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Letter from Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New
Hampshire, to Sarah Whitney, Belmont,
Massachusetts, 1894 May 24

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Shelburne May 24. /94

We had a clean & comfortable
journey - in an air so soft &
agreeable that the doors & sashes
the windows were kept open all the
way - Mrs. Lovell - housekeeper -
is tall & slim - not strong - but
sensible - looking & agreeable - &
neat withall - & nice - everything
within & without being orderly &
prepared with forethought - in
all which work no doubt - John
had a hand - But Mrs. C. (Dinner)
does not want to cook - tho'
thus far we like the table - She
has not the strength to do the
work of a cook - even if she had
twice the capacity ~~to do~~ ~~with~~
which she allows herself to have -
I doubt if she will be able to
do the second girl's work - but
shall keep her for trying & find one
other girl ^{if I can.} A great many farms
about as well as this one have been

winter. Killed in great patches.
& tho' no degree of frost has
been able to quite suppress the
~~the~~ beauty - it is a greener land -
scapes - than I have ever seen
here before. & this ^{partly} because there has
been ~~the~~ no rain until that of
last week.

The reservoir is not quite
finished - It was difficult to
find a man to do it. & when
he came he was called off in
the middle of his work. But
so far as it is built the water
overflows it - & there is no lack
now anywhere in the establish.
The over wall is a magnificent
work. & the marvel is that
it was constructed in about 6
or 7 weeks. & at the cost of drawing
over 600 loads of stone. Some of
them of enormous size.

Whitman is building an
addition to his barn on the front
to live in - We saw Eliza at the
window. as we drove by last yesterday.

The Peabodies are a
poor lot - the boys by all
accounts likely to become tramps.
Some day.

There is a house building
below the Philbrook's - whose
we do not know.

The river is low - for spring.
but not favorable. Apple trees
in full blossom - some beginning
to drop their bloom. No birds
as yet to speak of - plenty of
frogs - & the air full of their
monotonous piping. Among the
sounds this morning I distinctly
heard a cricket - solitary, prophetic
voice!

Should you hear of a cook,
anything desirable on the way. Of
a cook - pray bear in mind that
I much find one to come back with
next June - the latter part of the
month - I trust we may get along

with the two women -

At present there seems to be
a pretty harmonious minority -

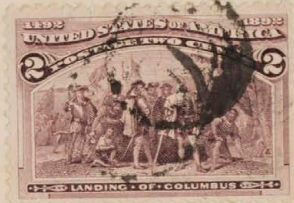
I shall try to keep a little
brother of to keep you informed of
the going on here & send to you
once a week - I doubt if we
stay here more than two weeks!

The day I saw you - when
I came out of the wall path -

Certainly the air was ambrosial -
& I tried to make you aware
of the fact by long winks and
gesticulations - that you might
be induced to come out on the
grass & inhale it - but you
made no sign & I was after
the Lordie - I sent you a letter
or note to the effect that I
didn't pay my fare & asking
you to do it - doubtless you rec'd.
it -

Rody asks me to remind you
of her with love & also to say that she
thinks you would have been pleased with
today's dinner! Love to your household - Sister
Eally & your little ones -

from your loving sister, a



Miss Whitney

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