

Boston. Jan 1st 1837.

I write this present Sunday evening my dear Deborah more for the purpose of wishing you a Happy New Year than any thing else. You do not deserve that I should do this, for why have you not written? You are aware, I suppose that I could not get the letter to Miss Bailey in time, so I sent it by the Rail Road that afternoon. & Sampson staid with us till Sat afternoon & then she & Aunt M went over to Cambridge. Sat & Sunday I was very much troubled with a side ache & so did not go out. Indeed, Sunday was a pouring rain & hardly any one went out. Monday also was a pouring rain. Tuesday afternoon I called at Mrs Jewells to get her petition. Mr S was very pleasant & spoke very highly of "the Slave"; said it was the work of a great mind & not its first production either. I wondered with the best of them Mrs S is "as ladies wish to be" very decided. I spent the rest of the afternoon at Chauncy Pl helping about petitions. You will see in the Liberator the number that has been sent. When I came home I found Aunt M just returned from Cambridge. Caroline went out to Roxbury to pass the night, in order to cog them about H's book. Wednesday morning she returned with Sarah Ann & Pierpont. I had come to pass the night, & P was to take the stage in the afternoon, but alas! Mr Bailey did not send it, & to Sarah Ann's great wrath, he had to stay all night, & she had to stay in till after 3 the next afternoon. Martha Perkins called on Wed. She is now attending Mr Andrews' school, boarding at Dr Noyes'. Also at Miss Smith called, who is to take lessons of C in drawing. That afternoon, Aunt Mary & I called on Mrs Newcomb (Brother Wells' friend) & at Chauncy Pl. Mrs N has recovered from her rheumatism, & met us with great sweetness. Thursday, Mary Soule called, & both the Percivals came to see Sarah Ann. In the afternoon I called at the Amnindons, saw George who seems to be still mourning for Meloria. By the way both Mr & Mrs Parker were at the Fair & Meloria manifested so much happiness that I was ashamed of her. I suppose I took some cold that day, for though I was wrapped up with the greatest care, & not out a great while, I was so stuffed the next day that I

have not been out since. Friday I employed my-
self in writing to dear George Thompson, as there was
a bundle going to him. There was a beautiful apron
at the fair brought by the Sargent, that perhaps you
saw; that was purchased by a few ladies & sent to Mr
George. Friday I also sent 500 names from Fall River
to Webster. & 73 from Dartmouth to John Reed. I ac-
companied both with a few jolly lines. One important
circumstance of Thursday I have omitted. Just as Jack
Mervey arrived. He came a few days before his vacation
He has had great trouble with his face, & had a pain all
the time he was with us. He went to Weymouth Sat. morn-
ing with Henry Cowing who had come in the night before
He said he had had no more difficulty & did not seem
to apprehend any. Saturday was a delightful one on
some accounts. Mary Soule dined here & in the after-
noon she & Lucia left for Cambridge, Lucia having pre-
viously been invited over there to pass Sunday. Mary
Ann started with her Aunt Betsey to pass the Sunday at
the Mawerick House, & Lucretia went off to Howland's
to stay as long as they seemed to want her; that is a
few days. You may imagine our comfort at all these
absences. It would have been a good time for you
to have appeared. In the evening we began to be on
the look out for New Years presents, but none came
save a nice muff for Caroline with a note specifying
that it was from "her affectionate pupils." To day Car-
oline has been to Mr Pierponts all day, & thanks that he
testified zealously. He prayed for the Slaves & in that
we dont know that he is coming out. No one has been
in but Great & little Henry; the first named person
repeated with great emotion some lines beginning
"The old year pours a wapid wace" This was his literal
pronunciation. You will see Dr Channing's letter in
the Liberator. It is thought by the abolitionists here
to be too mean a thing to speak of & Lynde Walter
has put a beautiful bit in to his Manuscript which
I will send. I hope I shall hear from you to morn-
ing; that is Caroline received an elegant present the
other day from Mary Ann Doremus's father, consisting
of 12 different jars of West India preserves. To day she

sent a jar of beautiful preserved fine apples to Ann Terry
& one of citrons to Mrs Chapman. ever yrs Am.

Wednesday 4th Evening 8 o'clock. I have waited ever since
Sunday evening, thinking that I would wait till I heard
from you, but as there seems to be no knowing when
that event will take place, I have concluded to finish
this. On Monday, Lucia & Mary Ann returned, not having
received a pip of a present & on the next day Lucretia
in the same condition. Aunt Mary went to Weymouth
on Monday afternoon with Linfield & Caroline, Lucia
Emm, Henry the younger & Henry went out to Roxbury
in a carriage of Henry Chapman's providing, to take a
strip ride. they called upon Sarah Ann & returned in the
evening Caroline went down to Maria's & passed the
evening with Garrison & Stanton who has just come
in town. Stanton, by C's account, is the same old win
Tuesday evening all the tribe of Chapmans & Caroline went
over to the Belknap st Church to hear Willard deliver
the first of a course of lectures to the coloured people.
Caroline & Lucretia took tea at Chauncy's previous to
with Stanton, & after the lecture was over they all
went back & was treated. Willard was highly appro-
he testified valiantly, called the audience his
brethren, spoke of the prejudice against them as we
only two steps better than I have. Yesterday afternoon
& Fournsworth called & promised to do so again to day
I have seen nothing of him. Ann Chapman called today.
She has written to Thompson & sent him a lot of books
I feel very bad to tell you that I am afraid I shall
not be able to come to New Bedford. I think it more
than likely that I shall be confined to the house all
winter, for if I take cold every time I go out, I
must stay in. I believe my present state to be such
as demands great care, but I may be nervous & think
myself worse than I am. Still I very much apprehend
that it will not be proper for me to in this weather
to ride to N. B. I have given up all thoughts of the
New York scheme. I know you will be disappointed
but remember in 7 wks you term will be out. Poor
Henry Benson is expected to live but a few days.
The meeting of the Mass occurs the 25. They are go-
ing to try to get Wad here & Amos Dresser is to be

here for certain. Emma is very poorly now with a
side ache & I know not what, but she is expected to
be well daily & I trust that then she will be better.
Caroline is up to E. G. Loring's passing a social evening.
If she picks up any news, I will open this & put it in.
All I can say more is, if you have not written, write
as soon as you get this. If I do not have a chance
soon I will send you "The Slave" by the stage.

Mr. Tyler has made Warren a present of a nice
shaggy outside coat. Dr. Cutler is engaged to Mary
Ann's aunt Betsey & is to be married in a month
or two. With love to all

ever & ever yrs
Anna

Singles.



Miss Abigail Weston.

New N. J. Bent.

New Bedford.

Mass.

