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Cl. Maria Child

Dec. 30-70

Sp

Miss Anne Whitney.

92 Mount Vernon St.

Boston.

Mass



BOSTON MA
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1:30 PM
CARRIER'S

May the coming year, and
all the years, bring you good
luck and happiness.

Your affectionate old friend,
L. Maria Child.

#11

8 West Dover St. Dec. 30th, 1878

Dear Anne,

Aque in the face
will render it necessary for me to
avoid the cold air during this
week; therefore, my proposed visit
must be indefinitely postponed.
The pain has nearly gone; but my
teeth will doubtless remain

sensitive for several days.
What a bother the old body is!
How it interferes with the im-
pulses of the spirit! Excuse
the word. It slipped out
unawares. When one has
the ague, it seems as if one had
a body. But who can tell whether
it be really so? All Matter is
phantasmal. Nobody can tell
whence it came, how it exists,
or where its transformations
end. Other forms of Matter
than those known in this

world may exist elsewhere,
and be subject to laws as
different from ours, as are
the different atmospheres that
are adapted to fishes and birds.
We are not at the top of creation,
any more than we are at the
bottom.

That my face-ache prevents
visiting is all the better for the
growth of your statue. Likely
as not it will be dug up, a
few centuries hence, and be
mistaken for a Juno. Y