

S. Mearns  
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Hedley 27 May '87

Dear Sir William

I duly received your  
kind note of the 12 inst and  
should have answered it - before  
but like yourself - have been so  
busy that I could hardly  
find the time.

Sir William Young's mal  
was as he wished it - to be and  
as often stated by him recently  
to me "after a short illness  
and without pain" - Several  
times during the last winter  
he said to me - I have had a

A long prosperous life and  
happy life for which I sincerely  
Thank my God and when it  
is his will I am ready to  
depart the world has no  
more attractions for me - I  
hope God will grant me  
freedom from pain and that  
my mental powers may be  
retained to the last - I never  
knew any one so fearless of  
death, his trust in the goodness  
& mercy of God was firm &  
so also was his hope of im-  
-mortality, indeed he frequently  
told me his idea of a hereafter



was that with vastly increased  
intellectual powers he might-  
well in the more immediate  
presence of God and enjoy the  
goodness and mercy displayed  
in His works of Creation and  
Providence -

He took a lively interest  
in you and in the great work  
you were doing I did not know  
before that he did any thing  
to shape your life and was  
glad to hear it - If any other  
obituary notice than has ap-  
peared in the newspapers should  
be published I shall have

Much pleasure in sending it  
to you - His will which I show  
up by his directions only one  
month before his death has  
been fully commented on in  
our papers - His large Catholic  
charities so admirably guarded  
will be a mean of handing down  
his name to many generations -

I often think of you when  
in the vicinity of our travels  
in 1846 - I own a small plot-  
form in Walsville & intend  
before long to retire from the  
City to the quiet of a country  
life

Yours very sincerely  
Geo Thomson