

1           Sunday June 21.

2   My darling Harry:

3           We were rejoiced by your good letter of the 3 Inst coming to hand yesterday, &  
4   telling us of your continued health and comfort. For we had been a little nervous about  
5   your staying on so late in that hot Florence. But yesterday was your day for going North,  
6   & we are felicitating ourselves this morning that your face is turned definitely homeward  
7   at last. Perhaps if you return in August, as you say you may, the weather may prove  
8   trying to you coming from Homburg & off the sea, for dog-day heat is worse than all  
9   other sorts to bear. But if we can augur from present symptoms we are going to have an  
10   exceptionally cool summer. We have never known so cool a May & June, and if this is  
11   the way the summer is to go on, we shall have no occasion to leave home. That Alice &  
12   Aunt Kate are going to Bread Loaf Inn the first of July, I wrote you the other day I  
13   believe. No more recent decisions have been come to on mother's part & mine. We shall  
14   probably remain here all July at least.

15           Class day went off in a very rainy fashion, for the first time since we have known  
16   it. We had no visitors consequently. Arthur Sedgwick is here for the last fortnight. He  
17   looks sadly gross in person & his health I suspect suffers from New York habits. His aunt  
18   Grace, who might after be called more properly aunt Goose—says it is the effect of a  
19   severe attack of nausea he had when he was 7 years old. No news, except that Alice  
20   Hooper is getting well of her derangement. Ned Hooper has resigned his college  
21   Stewardship—cause incompatibility of temper with Mr Eliot, or rather of judgment.

22 Memorial Hall is to be dedicated day after to-morrow. C. F. Adams the orator. We all go.  
23 I send you two of your late Notes. I have sent every one of the previous papers to you.  
24 Now I will clip them out & send them this way. People are always asking about you, &  
25 eulogizing your things—their names too many to report

- 3 your good letter of the 3 Inst • Henry James to Mary Walsh James, 3 June [1874], from Florence
- 17-18 His aunt Grace • Grace Ashburner
- 20 Ned Hooper • Edward William Hooper (1839-1901), the brother of Ellen Hooper Gurney and Marian (Clover) Hooper Adams
- 22 C. F. Adams • Charles Francis Adams (1807-1886), son of John Quincy Adams and father of Henry Adams
- 23 two of your late Notes • Henry James published a series of articles entitled “Florentine Notes” in the *Independent* (23 April 1874: 2-3; 30 April 1874: 2-3; 14 May 1874: 3-4), and Henry James, Sr., may have two of these in mind; however, it is more likely that he refers to James’s two most recent publications in the *Independent*: “Old Italian Art” (11 June 1874: 2-3) and “Florentine Architecture” (18 June 1874: 3-4)

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