

Amesbury First Day 5th. 12mos
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My dear Miss 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 the Marlboro
& found that a friend
was at my home, who had
waited two days for me.
I had to take the first
train, and was not able
to call on thee or write
a note. I am very sorry,
for I have a hearty admiration
for Prof. Proctor,
all whose writings are familiar

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to me. I hope I may
yet see him. I am thinking
how the notable people
will arrive, one after the
other, & how pleasantly
thee & 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