

Univer. Character.

Mr Hoar says he has often wondered whether I
would have ever been more than a shrewd rather
tricky country lawyer if it had not been for the
slavery question. ^{family to me} note his answer to his position on
slavery in 1837 - his position in 1834 in legislature -
his honesty in taking leave of Congress & in with-
drawing after his term was up - also his generosity
in regard to his office at expiration of
term in 1849. His attitude in 1854 - all sorts of
fearless honesty, & capable of grasping the real morality
in a question & willing to sacrifice his own interests
if necessary to defend the moral side. Same
qualities which made him great friend to
1865 - made him great in 1837.