

Wendell has looked up for me Judge Jay's shocking letter of withdrawal from the Am. Soc. It is much worse than I thought. It decided us not to send him one of our Circulars, but as his son is incessantly writing to Wendell, we shall send one to him. Ann is looking very much better. She is in the best possible spirits. I tell her I cannot visit there much longer. My health is not strong enough to bear such riotous animal spirits. Then Mary & I went to St Paul's Church where the Board of Missions is in session. We arrived a little too early. Four priests, in their canonicals of course, were administering the Communion. All the formalists in town were out & this made the ceremony very long. By the way the chief actors were not merely priests, they were Bishops. One was Monk Eastburn, the Right Rev Bishop of Maryland & one other whom thy servant knows not. The elements did not hold out. & fresh bread & wine had to be consecrated. Mary's soul was so stirred within her that she could scarcely keep silence. She no longer wondered that our ancestors fled from England, no more marvelled that Rogers wrote as he did. She wished to scuff the whole Church militant under her feet. I who had fought a raging battle Sunday with Garrison about Forns, was more moderate. As it happened there was a good deal of bread & wine left, & this had to be "reverently eaten" as the prayer book hath it. Not knowing how much wine remained, I felt a little anxious on behalf of their Reverencies the Bishops, but I was relieved by finding that the lay brethren & sisters were at liberty too to eat the remainments. A brother proffered me some but as I did not know holy & unholy things apart, I judged it safest to decline. Then there was a general breaking up & a gentle gossiping all over the church, settling drink invitations & suppers. Then most of the sisters went away & the body came to order. The roll was called, embracing Bishops from Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina & Tennessee. That you may understand what we heard I must tell you what Oliver Johnson heard the day before. Zion Church, Mendon Illinois, sent a Memorial to the Board of Missions praying them to disclaim the Mr. Doanough papers. On motion of some body, it was laid upon the table. A Judge Huntington or Dr Huntington moved afterwards that it be taken from the table for the purpose of being referred to a Committee previously appointed on the

"Spirit of Missions." This led to some discussion. Huntington is con- sidered by the Yards an Abolitionist, but he said nothing worthy the name. He told the Convention that to make respectful notice of the Memorial would be the best way to stop the agitation of Abolition in the Church, that Congress had made an error in the State & the Church should be wiser. This was the substance. Bishop Doane was in a great excitement & finally moved that the Convention decide the whole subject to be beyond the cognizance of the Church. - Well, yesterday morning after the Minutes embracing this subject had been read, Hunt- ington said he was not quite satisfied - the Minutes stated that it was on his motion the Memorial had been taken from the Table, without saying that he had then taken up merely to refer to a Committee. The Secretary said he had conversed with some of the most judicious members of the Convention & they had advised him to make the Minutes of this affair as brief as possible - His idea some what amplified was "least said is soonest mended." Still Mr H. was not quite satisfied, till a wary brother moved that the Minutes be amended so far as to say merely that the Report Memorial was taken from the Table, without saying on whose Motion. This satisfied the cowardly creature. Then the Committee on the Spirit of Missions reported, and the report embodied two Resolutions, ^{the} first approving the way in which the period- ical had been conducted & the period directing that on all the future Nos of the Book it should be stated that the Episcopal Church was not responsible for the sentiments of the Editor. Here the Editor rose & read a paper to the effect that "whereas articles have appeared in the spirit of Missions which have been considered as ^{an} expressions of opinion on the subject of Slavery on behalf of the Church, although such was not the intention of the Editor, he is sensible of their inexpediency & wishes to be understood as withdrawing said articles." This was ordered to be printed in their Minutes and thus the whole affair passed off. I imagine this was a compromise got-up because they apprehended more memorials. Judge Fay had sent one for presentation, to Bishop Eastburn, but as it did not appear, I suppose the Bishop in consequence of the Editor's disavowal, thought it right to smother it. Mary & I went to ride with

Mr Chapman. She is really growing better & enjoys the drive
very much. The hotter the day, the stronger she is, & indeed, this
is pretty much the case with myself. I dined at Chauncy Place
where we had the best of peas & straw berries. You dwell so
much on carnal creature comforts that I think it but right
occasionally to refer to them. Wendell called & told us that
he had heard indiscreetly & without being at all sure of its
truth that the President had said in regard to receiving
the A. S. Committee "he held no places as President of the
United States, & as John Tyler it was nobody's business." Maria
came over to tea, & in the evening I came home & studied
Italian. Your letters came early this morning - They were
caroused & re-caroused. Edmund's were thought beyond all
praise, they were received with shouts & clapping & waving of
hats. He gave us three sheets. These, in connexion with yours,
gave us a very good account of the meeting. We feel as tho'
we had been present. Emma went up to Essex St & read the
documents & I go to Chauncy Place this afternoon for the same
purpose. I shall go to Weymouth tomorrow I think; indeed I
am sure I shall. - Mrs Shipley is dead - died of brain fever.
I have selected Catherine Sullivan as Simon's second wife. Julia
Todd is married at Mahon. A letter has been received from
Mr Cleveland saying that Mr Cleveland is at the point
of death. - I shall send you a note I had the other day from
Maria Mark. Keep it exceedingly private as I think all she
wrote was in the strictest confidence. Henry Bowditch was well
pleased with things at Broughton Meadows. He says Maria
Mark & a young girl like minded with herself, have washed all
winter for 40 people. The young girl is now ill & Geo Benson is
carrying her through a course of Thompsonianism. I told him I
thought she must have a great taste for being in hot water.
Yesterday we had a very good letter from David Lee Child.
It is uncertain when he will be in town, as soon as it is his
power. He subtracts \$30. from the money to be paid for his
Washington services, because he has had that sum paid him
by the Editor of the Non-Politic Gazette. He begs his love to

Maria's "dear sisters": Take your respective fifths. I am now
going to C. Place to read the letter - I will finish this tomorrow.

Saturday Morning. If there be any appearance of stiffness
in this you can impute it to the fact that after I began to
write, it occurred to me to send this out to Quincy yesterday
afternoon, as then we should be saved writing to him. We all speak
yesterday afternoon at C. Place. Wendell & Ann were there to
tea & Mrs Grafton came in accidentally. As she is an office
holder, she had met the President. "I said to him, Sir, you
must take care of ^{a fatigue will make you ill} your health." Maria said he "you forget
I am a Virginian." So Virginians never are sick. This morning
Mary Robbins called and invited us all to dinner on the 4th.
Lucretia was here & she asked her & we said, save Maria that
we thought we would come. Mr Cleveland is dead. His wife
arrived with Emma Forbes a day & half before his death;
she had some conversation with him, but was not able to
stay with him while dying. Emma did. The whole town who
has any sense is crying shame on her for not having gone
to Cuba with him. Her only excuse was a child 4 yrs old.
This morning I called on C. Place & had the great satis-
faction of being asked by Mrs C. to accompany them to
N. B. whenever they come. You may imagine that I joy-
fully accepted. They would be very glad to come week after
next if Mrs C. is able. It will all depend on that. She is
going to try to walk out for the first time today. We shall
write just before we come to let you know when we may be
expected. I suppose we shall come Friday morning & go
back Saturday night. They will send word for me to Weymouth.
I am going down this afternoon with Mr Kingsbury. I will
include a note we had from Lucia. I mean to go to see her
next week with Aunt Mary if possible. I shall write a
line to Mrs Emma which I beg you to give her.
With love to Lizzy go even AMM. Lord Mapett is to preside
at a public meeting after the London Convention. I'm sorry.
I hope you will like the inkstand.

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