

39. Summer Street.

Dear Caroline & Deborah,

I hope I shall be able to take up the thread of my discourse some where in the place where I left off, but it is uncertain: I have not written you a word since I sent my missive by Daniel which was more than a week ago. How ever here goes back to Friday & ~~that~~ I believe I sealed up my letter the evening before. This day was occupied / that is not the Friday, but Thursday by a most violent battle between Hildreth & Wendell on Third Party. Wendell had poured out on Thursday evening / my ears are all confused) the most excellent & violent attack on Third Party that you ever saw or heard of. He denounced & used all up before him - Spoke of the party of which Joshua Leavitt was the head & Colver the tail. In short he gave them their dues. Hildreth so Lucia reported, was consumed with wrath. All this happened Thursday evening. We had here at tea, the Richards, Mrs. Chase, Miss Dixon, the Pillsbury, 3^d Party Eld, Quincy, Mrs. Foster of course & perhaps some others. Aunt Mary took tea at Miss Kingsman's. I was ill all the evening, so that I could hardly sit up. Mrs. Foster undertook to give her account & then forgive me tea, so that I took sick and in addition to my cold, it gave me a most violent head ache. Aunt Mary was afraid I was going to have a fever. She reported a most excellent meeting, as she heard Wendell's attack on Third Party. Maria Casing went out at night with Henry. Lucia invites Lucretia to stay for the night. Aunt Mary went out with the Richards. Now we really come to Friday. Daniel came early, took me into the front drawing room displayed a great pile of books & wanted to talk it over as to who had better have which. He remitted in his presenting me with Lowells Poems, Maria with the Waverley - Lucia with Lowells Conversations, & Mrs. Kemans' Minor Poems to Emma. Henry had the Boy's Every day book & little Ann's Evenings at Home in one vol & all with suitable inscriptions. I might have gone out I suppose to the meeting, but thought I could not so I lost hearing Hildreth who fell upon Wendell for his previous evening speech. Nobody but Foster dined with us. In the afternoon, tho' it rained, I ventured to go. Maria, Mrs. Foster & I rode. It was the dullerest meeting of all Monday &

2 Pledges were collected and the Clergy question taken up. Mr Pierpont made a perfect fool of himself, trying to defend Mr Garrison. He made a most ridiculous clap net appeal to Francis Jackson to acquit him of any unfaithfulness to the cause. This he did in a most grandiloquent manner, expecting during thought that Francis would embrace him, or else make some heroic demonstration on the spot, but Francis merely said with a familiar nod "See acquit you". The walking in the evening was most terrible. However Mrs F. Maria, Mr Pillsbury, Mr Chase Emma & I rode to the meeting. E. set out to walk but fell into the mud. Lucia & the Cousins walked with Wendell, Sidney & Edmund. The State House was thronged as usual. Garrison spoke with more than his wonted impressment. Wendell spoke very beautifully, but the poor fellow probably saved his best things for the Anti-Slavery meeting had he had the good face to get there as a delegate. Douglas did his best. Pickens & Gay called after the meeting & Miss Lane. We had a very fine & affectionate leave taking with Daniel. Nothing could equal the degree of intimacy we attained to. We loved him as our own sons, so to speak. - He is a little queer, but he is quiet enough too. If he only holds on he will do well. He gave \$5 to the Society. He was deeply sorry to part & begged us all to come to N. B. & see him. Mr Follen sat up till a late hour telling us all manner of funny things. Maria's chamber was fitted up & she & all occupied it together.

Saturday 25. A Board meeting was held here to be attended by the Agents, so in addition to the Board, we had Follen & Pillsbury and Remond & the Burleighs & Daniel Steele & 3^d Parly-Elia & Deacon Everett. Mr Follen & ourselves of course. Much of the talk related to financial affairs; Garrison was very anxious to do something that should secure John P. Hale's election in Feb. so 4 of the agents was sent into N. Hampshire to stay till March & let their labours tend directly to securing if possible his election. Remond & Douglas are going to England in April in company with the Slave Mission. I think it a piece of folly in Remond & I fancy Douglas thinks so too. In the afternoon Mr Follen read "Mr Peck's pudding" in little's diving age in the most grotesque manner. Edmund was here part of the time. He unluckily came in while Maria & Maria were reading the

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days together & visited on saying it with them & so put them
all one just as they were showing Mr F. how two people could
live together; however Mr F. thought it would feel as it was. At
4. the carriage came for her & as she kissed us all round
Edmund asked for the same favour which she kindly granted.
She & Maria have got up a friendship of the most enthusiastic
kind. It is nothing but "dearest" & "sweetest" & they behave like
girls of 16 when together. No matter, it is perfectly innocent.
Mr F. has had a bracelet made of Maria's hair fastened with a
heavy gold clasp & has sent it to Harriet. Letters pass between
them every day. But say nothing for Eliza sent in \$40 that she
had collected the other day \$10 from Susan & \$5 from herself, \$12
from Mrs Geo Russell & the rest the avails of articles sold since
the Fair. Edmund soon went.

Sunday 26th Parker preached at the Temple, Mr Clark's church
& there was such a crowd assembled that multitudes had to go
away. I did not go out, but Lucia & Emma did. They reported
a fair sermon. 10 or 12, such as Geo Channing, John C. Park. Mr
Fearing & Henry Rogers went off to Amory Hall & the Rev Mr
Huntington preached to them. Great excitement is raging in
regard to the Parker controversy. Matters have nearly come to an
end. Lucia dined at the Southwicks. There she heard privately
from Abby S. that there was little doubt of Sidney's engagement
with Lizzy Neal. But this is very private as nothing has
been acknowledged - only Donie Neal has been invited to dine
at Dr Gay's & asked to go to Kingston which looks like it. Fanny
Gay by the way is engaged to a young Mr. low. In the
evening we were invited to go to Dr Bowditch's to have an
A. S. meeting as it were. Maria had too bad a cold to go, but
Lucia, Lucretia & I went. We found the Southwicks, Johnson
Felt, Mrs Pillsbury & Clap there; no representatives, & Mrs Bowditch
& her two young lady boarders gave to hear Parker, where also
Lucia & Susan had gone. About Mr B. was country on his return
& the evening wore off well enough, tho' the conversation was rather
troubling religion than slavery. Parker's evening lecture was more
crowded than his morning one.

Monday 27th Monday quite early I went to the office & called at
Mary Robbins. Then I came home & found, Rev Mr May of
Leicester, Annie Thaxter & Sarah Grant here. All were full of their

Yorke bath. James Freeman Clark had been to bring a letter from
Mr Follen as he presided for Parker the day before. He was
strong on the Parker question as were Amy & Mr May. After
they all went Johnson called. Margaret Fuller is taking care of
Novace Greeley's house & writing for the Tribune at \$500 a year.
Her articles in the Tribune are very good. I will send you
one, that contains a critique on a man named Cassman which
it would do Mr Child good to read. I forgot to say that all
Sunday afternoon Maria & I were busy making out the Minutes
of the Mass meeting to go into Edmund's report to go to England
in the steamer. Monday afternoon I called on Ann Terry with
Lucia. She called herself pretty sick, but I thought seemed pretty
well. Then we went to the Garrison's. Mr G. is amazingly
large & has a nice baby. To night Maria had one of her colds.
She had a great fire made up in her chamber, put a jug of
hot water to her feet and a mustard poultice to her chest. & in
five took a sweat. After 9. Dr Bowditch called - He had just
come from the soon meeting where he made ineffectual attempts
to get Wendell sent as a delegate to the Texas meeting. I think it
might have been done had a quicker person been present, but
you know what he is. As it was & were chosen, & if either of them
declined acting then he was to take his place. We have heard the
names of but four James Savage, Stephen Fairbanks, Fletcher &
Jeremiah Mason. Neither of these would have resigned in
Wendell's favour for any money. I should be grieved to detect
if it should prove that the other 4 were men of any sort of
goodness who would have given up to him if requested. James Pastan
tried to make Fletcher but he would not. Thanks to Francis
Jackson's labours Garrison got in. Now here is a piece of privacy
Bowditch heard Pierpont & Walter Channing hindering Wendell's
election as far as they could. Maria means to remember
them for us. If Wendell had known how the meeting would have
gone & what a chance there would have been to cut a
swathe, he would have bestowed himself & got in. As it was
he felt bitter bad, & so did we all. I should have bestowed
myself had I thought there would have been such a chance
but it is idle crying for spilt milk. Between ourselves
Wendell could have cried. I suppose he had one of the
wiliest of speeches, all cut & dried, that he had saved from the
pains of the Annual Meeting.

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