

Tracy Hill. Cambridge.

9th May. 1868.

My dear Sir

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of writing to you, or the greater one of hearing from you. In reading your last volume I gained so much instruction & interest that I wished to express my thanks to you. My special object in writing now is to ask a favor from you.

It has occurred to Lowell & myself that it would be an agreeable thing to send some literary contribution from America to the festival in honor of Dante which it is proposed to hold