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St. James Hotel, Boston, Feb. 28. 1875.

Dear Wesley,

a thousand thanks for your kind & cheering letter, with its enclosure, which I have sent with a note, to Mr. Garrett. I sent also copy of my testimonials prepared 8 years since for Col. Coll. Copies of this I also sent at the same time to Prof. Perry, who replied that he would make use of them in connection with my application. I trust for success here, if not I shall sink beneath the dark waters and disappear, struggling against hope, with poverty and all its ills. I begin to lose courage - alone in the world I have no companions to cheer me - but I read your noble words: "If have never yet seen a year in which a noble man could not live nobly" and trust for a brighter day -

You ask me why I quarrel with Dana. I do not. I mentioned his name accidentally in my address of 1871 in connection with the views which he held but never

under the pretence she has pursued a personal  
course of lying to me since. I have written  
a brief but consistent reply, and I believe  
who has read over the whole controversy  
since 1825 - confers that Dana quite right  
and Dana wrong. We will print my reply.

Nothing is said or done, so far as I can learn  
about the State Society. I suspect the Commu-  
nists feel too poor just now to do anything.

We had a grand meeting at New Haven  
and only regretted your want of presence.

With best regards to Mrs. Lesley &  
your family. I remain, my dear Lesley

Yours always

T. Sterry Wood

Prof. J. P. Lesley -