

Wm. Lloyd Garrison  
West Newton  
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65 Sterling Street  
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also  
May 12

Dear Mrs DeWitt

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As I wrote Mr Eads - the likelihood of my being in California (where a beloved far-away daughter and her husband & four alluring youngsters, aside) led me to decline his gracious invitation to be a speaker at the Centenary. I'm not much on speaking, having done so little of late. But I have tried to say, metrically (see enclosure) what I might have typed into prose. I am no judge of what I write in verse. Who is? It carries my thought as clearly as I can convey it in that medium. Do as you will (or wont) with it. I am by no means sensitive about my compositions.

With warm wishes from Mrs Garrison  
and myself. I am very sincerely:

And many thanks for  
your very lovely letter that

William L. Garrison, jr.