



your affectionate brother
Waldo.

A photograph of a piece of aged, yellowed paper with handwritten text in dark brown ink. The handwriting is in a cursive style. The text is arranged in two lines. The first line reads "your affectionate brother" and the second line reads "Waldo." There is a faint red diagonal line or crease visible across the paper, passing behind the signature.

Emerson preferred using his middle name.

**Many of his letters
to brother, William,
are signed “Waldo”.**

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Dear William, I know not when I have written
to you before & gladly take a few moments now.
I am sorry to find now & then a passage of your
kind letters written as in low spirits. Let there be
peace & good fortune to the good. Yet seems nothing
more natural than that sometimes you sh^d. feel
lonely. With more of my own blood around me I
am lonely enough at some hours myself. And
just so much gloom as it gives to life just so much
does this feeling take off from death. 'The fatalline
attractions' - I wish they may never be less.

I have been reading 7 or 8 lectures of Cousin. in
the first of three vols. of his Philosophy. A master of
history, an epic he makes of man & of the world. &
excels all men in giving effect, yea, eclat to a
metaphysical theory. Have you not read it?
Is good reading - well worth the time. clients or no clients.

I am going a little journey, as I believe Charles has told you, I mean to get out next Monday morning to Burlington. The second Sunday I expect to preach in Northampton & the third at home. I expect to have Aunt Mary & Mrs. Sambar & son (whom we expected tonight from N. Bedford,) in the house to pass the time with mother. If they desire her perhaps she will go to Concord.

It is Election week & Grandfather will come down tomorrow. It is the last probably of its race, for the people have agreed by their Ways to have no more Spring Sessions of Legislature.

Bulkeley is a little better, but still at Charlestown. You asked of his expenses - they are 3.00 per week & some new clothes & new shoes. If Edward should get employment & have no bills, I suppose I can pay for B. without difficulty. Especially as it seems that Ellen is to continue to benefit her husband whenever hereafter the estate shall be settled. But at this present time I am going fast in arrears, I believe. I please myself that Ellen's work

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day I expect to preach
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Mother is very well & not unimpaired of
you. oh no Glencairn And Aunt Mary is
as heavenly unreasonable as ever. I believe I never
acknowledged the receipt of her interest money
which was received & paid.

How soon shall we see you. Tell them you
shall stay a good while with.

Your affectionate brother

Waldo.

We have a letter in excellent spirits from
Edward at St Johns Porto Rico.

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