

January 19, 1856
Elihu Burritt to "My Dear Sir"

Livonia, N.Y.
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My Dear Sir,

I expect to spend next Tuesday night in Syracuse, and I should be glad to meet some of the brethren there, in a cosy, conversational way; in some private room, or small one in a public building, and talk over with them several enterprises of human brotherhood. Your house is a little too far from the centre; but perhaps some gentleman of your acquaintance in the central part of the town, would open his parlour after tea to a dozen or so. I intend to stop at Wrights Hotel, just in the Depot, and hope to reach there by 5 P.M. at least. I will call upon you then, and see what arrangement has been made. Do not let this proposition put you to any trouble, that will be inconvenient. I did not like to pass a night in Syracuse without seeing you and a few other progressive spirits.

Should any of your citizens like me to speak to them publicly, I would deliver my lecture on "The Physiology and Political Developments of Nationalities." If a building would be secured, perhaps 12 ½ cents admission per head would pay all expenses of advertising, room etc.

I hope at least, a little private company may be got together after tea.

Yours faithfully,

Elihu Burritt.