

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 29, 1844.

My dear Mr. Search

I have delayed for some time to write to you on the hope that I might have occasion to thank you for a contribution to the North American Review. But I have been disappointed in this hope, and will not longer wait for its fulfilment.

The Review has lately passed into the hands of new publishers; - Messrs Ticknor & Fields, - who are able to promote its interests and to increase its circulation. They desire me to repeat to you the request to write for it, and I need hardly add, that there is no one whose criticisms would give more satisfaction to Lowell & myself. If the Review is to become what it may be made, influential in forming and rectifying public opinion, and in enlightening thought and increasing knowledge, it must become so through the aid of such persons as yourself.

But I will not dwell on this, but rather let me at once wish you most heartily a happy New Year, and exchange congratulations with you on the great good events of the last two months, and the ^{fair} ~~prospects~~ prospect