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My dear Mr. Sargent,

It was my intention to be at the reception this Ev. and for that purpose I remained in the vicinity until yesterday morning when I returned to New Marlboro. I found that a friend was at my house, who had waited two days for me. I had to take the first train, and was not able to call on them or write a note. I am very sorry for I have a hearty admiration for Prof. Proctor, all whose writings are familiar



To me. I hope I may  
yet see him. I am thinking  
how the notable people  
will arrive, one after the  
other, & how pleasantly  
they & our young friend  
Alice will receive them  
this evening. I am afraid  
I shall think too much  
of you, to permit me to  
be very gracious to my  
guests.

With kind regards  
to Mr S. I am always  
& sincerely thy friend  
John G. Whittier