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Saturday morning.

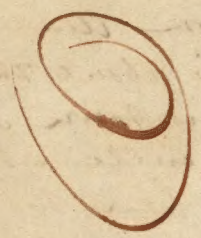
Dear Deborah,

Caroline came in here last night and brought your letter. I read it with grief and amusement. At first, I thought we ought to tell Maria forthwith; then when we considered that it would be her duty to tell Henry, we thought it would be best to do nothing about it. I would that Garrison were an fool in this matter, but I do not think, after a night's reflection, that we had best do ought about it. My indignation is so stirred up that we think I could annihilate him. I begin to think what I did not before that he is a vile bad man. Encourage the parties concerned in N. B. to say nothing to any one. I suppose you received all this as perfect news. I shall not let any one know save Emma that we have had a letter from you. We could not well account for its not coming through Henry's hands and M. might insist on seeing the letter or suspect some thing. So when you write again, you need make no allusion to how it was written & if you have any thing to say about this, a line darkly expressed, may be safely trusted. Probably if it came by mail, I should be at home at its arrival & have the opening of it. Henry's health has been much as when you were here. Quite as comfortable, I think. He walks a good deal & as the weather did not permit this yesterday, he & I went to the riding school & rode an hour. We had a very fine ride, & as he thought he felt better will probably go again. Maria has had a shocking cold, but is better. Gertrude took her mother's cold and is still very poorly, but on the whole, improving. Collier left here on wed - & I see by this morning's paper has sailed. The poor fellow had the weight of mountains on him the day he left, & how he ever got away I know not. Hervey chartered to be in town, & packed his trunk for him, otherwise he might have gone unpacked - Henry & Hervey

together bought his horse & chaise, gave \$170 for both & Kersey
drove out the same night to Weymouth, & there the equipage
now is. I suppose C's departure must come out, tho' I think I would
say nothing about it. The Adams' sailed Thursday in the Mediator.
The day after you left a package arrived or rather a letter from
W. Martinism. She wrote in a most affectionate manner, but spoke
of her health as very precarious - Her com. plaint is a humor
in the womb, as we judge, but this is strict privacy; she wrote
considerable about her com. plaint, but you can see it when you
come. Boney & Stanton had been to see her, but she said there
were sad drawbacks or any pleasure we might have had in
staying, seeing them. She writes, "We were charmed with Brad-
burn." - On Monday, by another conveyance, came a package
from her - This brought another good letter from her, a fine piece
from the "Liberty Bell", prose, eloquent & sensible - Also an
article from Lady Byron in her Ladyship's own hand writing - It is
somewhat heavy but sensible & well expressed - She did not write
it for "the Bell" but H. M. having applied to Mrs James on for
an article, Mrs J. returned an answer expressing herself, as her
father was in a dying state, but sent this com. manuscript from
her friend Lady B. The worst of it is that we must not print
Lady B's name - but Miss M. says it may be used round as
entirely as we like. We find James Mott's goner's pieces are
not eligible as they have been published in Keble's Hymn Book.
Mrs Abbot sails for England the middle of this month in the
Caledonia with her brother Henry - From England she will go to Ger-
many to join Maria. James & L. Mott have returned & Mary
Lyon - Maria has had a letter from M. J. as com. paring
some little books from Anna Knight for our Fair. Mary,
to my asson's intent, seems right on the poor an question -
but her letter was very stiff - We had a pretty good Monthly

Concert last Monday - Mr Ladd was there & peered like an onion
and John ran and wined him very well - Dr Taylor made a
cautious sort of a prayer, & after meeting, I thought rather shamed
to speak me. However, I rather advised him to be perfectly sincere.
But he came early the next morning, & this gave him an
opportunity for a Twitterism. "Though fit was so early in the
morning, I consider it a coming by night." He was very kind
and confidential & I esteemed it my duty to give him
abundance of good advice - I had been to hear his preach
the Sunday before. He did very well in the morning, but not
so well in the afternoon. I hardly think he will feel
but the narrowness of his intellectual works is such that he
will not be able to comprehend the breadth of the cause.
We collected about \$33. I had a line from Aunt Mary yesterday
in which she says that Aunt Priscilla is about the same as when
I was at home. Mr Rogers and his wife are in town and staying at
Francis Jackson's - We (Henry, Maria & I) called at Mr Jackson's
yesterday. They (the Rogers) are coming here to dine - Mrs R.
is a prettyish woman, quite faded, but rather interesting. Duval
of N. Y. and Bishop dined here yesterday. We like Duval
very well; He seems to see through millstones, & to be just
to nobody in particular. Caroline & I spent Wednesday night
and all day Thursday at Kenneth's. Had a good quiet time,
but heard no special news. - By the bye, Rogers will go to
N. Y. in the end tho' at present, Johnson goes on there to edit the
Standard, with Rogers to write leading articles. Rogers will be
at Worcester - Maria has had a letter from Geo Combe declining
to write for "the Bell". He declines because he is writing a
physiological book in which he discusses the slavery question
& he fears that if he wrote for the Bell, the people who would
think him a partisan & would not read the book. The letter was
very polite - Dr & Mrs. Hale have spent an evening here
but I was luckily at the Monthly Concert. Caroline spent last
Sunday at Weymouth and Newey brought her in - She bought
a very pretty little Florence straw for me, of Sally. I had
seen & liked it but as the price was \$6 - I had no thought of
getting it tho' I liked it very well. Till Caroline would turn it,
I have taken the liberty of trying it with a bit of pink
ribbon that I found in your little box. Kenneth gave
me some pretty white flowers to mess, roses etc, so I am
provided with my winter's bouquet. I have given up all
idea of Dedham, so if you see any opening any where
own was remember to

It may be quietly told to the N. B. sisters that the Fair will be held some time in the last week of the year. We may have a sale of produce before - The New City holds its Fair the 17, 18, 19 of Nov. This afternoon we hold a Com. meeting as you will see at the Fair - Encourage of course, & stir up all you can - You will be sorry to hear that not only has Mrs Weston & her son died of typhus fever, but Mr Hall & one of the other sisters, Abby, is very sick & Mr Hall's little boy



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not expected to live - They all have the fever. Also there is a report that Walter Dickson has lost his wife of the same thing. Several encouraging letters have been received from several places in reference to the Fair. Georgetown Ipswich etc. Mary Parker is very ill, confined to her bed & I suppose the result doubtful - I went all over the Hospital the other day with Mary Chapman - Caroline thinks you ought to call on Mr. Woodman himself. My love to all whom I know in N. B. I suppose I shall stay here till you return. Write when you have time to say up some