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written till Saturday when I was taken quite sick. I had a
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a pain in my legs I thought they would not be worse
were they broken. At 5 in the afternoon I went to bed, & by
the help of sage tea took a sweat. I had a miserable night
but was better the next morning though very weak. Indeed
I don't recen ever feeling weaker. Lucia & Mary went
to church all day, as I was able to help & I laid upon the
sofa, hardly attempting to sit up at all. Monday I was still
better. Yesterday, I felt so well as to go out & make two
calls, one at the Butlers, & one on Miss Jenney. Clarissa has gone
to Naigams. Miss Jenney has left Dr. Childers establishment & is
boarding with Mr. Barstow helping him teach in the Academy.
To day I feel as well, or better than before my sickness. I am
still a little troubled with my ears but hope it will go off in
time. Dr. F. went to Boston yesterday morning by the way of
Dorset & returned at night. He brought me a letter from
Emma. She said Henry had been more comfortable until the
last two days. He had then been more weak & feverish, but
they hoped the warm day would help him. He was out
riding. He saw him, though he looked dreadfully & said
he was suffering he judged for breath, but he had just
come down stairs. I do not expect any thing for him now
but occasional relief. He told me the other day that the
Sewalls had called & Mrs. Northon's pain was very anxious
about Henry & not resigned to her situation. He said he
believed he was to die. He thought sometimes he should
like to live two years longer, but it did not matter much.
He said he did not think his father realized how ill he was.
I think he does fully, quite as much as Henry. For I think
he imagines he shall live longer than he does. I do not
feel as though he would see the cold weather. This is a dark
cloud settling down in the distance over every thing. I can only
be thankful that it is no worse than it is, but it is bad enough.
Emma says Caroline's health is better; the children all well & going
to school regularly. Emma sent us "Camilla" the 3^d Madame Gandy
and a letter from E. Pease & one to Lucia from E. Sampson.

E. Pease's contained nothing very remarkable. Her health is better. Tom Davis had been to see her & she was sorry she could not show him more hospitality, her father not being well. She seemed doubtful how much she could do for H. C. Wright in the way of personal hospitality as they were going to be from home, but I will send you her letter the first chance. E. Sampson's was a bona fide invitation for L. E. & I directed to come down immediately & make a visit. Emma says in her letter she has answered it & as there is a letter of hers on its way to us, written before the news of Dr F's coming, we shall then know how she has answered it. I suppose now Lucia & Emma will go to Exbury immediately on our return from Boston. Henry Farnworth is expected home the latter part of the week for his vacation. I think now we shall probably go to Boston the first of next week. Lucia seems to have enjoyed her visit here very much. Mary has been very kind and attentive. She & L. seem to get on very well better I fancy than she & Emma would. Bro May is thinking of leaving his parish. He says few & altogether worries him very much. I am expecting a letter from you today. I had a letter from Aunt Mary Saturday. All at home were well as usual, but she told me she had written to you. I really think she is very much improved by the absence of the children. He is not so full of constant worry & evilment. He has heard a scandalous story yesterday about Mr Stowe the orthodox minister of Townsend. He is one of the most bitter pro Slavery men about. He & Hawley had great difficulty. It is the usual story a Tory case. There seem to be good grounds for believing it true. I was very sorry to see in yesterday's paper the death of Geo Vessey. He was 69. Died at Leicester. Poor Lucretia will feel sorry. I shall try to send you the last Herald of Freedom from here. Wish you should see some the names of the Committee of the new org Fair, I will copy them from the Emancipator which I opine to say the Dr takes. The L Balls, Mr Durant, Mrs Lott, Mr Balion, Mrs White Madam, Torrey & Phelps. A pretty good team I think. Mr Balion was ere while Hannah Hunt. I shall be glad to see Mrs Phelps & Torrey go to work. If you have not written, write, my remembrance be must get it before the 1st of next week if it all. Thank you for your seal. How did the govern. ever get with love to Mrs Bowen & Abby A. W. W.

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