

Mr. Amos Wilcox

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Dear Brother

Your letter of the 2^d rec^d
on Sat. last, accompanied by two
from Sist. W.

We shall be most happy to accept
of your invitation to pay you a vis-
it next summer & do not know
of any thing to prevent. Probably it
will be best to do as you propose, go
with the families when they return
from Gen. Meet. but we cannot
decide with certainty at present.
As to Sist. W's complaints, I perceive by
her letter that she has hit upon the
most suitable remedy but is un-
willing to apply it, nevertheless I
must prescribe for her to make
make. It is a principle among
physicians to discover if possible the
cause of diseases & when practicable
remove them. But in such cases
as the one under consideration it
is not in general expedient to
remove the offending cause, we are

therefore under the necessity of palliating
as well as we are able. Opiates are some-
times indispensable but I would advise
to avoid them if possible. Keep still, &
if she is costive keep the bowels open
with magnesia castor oil or other
laxative. She must not think if
she is obliged to be coloured that
anything new under the sun has
taken place, There is an old saying,
"what can't be cured must be endured"
The best course will be to hoomanawa-
nua, even if she is obliged to lie up
her better while her husband gets
supper for her. You mention that
she has had symptoms of a disease
which I suppose from your allusion
is prolapsus uteri. If she has that
disease it will ~~be~~ not trouble her
after this time, as the physical
structure is such as to prevent it
after the uterus has attained a cer-
tain size. If she has that com-
plaint & would do the best thing
in the world to be cured she must
make up her mind to keep her bed
six weeks after confinement. Better
six weeks than six years.

The man is waiting & I must close
kind regards to sist. W. & little Charley.
Remember us affectionately to your
associates.

Your Brother
S. S. Andrews