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Dear Anne

It is so long since I heard from you that I think you must be asleep. Or, you are so much delighted with yourself & those around you, that none others can come in for the smallest share of your thoughts. Now, let me tell you, there are some, even away up here in the wilderness, who think "a pretty considerable deal of themselves" & who cannot, will not, be slighted with impunity. We think we are entitled to consideration, first, because we are on high ground, I mean vertically, - 2<sup>d</sup> we have as many meeting houses as any other place of its size, & perhaps more - & 3<sup>d</sup> we know a little more than any other people. You see that it is best to be careful how you excite the indignation of such a community. In further commendation, let me say, that no other people had the sagacity to see the fitness of Wm. Phillips for the gubernatorial office, or the courage to go ahead to nearly elect him. A gentleman of Cambridge told me, last week, that (he undoubtedly meant mightiness) more mischief was brewed here than in any other town in the commonwealth. I took it as a very high compliment, of course, & appropriated a good share to myself.

I made a flying visit to New Bedford a short time ago - arrived there after dark, & left at sunrise the next morning. I went out with Hawley in the evening & walked perhaps six miles by moonlight, so that I have a pretty correct idea of the place. Should have called on Deb. but he did not know exactly where she resided. Hawley I found in the full tide of successful experiment. A large meetinghouse, full church, & large cemetery, a very comfortable dwelling, well furnished by his society. Hawley was never before in such good cloven. As I step'd into the car a friend introduced me to Mrs. Mrs. Peabody of N.B. - had quite a chat with her, & liked her well. She knew Deb. & said the handsome thing about her. But she is no abolitionist. I left home last Tuesday, & went to Stoughton to attend the county meeting the next day. The meeting was small, less than 100 present - Garrison the only one of our friends who <sup>initiated</sup> attended. A Baptist Minister of S. Channing, Mr. Cole, spoke 2 or 3 times very well, anti-garrisoning Garrison, though I was told, his entreaty would all evaporate by the time he reached home. I was never in Stoughton before, & never wish to be again, although a few clever people reside there. Thursday went to Boston & Cambridge. You will have heard of the lots of fine things brought by the Perittannia for the Fair. Maria will be much encouraged. It is unfortunate to be obliged to hold it at Amory Hall.

You have seen that Leavitt is coming to Boston. I am  
sorry - I would prefer that the match should strike where  
he is. But it tells the whole story, viz, that he can't get bread  
where he is. He is an expensive dog, & new org. will have to  
work hard to raise the wherewithal to feed him - There is  
some consolation in that. I Wright had not enough fight in  
him to please his employers. I think he has never sided in  
the late war with a very good stomach - he was rather dogged  
into it. Fanny works hard for his living. It would be  
charitable to give him a cold but none of them.

Mrs. Moore left some weeks since, & Mary is duly invested  
with all needful insular authority. I assume you the  
ship never sailed better. We are as quiet & comfortable  
as you please & really easy. Henry is at home for a while  
with better spirits, & more strength - I do not know that he  
is materially better. - J. N. T. Temper is respected every hour.  
He is to remain here for the present, of Sprague's Revision.  
He writes well - but whether he will be any advantage to the  
cause of reform remains to be proved. He is, or rather  
has been, in favour of B's party, for he says that B's party is  
sectarianism in Mass. but not so in N.Y. It seems  
to me your bird better come this way soon. You can bring  
with you Harvard College Library, & so contrive to pass away  
the time. What say you? Give my respects to your  
Father & Mother, & remembrance to all friends.

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A. F. Johnson



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