

Monday night. May 29. It is late, but I must write now &
not at all. This morning quite early John & Sylvia Owen called.
They were on their way to a meeting of the Historical Society
at Channing St Church where J. L. Adams was to hold forth.
Mami, Henry, Ann, & I went too. It was a pretty poor affair.
Then I wrote to Ma as Hervey had decided to go home & pass
the week. Lucretia & Susan arrived & brought a message from
Ma that while Henry should come out with Henry Lansing &
stay the week. All the day I was so taken up with work I
could hardly breathe. We did up the house & made all
our arrangements for tomorrow as well as we could. After
tea a den Drake from Leominster called with her sister who
has a house in town. She comes a delegate, or more properly
an ally, to take a table at the Fair. Just as dusk your
letters were left. I gave Mary her on the spot. I will
take due note of its contents by & bye. Mary, Lucia, Emma &
I went to the Anniversary Peace meeting at Rogers' Church.
It went off very well. Park prayed, & Andrew P. Peabody
made quite a good address. He is not a heavenly but he
has something of the beauty of non-resistance. After the
public meeting was over I would stay, despite the behavior
of Lucia & Emma who tried to get me away, to have their
private doings. There was some mischief, particularly when
Lewis Tappan made his appearance. Among other things, he
nominated Mr Pennington as a delegate to the London Peace
Society. He is you know a colored man - but they voted it.
Beckwith is going to London, & Phelps & Colver are appointing
agents to the Peace Convention. The audience was pretty large
it was the respectability & standing - only a sprinkling of
piety. F. Jackson came home with us. I forgot to say that
while I was gone to Channing St Church Celine & Ellen Bailey
called - Lucia & Emma say they have lost all their beauty
but seemed in very good spirits. They are both in Salem
Celine female Principal of the High School fitting young
men for college, & Ellen going to school. They are to be at
Mr Simmonds till tomorrow noon & I shall call tomorrow
before the meeting & see them. Good night.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1849

Tuesday night. I would write you more to night, but
as Mary is sitting up for me to finish you cannot
really expect it. This morning Lewis & I called on the
Boiceys & had a satisfactory interview which I cannot
detail now. The Convention opened with much pomp
& erriums tonic & the great Miller Tabernacle has
been thronged all day. Suppose the Marlboro' are
filled. E. Quincy was made President & he has
presided beautifully with great spirit & parliamentary
-rep. Wm White, Miss Kenney & W. Atkinson are the
Secretaries. Garrison, Wendell, Foster, Merri etc the
Bos Com. The meeting opened with great spirit by
resolving that a Committee be appointed to wait on
John Tyler when he visits Boston & ask him to
emancipate his slaves. Also that a Memorial be pre-
sented him from this meeting asking him to do that
same; then W. P. - W. L. G. & M. W. C. were appointed the
Com to prepare it. Then a Church Res was read & the
Foster moved a substitute bringing up the whole Church
question proper. After Foster had made one of his violent
speeches, still it was a pretty good speech. only it was
the Church question per se. Then Caleb Stetson of Medford
took the platform & made a very witty funny speech
He made much of Foster & was full of funniness. He
said he had always had the warmest feelings about
slavery, nor a man on earth hated it worse than he
did. If there was one he would give up his own vein
& take that man's; & when he thought of a great
many ministers behaviour on this subject he burned with
shame. But he must say, with the kindest feelings to
the brother who had just put down, did not, he sometimes
say things that might be called a little harsh. &
that there was a little severity, he beared nobody, but
there certainly was a little severity in the Abolition papers &

Might not this rather rebuke the poor minister. He
wrote funny stories & set them all laughing, said Foster
might come & interrupt him in one of his best
sermons & he thought he'd be dragged out. If he saw his
dear old boy of friend Foster's collar he would step
up to his door & beg him to desert. He went over
this way some time till Abigail told him she had
something revealed to her & reveling with he would hold
his peace. He said "Well I will" & Abigail read aloud
one of her papers till the adjournment, but it was not
very long. I dined at C. H. with John M. Spear & his
mother & Mrs. Jarvis. Foster, Mr. Coffin, Rogers & Edmund
dined at Maria's. This afternoon the church gathered again
Sunday people spoke among others Mrs. Redden. But the
principal speaking was by J. D. Foster on one side &
Wendell on the other & was very interesting. Wendell
did well. A Mr. Johnson of N. H. did well, tho' he went
on the real church question. Coming home from meeting
I met Dr. Farnsworth & took him to dinner with me.
He says his father is in Paris. Mary is not engaged he
says. — Wednesday I took a. m. I was as far as here
last night when Dr. Bowditch got came spurring in from
the Abolition Association. Mary had gone to bed & the
house was locked up. but I kept door, asked who was there
& admitted him. When I found he had come because he
saw a gilt cup running over & had something to tell I
put him into the parsonage & heard his experiences, but
when that was over it was so late I had to go up & explain
to Mary what the visit was & then go to bed. All I can
tell you now of his information was that a young man from
the South, in the afternoon at the Uni. Col. lect. asked for
money to send the Gospel South. Mr. Pierpont made a fine
speech on this, the ministers were uneasy, talked, walked
about & in short believed so that Caleb Stebbins was from

our platform flew at them & said that such conduct must
lead to the breaking up of the Association. Upon which they
all declared they did not do it purpose. In the evening in
the Association paper Dear John Parkman introduced I recollect
one that no aid should be given to the South without
protest against slavery; the other that no man should
be sent there who approved it. He spoke well on this, also
Wm. W. Channing made a glorious speech, so said, telling
the Unitarian body they would be swept right away
unless they entered in good faith into all the reforms of
the day. Clark & Ripley of Waltham went for the Res.
Gannett moved the adjournment after they had sung the
Doxology (while I was shaking for fear he would walk
the house, then he got up & whined just like him) it was
carried by 80 something to 40 something. Ripley led them
that could be heard the Ass. should meet again.
Now go I back to the meeting. At eleven to ten were the
Pinness of Salem 2 Mr. Anthon's, Boyle, Mr. Drake of
Leominster, 2 Luciers, Long & another. At 8. P. M. the
Ninth Street, old Seth Spruce and J. S. Foster. After singing &
I had taken tea at Maria's we slipped over to Mr. C. &
heard the singing with which Mr. C. was greatly pleased.
Then we went to Faneuil Hall. A very large audience.
Mr. White made a speech which did well enough. Edmund
the same & Foster, a very tolerable one, tho' a little long.
He was hissed some, but seemed to carry the audience
along. It was the poorest meeting of the day, for there
had been eminently well. Collins has returned & has accepted
the Agency. Maria wished to keep the bundle of letters
that accompanied this to show him, but I thought
there was no need of his seeing such a correspondence.
Send it back the very first chance, as it may be
wanted in the next letters written in answer to Jones
next. Your things shall all come the next chance,
that is we shall send the box this week. We
could not see it done up.

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I shall try to write to Warren to day by
Tomorrow's steamer. Maria has a her new
Blue Silk which looks femonly.
All your letters are delivered. They seem to
give universal satisfaction. Sylvia Owen & Ann
Jerry seem to miss Caroline the most of any body.
Next line to Mr. Emerson. I shall write her
yrs ever A. W. M.

part of letter
May 28th 1843
to Caroline & Deborah
Weston from
A. W. Weston