

Hardwick Parsons, ⁶¹
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My dear young friend

Bravo! -

One thing only is amiss - you must
not begin to be - what you never were
- shabby - & a very shabby trick it
would be to put off your loving old
friends with a week - Bah! - are
we expected to adopt the phrase
"The smallest contribution will be
thankfully received?" -

Now write as ~~soon~~ as you can - say
you mean to behave properly & not ever

away as if you were ashamed of us -
to tell us when our pleasure is to
be - that in my hand all clear -

The very term "the long" condemns
you - out of all that length you might
live is a little more time. -

I am sorry you had not explicit, for
it puzzles me beyond measure to think
who can hear it - I only fixed on
you - not from any distinct recollection,
but from the combined impression that
I had lent it to somebody, combined

with the certainty that no one has been
here so likely to be interested in such
a curiosity as yourself - or to wish to
show it to some learned friend. -

I have just looked at my Pocketbook
to see when begins Oct. 1. but that I
fancy is nominal & you are not wanted
immediately. But please let us know
as soon as you can, when you will come,
& whether there is any necessity for your
staying us last? We shall be delighted
to see you any time, but if it were
all the same to you - sh^d. rather prefer

the beginning of Sept. to the end. -
My wife says if good. come the 1st
week we would make an expedition
to Lanthorn - She doesn't must for
knowing the other night of your being here
& our all being very happy together. I
went to the Mountain yesterday, & am glad
in some respects you were not there.

My wife sends her best love, & is so
delighted about your coming. It's a refresh-
ment to us which we want.

Yours loving old friend
G. W. Webb.

Satum - Proctor & I have struck upon an ac-
quaintance: - a nice candid fellow.