

Burlington Iowa.

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J. D. Mesway

Dear Sir - Have
arrived on the banks of the
Mississippi - having been
travelling the Centre of the
prairie States, & got back
safely to the river, with my
face turned to the East -

Next week I spend in Illinois
working down toward St Louis
when my last absent Sunday
will be spent. I feel almost

like a child at the prospect
of getting home again! For,
tho' my health has held out
well, & I am not tired
at all, & see no reason to
regret my manner of
reception, public & private,
whether in Newspapers or in
audience rooms, &c.

I shall enjoy more in
one day in dear old
Brooklyn than in two
months of triumphant progress
Pond is good company & takes
all care off my mind so
that I go about like a

My President - only with
nothing to do. The weather
has been singularly
propitious thru, of five
weeks in midwinter
a night but one single
night in a storm! & not
missing a single appoint-
ment, in a route of near
three thousand miles - thus
far! I am grateful
to a good Providence, I
am sure! I hope your
household are all well -
& that Mrs Murray escapes
influenza and all the

ills of winter times -

I hear that the Congregation
keeps up in Plymouth &
that peace reigns, - even
about music - - I mean
I preach here, next Sunday
St. Louis, & the next, Brooklyn!

Mr. Pond sends his kindest
regards - Remember me
to all interested friends

I send to Mr. Murray my affectionate
considerations, & to you -

Your friend & pastor

Henry Ward Beecher