

Portland July 21 1878

My Dear friend

I received your note was  
pleased to hear from you. I have  
recovered at last from my neuralgic  
attack, but it was slow work, it was  
some weeks before I felt quite myself.

I am really quite discouraged about  
getting out to your house, it is first one  
thing, and then another happens to  
prevent, I fear the summer will glide  
away and I will have accomplished  
nothing in the way of visiting. I

have decided not to talk of it - any more, but if a good opportunity presents itself, will avail myself of it. Miss Emma Drillard spent her "Holidays" in Salem, she remained a few days.

Are you still meditating a trip to Oakland, I do hope you will go for the winter, after so many years residence in that quiet little town, what an agreeable change it would be for you, to a large city. Studying, reading and sight - seeing the time would pass so quickly. Did you

miss your Gold breast pin? After all our care in looking around for all your effects, I found it lying on the bureau, after you had gone, how can

I get it to you? Seeing it is such hard work to get me started - your Father or Brother probably will be in soon, he might call for it. I have been sewing very industriously this season, fixing over old dresses, making them as good as new, which to say the least of it, is very tedious work. I intersperse my work with reading and practicing. I have a very agreeable book on hand now, "Twenty thousand leagues under the sea" is the title. A very original, imaginative, and instructive work, by Jules Verne. I wish you could read it.

There is no news to communicate, almost everyone is leaving or meditating it for a summer's trip, the fare is so low to and from San Francisco

So many are going there. They are going  
to lay the Corner Stone of the Unitarian  
Church with appropriate Ceremonies  
I see the Masons just passing in  
full regalia as it is near the time  
and I purpose attending must  
say Good bye. Write soon.

Ever your friend

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