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Dear Anne

Though I intended to have kept a journal for your particular benefit yet I have not written a word since last Monday, therefore I will go back and remember what I can, & be more particular in future. Last Tuesday morning I believe was where I left off, when after having given Angelina the bundle I went down to the rooms to carry a bundle of papers, & a letter from Caroline to go to Thompson by Mr Spenser, who is now waiting in the harbour for a fair wind. (Mr Spenser of Salem where they were mobbed) Saw Garrison there, who said that Helen has a fever & has been bled. Loretta passed the day in town. Poor Harriet Hunt died Sunday & was buried that day. I felt very bad when I heard it. Henry had that letter from Thompson which was published in the Liberator, & a Glasgow paper, containing the doings of the Synod. & Thompson's speech. Wednesday June 1. Mr Ford came in town & Mary Ann & Mrs Ford went out to Dedham, so we are relieved from it Dotto.

We had a new scholar to-day a Miss Rhodes, a tall girl, but a young one. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Monk came & staid till 10 at night having taken up their abode at the boarding house at the corner. They were very pleasant, but neither of them in so good spirits as they were at this time last year. Thursday 2. Went down to the rooms & ordered the Liberator to be sent to you. Called at the Ammidon's. Sylvia bears brother Wright's departure as well as could be expected. Maria Monk spent the day & night here. David having gone to Dannton. Friday 3. Maria Monk staid here till noon & then went to look up Harriet to go to Cambridge. She is, I think like those young puppies that fa talks about, with all her troubles to see. Just as she was going out of the door I said something about her smartness, & nothings troubling her, & she said with a sort of a drawing in of her breath, "I dont see my way so clear as I used to". I am sorry for her.

We had a letter from Anne the other day, sayin he was homesick but had got his matter in solution.

I was very powerfully impressed with David's helplessness. In the afternoon Garrison called to inquire about his things & bid us good bye. He confessed that Orrin had acted dreadfully about the things. This afternoon we received your last letter which Sally Thaxter sent up from Hingham by mail, but they did not find out that it was a double letter. I presume the reason why you did not recognize Sally immediately was her being called Sarah. Just at night we got your first letter. I am glad you got there so well, for I have had awful misgivings. Your mother says that you must be very careful and not take another cold till you have cleared yourself of this, & that you must go out in the evening as little as possible. Saturday 4. Caroline went to Weymouth with Henry for the children. Maria did not go. Sunday 5. Quite a busy day. Went up to Francis Jackson's & gave him the notice of our meeting for his church, & then up to Ellis Gray Loring's for Ellis' mother to give one to Mr Motte. Mr Loring was the most talkative person I ever saw. I thought I should never get away. She said that the Childs are up to West Baylston with Mr Childs father. They will be there till the first of July. David has betaken himself to flogging, and his wife to sewing. Maria and I went to Mr Ddes church to see a baptism. I sat in Mr Ddes pew, which you know is very near. It made me feel awfully as Sylvia used to say. When they were dipped under the water it took my breath almost away. I felt exactly as if I was witnessing an execution. There were as many as ten people baptised among whom was Ezra Dyer and his wife. It was very impressive, but would have been more so to me had it been in the open country, in a pond or stream of water. That deep hole lined with lead & full of green water looked dreadful. I suppose I looked rather over some, for a woman laid her hand on my arm & said "they dont mind it in the least, the water is warm" after it was over she gave me her own experience, she said that the first baptism she saw, she felt just as I did, but when she was baptised herself she did not mind it in the least. Melania was down there in a state of great extasy, & Sylvia could hardly keep herself from leaping in. Aunt Mary & I went over to Mr Winslows in the afternoon. We got there rather late & I had

the foot of the pew. During singing Melania whispered to me
"I am very sorry, but I have not given that notice, for when I came
in I could not find the sexton." I was very sorry too. Just as we were
rising for the long prayer Melania said, there comes the sexton coming
down the aisle, would you give him the notice? I will said I seized
her bag & getting the notice just in time to hand him. I never took
my eye off of him till meeting was done & he never went near
Mr Winslow, but spoke to a man in one of the front pews. As soon
as meeting was over we went & asked him why he did not. He said
he gave it to Deacon Palmer. He is a new man & has been in office
but about three weeks. I can hardly wait for another meeting, the
notice of which I will put into Mr Winslow's own hand. We called
at Maria's & found that the troop had returned from Weymouth
The children looked finely. Emma is to come on wednesday. Mr Barry
and Mr May called in the course of the day to tell us that Henry
Stanton would lecture at Congress Hall in the evening, the New Testa-
-ment against Slavery. We went very early, but the church was more
than half full when we got there. The lecture was very good
indeed, rather too violent at times, but the reasoning excellent and
original. Oh Thompson! It seemed like old times to see such a gather-
ing. The room was crowded, and it was said that as many went
away as got in. I forgot to say that the notice was read which was
carried to Dr Channing's by Maria. An Englishman of the name
of Brown preached & while the congregation were standing to
receive the blessing, he read it in the most deliberate, distinct
manner possible. The Chap man could not notice the effect of it;
their few is so badly situated, but Mrs Alcott lingered in the front,
under pretence of looking up a child, to hear what was said. There
seemed to be a great excitement, & one said "It must be Mrs Chapman
for no one but she would have the impudence to do it." Another said
"If Mrs Chapman will insult this congregation in this way, she must
expect to be insulted herself". We came home with Francis Jackson
who said the notice was read at their church, by Mr Phipley of Waltham
Mr Ide also read it. I hope Fletcher was edified. Mr Adams did not

read it. Monday 6th This morning the papers were all taken in at Barrymore's very early, so we did not see them. About noon I went down to Maria's and found them in a live stir. The Commercial had "come forth" in a piece, which I send you. Be very careful of it, and return it the first chance. I called at Charming Place to see how they took it. I found them very fringe. Old Mrs Chapman very much enraged with Van Buren for giving his casting vote as he did.

Tuesday 7th We examined the papers carefully this morning, & as the Commercial had drawn in his horns, we gave up all thoughts of a mob. I forgot to say that last night Caroline & I called to leave a letter for Mr May. He went down to Maria's with us & spent the evening and came home with us. We had an excellent time. Maria & I went along early & called in for Charming Place. Caroline did not go till late. Aunt May I am sorry to say was afraid to go on account of the weather. On my way down I asked Mary Chapman if her mother had any thoughts of going. She said "Yes but I could not encourage it, for if there should be any difficulty, I should be very sorry to have Mother there." Mary not Ann said this. A hymn was sung and Mr Hogue made the prayer. It was tolerably good & he said nothing out of the way. Brother May opened the campaign by reading the letter from Edinburgh, direction and all; then he made some very good remarks of his own, which were highly approved. After he had finished his speech, he said he would read a correspondence which had taken place between the Gov of Mass & the Gov of N. Carolina. It was respecting a col'd woman by the name of Mary Smith, who had been shipwrecked on the coast of N. Carolina & not having free papers, was detained as a runaway. Owing to Sam Sewall's representations Gov Everett took the matter up, a very civil answer was returned & the woman allowed to come away, & was present at the meeting. Now the beauty of the matter is this. The Mary Smith sent back is not the Mary Smith that Sam Sewall applied for, but another girl under similar circumstances. so the real Simon Pure has not yet been discovered. Mr Snowden told all the facts relating to this Mary

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Smith, & made other remarks, which were highly applauded by all the men present. who were by the way quite a number. Theodore S. Wright made one of his fatthetick speeches. & then came brother Stanton, who I never heard speak better. The only objectionable thing was, that he talked rather too much about "ladies", I mean used the word rather too much. His arguments were clear, witty, & good and opened upon the pretended sympathy of the ladies in their parlours and drawing rooms at the north. After enumerating the mean and wicked acts of the north he said "and the south stand by clapping their hands & crying, well done good and faithful servants." He showed considerable tact in making a pretty little compliment to Right and Wrong, & in what he said of Mrs Child. Mary Chapman was completely taken over, & at the close of the meeting stepped up and asked him to tea entirely on the spur of the moment. Another very cunning thing that Stanton did was that ^{towards} at the close of his speech he said "I understand that it is the intention of the ladies to ^{make} have as many life members as possible at the close of the meeting, I will therefore say a few words upon the importance of joining a society &c" Mrs Abbott & Mrs Barber having sent their names as life members, with them to begin with we soon raised 20, ^{more} besides a number of annual members. \$9.50 were collected for Mary Smith. It was a very satisfactory meeting. Mrs Ripley (Sophia) was there & Harry Williams! first of the time. He said to Henry I can't go all the lengths Mr May does — Two gentlemen at Dr. Channings church (supposed to be Zebedee Cook & Henry Price) at the close of the service went to the seaton & doubling up their fists in his face, asked him how he dared to give that notice & who gave it to him. Henrietta Sargent met Zebedee on her way to the meeting (he is a friend of hers) He said "are you coming down to see us?" No, said she I am going to a meeting of the Female

Anti Slavery Society. "Well" said he "I won't mob you". Caroline did not
went to Channing place to tea. I went home to see how aunt Mary
was getting on, for Catherine had been dismissed by Caroline in
the morning. I went in the evening. We had a very pleasant
time. Stanton did all the talking, & related many interesting facts
about the outbreak at Lane seminary, and a very striking account
of Theodore Weld's getting very nearly drowned four years ago.
It was a marvellous thing that he was saved. He came home ^{with us}
making the same complaint that you do, that he had
broken his resolution of not talking all the time. Angelina
gave us your letters at the meeting. I read one of them at the
hall. I was much troubled at your cold. I never longed so much
for pleasant weather as I do now. Wednesday 8th I called to see
Angelina & to ask her all about you. How fortunate you
are to meet with such good friends as the Sabers. I will attend
to the hymn book as soon as it comes out, but you must not
expect it for some weeks, though Knapp tells me every time
I ask him that it will be out tomorrow. I went from
the Ammidons to the rooms to get the prints of Garrison
which belong to Mr Sabers, which you must give to him.
It is I think a perfect likeness. I went to Mr Snowdens
to carry him Mary Smith's money, but he was not at home
took tea at the Ammidon. Nothing could be kinder than
Mr Ammidon. He made a great deal of talk, and inquired
very particularly for you. He asked if we had heard
from Uncle Bates, & said that a gentleman in town had
had a letter from his son in London, saying that he had
not seen Mr Bates, for he was ill & did not go out. I went
with Sylvia to hear Mr May's farewell address to the Young
men's Society. It was very good indeed, but not so good
as the one he made to us. Oliver Gozrey tried to take up

life memberships, but could not get one.

Oliver & Ellison came home with us complaining
of their society all the way. After the meetings

Maria went up to Mrs Allisto's, where was Mrs Morrison of Philadelphia & Miss Peabody. She battled Miss P considerably. Henry Stanton opened the meeting to-night with a very good prayer, & was evidently used to praying publicly. Thursday I thought of you, & called the weather charming to-day, but for my self I prefer the cold. Emma came in to-morn this morn bringing lots of goodies. Dear brother May called to bid us good bye. I did see a worse parting outré, but it was very affecting for all that. He asked for a glass of water, & I with as much quickness of thought as good sense, told Maria to bring in some of the custards which came from Weymouth, two of which the dear creature eat. He did not call upon any body, but Maria & us. He sent his warmest regards & love to you. G. C. Burleigh lectured at Weymouth last night with great acceptance. Henry Stanton said that it is reported that Theodore Wright & Susan Paul are engaged, when I told Maria of it she sighed deeply and said, I meant to have had him myself & then fell upon Anne & me for not being practical abolitionists. Maria is gone to a party at Henry Wainwright's in honor of the return of Ben & his wife & Martha. Saturday night Maria is to go to Mr Allisto's to meet Mrs Morrison & the animal magnetism man (a Frenchman & a stout abolitionist.) Sunday eve Mrs Morrison is to be at Maria's. To day a fire came out in the Louie attaching Henry Stanton & our meeting most violently, calling Stanton all sorts of things & saying the women had better go home & take care their ragged children. I will send you the fire if I can get it. Be careful & not lose the bits from the Commercial & the Daily which I send. Give my love to Mrs Oaker if you think proper & warmest thanks for her kindness to you. I have written this in a hurry & at odd minutes, but I believe it is a full statement. Your mother sent in word that you had better not go out at all evenings till

your cough leaves you. Be careful & believe yours most
affectionately Deborah Weston

Mrs Anne Weston
New Bedford.
Mass



1836

Deborah Weston

Mrs Gilman says that she is coming on to
the north & she will test the sincerity of the abolitionists. She will
go to some of these ladies meetings & will say to them, "I know
many cases of great distress, & of slaves wishing to purchase them-
selves, I will be your almoner with pleasure & you then have
an opportunity of carrying out your principles."

Your dressing gown shall come as
soon as possible.