THEY SEEM TO BE VERY MUCH KNITTED TOGETHER. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE PLAN OF HOME STUDY, AND I HAVE MARKED OUT A COURSE WHICH IF FOLLOWED, WOULD PRODUCE AS GOOD RESULTS AS RETURNING TO LEICESTER. I PROPOSE THAT THE LITTLE CHAMBER OVER THE FRONT DOOR, WHICH CAN BE WARMED BY THE FURNACE, BE MADE THE STUDY. THEN THAT EVERY MORNING TILL DINNER TIME BE APPROPRIATED TO THE REGULAR LESSONS. I THINK WE MIGHT EASILY FIND SOME ONE WHO WOULD HEAR THE RECITATIONS, AND THEN IF THE WILL WAS IN THE WORK, PROGRESS MUST BE MADE. HOW DOES IT STRIKE THEE? NOTWITHSTANDING THE DECISION OF CORA'S PARENTS, SHE WROTE AND OFFERED A PETITION TO BE ALLOWED ONE MORE TERM, BUT I PRESUME THEY WILL NOT COMPLY. THEY LOVE DEARLY TO STAY HERE AND I DO NOT MARVEL AT IT. ON FOURTH DAY I SCREWED UP MY COURAGE TO TAKE TEA AT MRS. JONES'. MR. JONES IS SO DIGNIFIED THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM, MORE THAN COMPENSATES FOR THE DISAGREEABLENESS OF ENCOUNTERING HIS OTHER HALF. CLEVELAND CALLED IN THE EVENING, SO THE GIRLS COULD NOT OBSERVE THE STUDY HOURS. HERE, AS EVERY WHERE ELSE, YOUNG MEN ARE TO BE FOUND, AND HERE TOO, EXISTS THE SAME MAGNETIC INFLUENCE THAT DRAWS TOGETHER THE YOUTH OF BOTH SEXES. HE IS ONE OF THE FEW WHO WRITES SUCH GOOD COMPOSITIONS. HE STAYED ALL THE EVENING, AND WHEN IT WAS TOO LATE TO RECALL, THE GIRLS DEPLORED THAT THEY HAD NOT BROKEN THROUGH ALL FORMS OF ETIQUETTE AND RETIRED TO THEIR ROOM, INSTEAD OF NOW BEING OBLIGED TO BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL. BUT THIS SAME MAGNETIC INFLUENCE HELD THEM WILLING CAPTIVES. FIFTH DAY WE TOOK TEA AT COLONEL SARGENT'S. IT WAS A LARGE PARTY, AND TAKEN AS A WHOLE RATHER A PLEASANT ONE. THE LATER PART OF THE AFTERNOON, I

TOOK A SOLITARY RAMBLE OF TWO OR THREE MILES, AND THEN DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION. I HAD BEEN DILIGENTLY SEWING TO FINISH SARAH'S DRESS, AND FELT THE NEED OF EXERCISE TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECT OF THE RICH LIVING, IN WHICH WE INDULGE. WE WENT ABOUT SIX, THE TWO SARAHs, ELLEN AND MYSELF. THE SOUTHGATES, THE CLAPPS, THE UPHAMS, THE FLINTS, MRS. MAY AND SOME OTHERS WHO I DID NOT KNOW, COMPOSED THE COMPANY. ABOUT SEVEN, AFTER EXHAUSTION HAD TAKEN ALMOST COMPLETE POSSESSION OF ME, THE TEA WAS HANDED AROUND, NOT IN A STYLE TO SUIT THEE, AND I WAS GLAD THOU WAS NOT PRESENT, (THOUGH MRS. SARGENT AND MRS. MAY EXPRESSED A CONTRARY OPINION,) FOR THE REASON THAT THIS EXHILERATING BEVERAGE HAD TAKEN A CHILL ON ITS PASSAGE, WAS SLOW IN ITS PROGRESS, AND IN MANY OTHER RESPECTS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THY FASTIDIOUS TASTE. THE BREAD AND BUTTER WOULD NOT HAVE SUITED THREE, AND THE CAKE WAS COMPOSED OF CITRON AND CURRANTS, TWO ARTICLES FOR WHICH THOU ART KNOWN TO HAVE THE GREATEST HORROR. THESE THINGS TO ME ARE OF VERY LITTLE IMPORTANCE, AND FOR THE PLEASURE I DERIVED FROM A CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MAY I WOULD HAVE GONE WITHOUT TEA ENTIRELY. SHE IS TRULY AN ELEGANT WOMAN, CONVERSES SO BEAUTIFULLY THAT ONE'S ATTENTION IS RIVETED WHEN SHE SPEAKS. SHE WAS ONE OF THE STAGE COMPANY WHEN THOU PROPOSED TAKING THE FREE SOIL VOTE, AND SAT BEHIND THEE. THEY ARE GOING TO BOSTON NEXT WEEK TO SPEND THE WINTER, SO THAT A LARGE PORTION OF THE CHARM OF LEICESTER SOCIETY WILL VANISH WITH THEM. THIS AFTERNOON WE ARE GOING THERE TO THE ANTI-SLAVERY SEWING CIRCLE. WE WERE, OR RATHER, I WAS, INVITED TO TEA AT MR. CLARK'S THE SAME DAY OF THE PARTY AT SARGENTS, BUT THE INVITATION WAS NOT RENEWED FOR TODAY IT BEING THE LAST IN THE WEEK AND HELD PARTIALLY SACRED BY ORTHODOX PEOPLE. THEY ARE VERY KIND AND INTELLIGENT PERSONS, BUT STILL IT IS SO FORMIDABLE THAT I WOULD FAIRLY BE EXCUSED. I WISH I COULD ALWAYS BE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEY INSPIRE ME WITH A FRESHNESS, AND VIGOR THAT GIVES A NEW ZEST TO LIFE. I SIT FOR HOURS AND GAZE ON THE SPORTS OF THE STUDENTS ON THE COMMON, AND YET I DO NOT KNOW ONE OF THEM. GEORGE SARGENT, WHO GAVE ME HIS ARM, AS BEING THE STRANGER LAST EVENING, ASKED ME HOW I LIKED LEICESTER. I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS ALMOST ENCHANTED GROUND TO ME, THAT AT MY FIRST VISIT, THERE CAME OVER ME A SPELL OF ENJOYMENT FOR WHICH I COULD NOT ACCOUNT, I CANNOT DEFINE IT, I KNOW NOT WHETHER IT BE ASSOCIATION OR WHETHER IT BE AN ATMOSPHERIC INFLUENCE, BUT ON REFLECTION, I THINK I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO COME UNDER ANY DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS GEORGE SARGENT IS THE GIRLS BEAU IDEAL OF MANLY EXCELLENCE. HE IS VERY LARGE, WITH BROAD SQUARE SHOULDERS, PROMINENT ANGULAR FEATURES, A PROFUSION OF LONG BLACK HAIR, BOTH ON HIS HEAD AND CHIN AND LARGE PIERCING BLACK EYES, AND WHEN HE SMOOTHS HIS HABITUAL FROWN, THERE IS A SUN-LIGHT ON HIS COUNTERTENCE THAT IS IRRESISTIBLY STRIKING. HE HAS A NOBLE MAGNANIMOUS SOUL, AN INTEGRITY MANIFEST EVEN IN HIS BOYHOOD, AND A VERSITILITY OF CHARACTER THAT TAKES THE GIRLS COMPLETELY CAPTIVE.

WELL WE WENT, THAT IS SISTER AND MYSELF, TO THE SEWING PARTY, AND SPENT A PLEASANT AFTERNOON, BUT WE HAD ENGAGED TO WALK, AND TAKE TEA AT THE JONES', SO WE COULD NOT ACCEPT MRS. MAY'S INVITATION. DURING THE TIME I SPOKE OF MY INTENTION OF ATTENDING MULBERRY MEETING IN THE MORNING, WHEN MRS. MAY OFFERED TO ACCOMPANY ME, AND ASKED IF I WOULD GO EARLY AND VISIT THE ALMSHOUSE, TO WHICH I READILY CONSENTED. BETWEEN NINE AND TEN O'CLOCK CLAD AS WARMLY AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE ADDITION OF MRS. HATCH'S MUFF TO MY HABILIMENTS, WE SET FORTH. IT WAS THREE MILES TO THE POOR HOUSE, THROUGH WHICH WE WALKED, MRS. MAY ENCOURAGING AND ADVISING EACH OF THE INMATES AS WE PASSED ON (FOR HER HEART IS IN EVERY WORD AND WORK, FOR THE AMELIORATION OF THE SUFFERINGS OF MANKIND) AND THEN WE PROCEEDED TO MEETING, STOPPING FOR LUCY EARLE ON OUR WAY. I FELT INVIGORATED WITH THE WALK, AND WAS GLAD TO BE SEATED IN THE PRIMITIVE HOUSE OF SILENT WORSHIP. ABOUT FOURTEEN WERE ASSEMBLED, ALL OF WHOM WERE STRANGERS. OUR WAY BACK WAS SOON PASSED OVER, FOR INTERESTING CONVERSATION WILL SHORTEN THE MOST TEDIOUS PATH, THOUGH THIS WAS ONLY SO, BECAUSE WE WERE BOTH WEARY AND HUNGRY. AS WE REACHED MRS. MAY'S THE CHURCH BELL WAS RINGING FOR THE AFTERNOON SERVICE, WHICH COMMENCES AT ONE O'CLOCK. WE HASTENED IN, AND WITHOUT UNBONNETTING, ATE PIE AND CAKE, AND THEN HASTENED TO ATTEND CHURCH, FOR SHE WOULD NOT BE ABSENT AT ANY RATE. AT THE CLOSE OF THE SERVICE WE PARTED, HAVING SPENT THE DAY TO ME VERY PROFITABLY AS WELL AS AGREEABLY. IT IS SELDOM WE MEET WITH A WOMAN WHO POSSESSES A MIND AS HIGHLY CULTIVATED, MANNERS SO REFINED, WITH A HEART SO ALIVE TO EVERY THING, THAT CONDUCTS TO THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND. SHE NEVER FORGETS TO SPEAK TO THE HUMBLEST INDIVIDUAL, AND ALWAYS IN A WAY THAT PUTS EACH ONE PERFECTLY AT EASE, AND MAKES ONE FORGETFUL ENTIRELY OF THE DISPARITY OF RANK AND CONDITION EXISTING BETWEEN THEM. IT WAS A LUXURY TO REACH MY OWN ARMCHAIR BEFORE OUR CHEERFUL FIRE, AND TO FORGET MY WEARIED LIMBS WHILE READING THE CHARACTERS OF LEOPOLD AND THE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE. WHAT A DELIGHTFUL BOOK ABBOTT HAS MADE OF THE HISTORY OF THE REIGNING MONARCHS OF EUROPE. THE STYLE IS SO GLOWING AND SO IMAGINATIVE, THAT ONE SEEMS NOT TO BE READING DRY HISTORY, AND YET IN REALITY IT IS A SKETCH OF THE BATTLES AND CONQUESTS OF THE KINGS AND EMPERORS OF THE PRESENT DAY. WE HAD A SUMPTUOUS TEA SERVED AT FIVE, AFTER WHICH, SARAH BETOOK HERSELF TO THE DRAWING OF A MAP OF TEXAS AND MEXICO, AND I TO FINISH THIS LETTER FOR TOMORROW'S MAIL. LUCY EARLE ASKED ME IF I HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO SPEND THE DAY AT MILTONS. I TOLD HER I HAD BUT TOMORROW WAS WASHING DAY WITH THEM, AND NEXT DAY WAS EXAMINATION AT THE SCHOOL. LUCY ASSURED ME THAT IT WOULD NOT DISTURB SARAH IN THE LEAST IF I WENT ON THAT DAY, OF ALL OTHERS, ON WHICH I WISH TO BE FREE FROM COMPANY. THE WEATHER IS DREARY AND DARK AND COLD, AND THE PEOPLE SAY THAT THE MORNING WILL PRESENT A SNOW STORM, IN WHICH CASE I SHALL NOT GO. SISTER HAS STAYED WITH ME SINCE THOU LEFT TILL THIS EVENING, AND SHE HAS JUST GONE HOME BY CORA'S REQUEST TO LODGE WITH HER. SINCE THY LETTER CAME, SHE HAS CONCLUDED TO RETURN FOR THE WINTER, THOUGH SHE SENSIBLY FEELS THE LOSS, OR RATHER THE ANTICIPATED LOSS OF HER ROOM COMPANION. I CAN'T BEAR THE IDEA OF PARTING WITH HER FOR ANOTHER WINTER. I HOPE THOU WILL NOT MAKE TOO FREE WITH MY LETTER, FOR I SOME TIMES SAY THINGS TO THEE THAT DOES NOT SOUND WELL IN OTHER EARS. IT SEEMS AN AGE SINCE I HAVE SEEN YOU ALL, BUT I SHALL BE BACK IN SEASON TO ASSIST PHEBE IN QUILTING. HOW ARE ELIZABETH MARY AND LYDIA, GIVE MY LOVE TO THEM ALL. I SUPPOSE JOSEPH WILL HAVE FINISHED REFINING BEFORE I RETURN. I HOPE SO AT LEAST. I PRESUME IT HAS BEEN COLD ENOUGH TO USE THE FURNACE, IF YOU HAVE HAD SUCH WEATHER AS WE HAVE. WITH THE EXPECTATION OF SEEING YOU ALL ON FIFTH DAY, I BID AN AFFECTIONATE FAREWELL.

"ELIZA"