

Cambridge 10. 19. 1881.

My dear Lou,

Your mother's letter is at hand and the business at once attended to as you will see by enclosed receipt. My expenses in settling Mr Gwinn's estate have been light - and I refuse to be paid for Mrs Gwinn is welcome to so small an amount. I can send to Mrs Gwinn anything she may desire if it will be in the least an accommodation and will do it with pleasure.

This afternoon at five o'clock went to the wedding of Moses King and Bertha Cloyd and this evening to a concert at Union Hall the programme

of which is enclosed.

Will see what can be done in regard to bill of Dr. Marcy and let you know. In regard to what further may be required to complete settlement of the estate will attend to at once and apprise you.

Now a few quotations from your mother's letter and a few remarks in relation thereto:

"You will be just as badly off after your voyage as you are now if you don't live carefully and sensibly"

"Spiritualism isn't a good thing for nervous people"

"A wilful man will have his way no matter who suffers"

What means this!

To live carefully, and, to live sensibly, is to live how? How have I lived that my life is to be a question.

A spiritualist I am, and a spiritualist I intend to remain and no doubt - will die a spiritualist and to me the belief of the highest order of spiritualism is sacred.

Who knows best in regard to whether I will be better or worse after the voyage, your mother or Dr. Drown. One obtains knowledge from hearsay and limited observation and the other from years of study, practice and observation.

Skilful to what extent? To the extent that I intend to treat myself to an entire change and rest extending over a

a period of three months which  
I hope I have earned. I have  
never for one moment thought  
you unkind enough to  
desire me to continue in my  
present state of ill health.  
I am fatigued from care and  
anxiety of the past which  
has affected my nervous sy-  
stem to that extent that I  
require the rest and change.

I am trying to persuade  
my friend Ed. Cutler to  
go with me for he has  
once said he could not go  
and in trying to persuade  
him to go I am not doing  
wrong for I know his motive  
for refusing.

Believe me as ever  
my dearest "Esther" yours  
with true love

Wm Albert Ames  
"Will"

12.55 P.M.