

Susette LaFlesche's Autograph Book

Selected Pages & Excerpts

*Bright Eyes has accomplished
More for the benefit of her race than
Their combined effort within my
Recollection.*

George Crook
Brig. General U.S.A.
New York City
December 29, 1881

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*From the wigwams he departed
Sending with him Laughing Water
Hand in hand they went together
Through the woodland and the meadow
Soft the old man standing lonely
At the doorway of his wigwam,
Heard the Falls of Minnehaha
Calling to them from the distance
Crying to them from afar off.
"Fare thee well, O Minnehaha!"*

Henry W. Longfellow
Cambridge, Dec 3,
1879

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*"Poise the cause in justice's equal scales.
Whose Beam stands pure, whose right cause prevails."*

Wm. H. Lincoln.
Boston, December. 1879

*Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
That thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!*

Oliver Wendell Holmes.
Boston, February 11th 1880.

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*"Weeping may endure for a
night, but joy cometh in the
morning."*

B.W. Williams
Boston. December 12th 1879
A.C. Williams

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*Christ's life is a risen life;
The plain fact is that real Christianity in a man or
Woman will produce in them a radical moral change
If your religion does not do that for us, it is nothing.*

Excerpt from page by R. Kirk Simpson
10/5/88

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*Subtle, stern and stately red men,
See, accomplishing is God's plan,
But the end of it is not yet;
And we know not what He will do,
But we know that He now knoweth;
And that His whole plan is perfect,
Howsoever the half seem halting;
And that what He doth is well done,
And will bring with it amazement.*

Joseph Cook.
Boston, Feb. 10, 1880

*The Law shall soon come to know
The rights of the Indian race, and
The Indian race to feel the benef-
icence of the law.*

J. L. Webster
Omaha Aug 2nd/80.

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*A garment of snow Dame Nature wears;
And when at night her spirit grieves
Her tears melt the warm snow away;
She begins again on another day.*

From a longer piece
about Odysseus and Penelope
Signed by Nathan Haskell Dole
No date.

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*"In the gain or loss of one race
All the rest have equal claim."*

Martha Goddard
Boston. Feb. 10. 1880

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*"The Sunshine age shall light the world
As round and round we run
And truth shall still be uppermost
And justice shall be done."*

Delano A. Goddard.
Boston. February 10. 1880

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*I have often thought how differ-
ent would have been the history
Of our country since the rebellion
if Abraham Lincoln had lived.*

Portion of longer page
Signed by S. Edwin Thoushou ?

Washington, D.C. Nov. 15, 1893

*O consolations of the earth!
I find ye in the stricken fields,
Half hidden by the falling leaves,
And underneath the flaming bush.*

Annie Fields
Boston
Nov. 5, 1880

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*Courage! Nothing can withstand
Earnest heart and willing hand!*

James F. Field ?
1880

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*The Lord bless you
and give you to see the rights
of your race protected, in
the land that holds the
graves of their fathers.*

Partial quote from
Wendell ???

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*And I say unto you, that
Many shall come from the
East and the west, and
Shall sit down with Abraham
And Isaac, and Jacob in
The Kingdom of heaven.*

W. Duncan
Missionary to the ??tribe B.C.
Boston 12 May 1887

*May the life which providence
seems to have marked out for you
dear Susette, be more brilliant, and
crowned with perfect success in
behalf of your injured people.*

C.H. Read
Aged 77 years.
Elizabeth N. Jersey
April 23rd, 1880

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*For every great work God raises up a worker. The Jews
had their Moses; the slaves their Lincoln; if it is that the
Indians are to have their Susette LaFlesche, be very
humble. Go forward only in God's strength for the
burden of the work will at times be very heavy to bear.
Grace, mercy and peace abide with you and God's
blessing be on the work and the worker.*

W.C. Read
Elizabeth, New Jersey
May 1/80

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*Beat very nobly, then, pure soul of youth,
With fervent passion, like a throbbing sea:
Beat with the hate of lies, the love of truth:
Beat pulse into the ages that shall be.*

Hmas ? Daviopau?
Boston 26th-Feb. 4 1880

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*I believe that in all ages
The human heart is human,
That in even savage bosoms
There are longings, yearnings, strivings.*

S. Fletcher Williams
Elizabeth Williams

Birmingham England Oct. 2. 1889

*Dream ye that Nature loveth less
The bronzed forms of the wilderness
She foldeth in her long caress!*

*As sweet ever there her wild flowers bloom
As if with fairer hair and brow
The blue-eyed Saxon slept below*

John G. Whittier
4th Mo. 8, 1881

*In the journey of life, as in other
journeys, it is a pleasing reflection
that we have friends thinking of
us at home, who will receive us
with joy when our journey is over.*

M. E. Langen?
April 8, 1880

*A truly representative government
in which the welfare of each is
the concern of all, can exist
only when the relations of all to the
source of sustenance are identical
making the good of society the
individual standard of right
and wrong.*

Washington D.C. Yours John M. Devine
August 7th 1894

My Kind Friend:

*Long may you live to continue your
grand work for humanity. More
evangelists are needed who count*

*moments precious. O that a universal
sisterhood would unite in persistent
effort to elevate the races of America at
the present state of thralldom and ?
To help others is a sure way to attain
Individual development and worth.
This is the secret of your own signal
Influence for good. You have been
A blessed inspiration to me.*

Your Cordial friend
Martha Powell Davis
Washington D.C.
July 189?

*I am a better woman for
Learning from this other woman,
Who is true to her race as
Cordelia to Old Lear*

R.H.Davis

To "Bright Eyes"

*"The red man insofar as he demonstrates
His capacity, has just as good a right, human
And divine, to demand a foothold and rank
In the category of humanity, as has the white
Man; and especially is this so, when we
Find him raised in a single generation
From the grossest savagery to a condition
In which he rivals the white man in
His letters and in his arts." [and I may
Add—exceeds him in his morals].*

[from] The story of Mettahahtes?

*May your steadfast devotion to the cause of your people
continue to yield abundant fruition.*

Yours sincerely,
Henry S. Wellhouse
London
March 25, 1888

Children's Play Song
Omaha

[Musical notes & words in Omaha. This is just part of the message that accompanies the song]

We used to form in a single line and march through the village singing this at the tops of our voices, following the leader wherever he went through vacant houses, deserted mud lodges, the tall grass and through mud puddles. Little beaded moccasins would be a sorry sight when we got through.

Your brother
Frank LaFlesche
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 7, 1894

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*During the last few months we
Have witnessed a remarkable exhibition of
The physical daring and prowess of the
Indian race. ??? that we should now be favored with
a bright example of their intellectual
capacity and their moral worth. This
Best side of the Indian is now presented to
us in the person of the amiable and gifted
"Bright Eyes."*

F.W Chesson
London August 2nd 1897
Secretary of the Aborigines Protection Society

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Dear Mrs. Tibbles

I love you for your??? Your presence is like sunshine.

I hope I may have a small place in your ??? and your heart.

M.E. Baldwin
Waveland, Ind.

Oh! Let me free! [and much more]

In memory of an hour by the lake side

Yours
Josephine A. Cass
Wellesley May 12, 1881

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*"All your prayers are heard in heaven,
For you pray not like the others,
But for profit of the people,
For advantage of the nations."*

Longfellow's "Hiawatha."

W.M. Ainsworth
Clapham Park
London, April 7th, 1888
With respect and admiration

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London March 24, 1888
E.L. Sheldon

*Though your mission fail, may the
Noble doing of it bring its own great reward—*

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*After an acquaintance with "Bright
Eyes" one can but repeat that the fusion
of the Indian with Pale Faces, ultimately
must preclude the possibility of arriving
at their capable status; for oh he has attained
an ideal height.*

With Admiration
M. French Sheldon

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*A principle is the blood
of the brain and
No one ought to give up
one drop.*

H.E. Taubureck
August 7th, 1894

Dear Mrs. Tibbles

*I remember to have said
of you "She someway soothed and comforted.
a gentle unobtrusive sympathy made
me to love you." I could say nothing
better to or of you.*

Emma J. Devine
Washington D.C.
Jan 1895

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*Inshta Theamba Susette—
What can a Bright-eyed Lily be?
As Aaron's rod, Lord; used by Thee,
So may her race uplifted be—
The glory all shall be to thee.*

Fe.E. H. Hainef?
Elizabeth NJ
Aug. 19/80

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*Yes; bright are the eyes, and regal the grace
Of Inshta Theamba —true queen of her race.
As she pleads for her People, with spirit elate
With a souls earnest prayer
That a nation must hear,
From the doom of the slave she will rescue them yet.*

John Tillegren??
March 1880
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*We are all children of the same
God
All return to the same nature's
Sod.*

Fraternally Your
Carl Brown
Calutoga, California

*"Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless millions mourn."*

Your true friend
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Omaha Mission
November 12th, 1881