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This was mailed April 25th - Therefore the date, the 26th, must be an error.

New York, April 26th 1883

My dear old friend Lysander,

It is now some length of time since we have heard from each other, and I feel anxious to hear about you. I hope you are in good health and spirits, and not uncomfortably situated in your old age. My health keeps uniform[?] by yours, and that, although of some importance to me, is all I can congratulate myself overall[?] and _____ are rather ~~re~~ dark with me. I have, however, of late years, cultivated a phylosophy which enables me to hear up against a cruel fate. My phylosophy teaches me that all events in this world are inevitable - that the future is as fixed as the past, and as Draper says, "After all our storming[?] and struggling, we arrive at last at a predetermined shore."

I wish you would write in full about yourself and of your issues from the press since those you last sent me.

By the way, I see that Gov. Buttler is stirring[?] up[?] the "blue skins" of Mass.-What do you think of him?

When you see Carter[?] tell him I desire to be remembered[?] to him and his wife, if she is still living.

When you write me, please inform me about Annie, and send me her address if you know[?].

Direct to 15 West 26th at New York City, care of Dr. M Faul and and [?] believe as ever your friend,

Daniel McFarland.