

New Bedford April 13th 1840.

Sunday morning

Dear Anne,

I was very glad to get your letter from Weymouth, for I was weary to hear — I had a letter from Caroline last night telling me a little Boston news, but principally taken up with enquiries about Abraham, whom report had put to death — & Blankfield's cold girl. Abraham is alive to a certainty, that is he was last night, so feel no uneasiness about him, ~~for~~ ^{the} I am busily occupied at present painting a house — I have never had any serious thought of going to N York till I got your letter, I am considering now very seriously of it. If I go I want some sort of a gown, I have just got me a dark silk, & now it is made up it looks much too dressing & handsome to wear to N Y — Has Mrs ever had that died plain silk made up? I don't like to take it from her, but what can I do — If it is not made up & she concludes to let me have it, send it by the stage wednesday — I want to get all ready, as soon as possible, for I am ~~at~~ uncertain what I shall do, & I may not come to Boston first, but meet the troop at Mansfield & go directly to N York — You understand do you not the Saunton Branch to the Providence rail road meet at Mansfield — Write any way, giving any advice you may think useful, for you know when

It comes to travelling I am very inexperienced

We are keeping up the notice battle very briskly. Cross a coleridge minister who sat in this ecclesiastical council, & who was excused by the abolitionists on the ground of ignorance, ^{has} showed that he knew what he was about much better than either Mr Peabody or Mr. Thompson — for when notice of Edmund's lecture was sent him, he refused to read it — & held his own meeting. Pride got into him, for to be admitted to the minister meetings was an honour never conferred before upon a col'd man — I am much pleased with this, & warmly defend his right to bind & to loose as much as any of the others. The Hill minister, up by the head end you know, read it of course & gave up his meeting, I go there — Dr Jewett the temperance man has been here. The temperance people are trying to get up an efficient organization as ours I see — Mr Holmes church have hitherto made great pretensions to temperance no rum-seller, or drinker allowed to become a member, so when notice was sent to them of a Sunday evening lecture, Mr Smith felt bad. The folly of striking the notice up in a box was as apparent to him as to us, so he requested the session to stop, which they did discussing notices in general, at first, till Mr Emerson brought up the anti-S notices, & walked into them, ^(with alacrity) in very good style for him — they fought so that they could come to no decision & Mr Smith read the notice on his own responsibility

thus giving the lie to the hundred assertions
that he has made that he was no way
opposed to abolition, but that he never read
a notice while he was holding a meeting of
his own. Dr Hewitt's lecture was a very good
one, witty & entertaining. In speaking of the
bible's sanctioning the use of wine he told this
story. A young lady in Providence in making ar-
rangements for her wedding objected to having
wine, the bridegroom being a young man in fashionable
society insisted very warmly upon it. In the course
of the debate, he referred her to a verse in the Psalms
"wine that maketh glad the heart. But she said
it was a different kind of wine, she thought, not in-
tending." "Psha, nonsense, dear, nonsense, wine is
wine all the world over" said he. She at last
consented & the appointed time came. Before the
friends began to come in, the bridegroom was
called into another room, & there was the bride
all dressed, and her face covered with fish oil
(You must come to N Bedford to know how fish oil
smells in all its glory) Upon his expressing his
surprise, she said as he was for taking the bible so
exactly for a guide, she thought she would too &
in the verse where "wine maketh the face to shine"
of, was, & oil which maketh the face to shine. Now
you know what that means perfectly well said he
in that hot climate perfumed oil was used to
prevent the skin from drying. — fragrant & beautiful
Psha, nonsense, dear, nonsense, was her answer
oil is oil all the world over — Finally he gave
up the wine & she the oil. This he told with

much ornament & gesture & very well too
Mr Howland has got 32 names to Dr Hollens paper.
She Isabella Tell little Henry, on her way to Charleston
last her maids, & was towed into Norfolk
Mr Howland went on yesterday to see about her
I am getting on with his book very well

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Aunt Warren Weston.

Care of Warren Weston.

Weymouth

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write as soon as the Boston Female meeting
over - I am very impatient to hear - Tell
me too all about Dr Hollens eulogy, or Mr
May's I should say - If you do not send
by the stage wednesday write by mail
in anvil haste ever thine D. W.

Love to all Grandmas folks
I hope to hear from Aunt Mary soon

sent a letter to you by her