

C7/180

Forest Hill

25. 7mo. 1877

Dear Doctor,

Being in Town <sup>of</sup> two days since, I heard for the first time, that a parcel of books were awaiting me; forwarded by thyself. A very substantial package; which on reaching home we found to be three valuable & beautifully

bound volumes of the  
'Popular Educator.'

Now I know thou  
does not want <sup>to be</sup> overwhelm-  
ed with thanks. But  
I must tell thee that I  
value the gift, and the  
kindness of the giver  
exceedingly. Thou hast  
chosen books of almost  
perpetual utility and  
interest; which for  
long years to come will  
keep thyself fresh in

our remembrance, and  
myself or my boys in  
most instructive reading.

In glancing through  
the work, I have already  
promised myself much  
pleasure in going afresh  
into such subjects from  
the beginning - as Botany  
& Geology. And I trust  
our young people will  
more & more value the  
advantage of having such  
a work to refer to.

I tender my very sincere  
thanks to thee dear  
Doctor, & remain  
thy obliged friend  
William May.