Characteristics: (by Nelson Sizer, at Poughkeepsie, New York, on suggestion of Oliver Dyer, who accompanied me — Aug. 14, 1851:)

"You are a steady, firm, uniform, judicious, independent, consistent, sound-minded man. It takes considerable to awaken your energies, or to make you say strange things; and a man must watch you closely to find you altering a settled thing. You are prudent, yet rather blunt. You are truthful, and hence you speak your mind without circumspection or deception, and what you say today calls with what you said yesterday, because guided by the principle of truth. You have the constancy, independence, and prudence, of which I have spoken.

"You are not an animal. Your efforts are of an elevating cast. You teach mental good, judicious peace. You do not make a flourish. You are not ready. There is more sense than noise, as smoke bell as powder, as much bite as bark, as much action as appearance. You have more moral than physical courage, consequently your words are dignified, intellectual, and manly.

"You are not greedy after the world's gain. Your financial talent is not one of getting, it is one of thought and necessity. I said you were not animal, you are not a politician, or a grocer, unless you have been very much perverted. You are temperate, and female virtue would be safe in your keeping. You have a good deal of the ministerial in your character. You are a reasoner and thinker, but not a very writer or speaker. You have good mechanical judgment; better than practical talent; in fact you are more sound than practicable, men of influence than execution. You believe in reform and
You are willing to make new friends.

"You are naturally kind in your disposition, disposed to do good. Your religion is one of justice, faith in truth, and kindness, justice being the chief corner stone. If you are not honest, you ought to be drummed out of the world, because if dishonest, you have become so on purpose, and in violation of the strong ten- dency of your mind.

You wish it, but it does not come with the flourish of trumpets. It is a quiet, judicious, and gentlemanly wit, that can be used in the presence of ladies without giving offense.

"I think you have a good musical ear. I rarely find the organ better developed. You have a good appetite, but it needs to eat rather than to drink.

"You are more like your mother than like your father in character; in your cast of moral feelings, and intellect, in your kindness, in your modesty, refinement of feeling and sensi- tiveness so in regard to character. You love children, and are essentially fond of home. You have never said an immodest thing in ladies' society in your life."