

241 Beacon St. Boston.

Jan. 4th 1897.

Dear Major Ford,

I have just sent you a telegram, in reply to your letter, received this morning. I do hope very much that you will find it possible to change the date of the lecture at Jamaica, as the engagement would be important for me. If you find this quite impossible, and

will let me know, I will
do my best to change the
date of my engagement
in this place, as I really
can ill afford to lose the
opportunity of earning one
hundred dollars. If we
can carry out either arrange-
ment, I shall be glad to
give the proposed lecture
at your house. I have
sought your other dates in
January, and could offer
you some in February,
if these should not suit
with your arrangements.

Wishing that we may be able to arrange
this satisfactorily, and reciprocating
yours and Mrs Bond's good wishes for
the New Year, believe me

Yours sincerely,

John Park Howe

P.S. I need hardly say that it will be
important for me to hear from you as
soon as convenient.