

Boston, January 30<sup>th</sup> 1839, Monday.

The meeting passed off by meeting I mean on paper very well. he had for three ranges of  
 and arrived after they were gone I could hardly get to hear the subject of the meeting  
 all at once. I had to begin with a prayer and then read the opening prayer in which he  
 through a lady said that she was a slave in America. He said the words of the woman  
 it was one of the women there that said she was a slave in America. He said the words  
 in great detail. He said the words of the woman that said she was a slave in America.  
 with the utmost enthusiasm and reality spoke well and the pros-  
 and made some very witty and amusing remarks. Then my daughter  
 spoke a little and the chaplain made a few remarks. (By the way  
 people were present. It was beyond all the largest C. S. meetings  
 that I have ever seen. More than a thousand  
 who could not get in. People were much alarmed lest the  
 floor should give way. A Mr. somebody, who was formerly part  
 of the meeting, that I am part in Boston  
 you will find out all as I go  
 that day a paper arrived  
 in a high point of view. Tuesday went  
 was busy engaged in making a-  
 Henry Chapman was in a great  
 as bad as he did the day of the  
 he wished he was never  
 my surprise, on obtaining  
 an elevator him.  
 only how we all made  
 the Marlborough Hotel, or rather to the  
 but the inconvenience  
 delightful. The place  
 was considerably more  
 the country members come in  
 look. Mr. Southwick  
 that the  
 well upraised. Mr. Smith  
 for what we did. You  
 indeed it was. But  
 necessary to remark upon it.  
 most remarkably production and  
 Moses Kacher spoke & stated  
 because he could be in  
 that he had recently received  
 which he wished to speak. "I am  
 she is one  
 they plainly indicated that  
 the Court House & in-  
 of whom she spoke with  
 "who are very probably now  
 spoke  
 the well and the pros-  
 Then my daughter  
 (By the way)  
 most interesting meeting.  
 More than a thousand  
 the largest C. S. meetings  
 went away  
 lest the  
 formerly part



Editor of the Christian Advocate & Journal (Dr Bangs) but who has lately advertised, made the prayer. Mr Grosvenor then made a rather humdrum speech, then Amos Dwyer told the Nashville story. He is a small, delicate pretty looking, young man, rather fair, with the cunningest little black eye you ever saw. He told his story quite well. In some places very well. It did not differ very much from the published account, but it was of course more diffuse & contained a more minute account of his feelings. He certainly bore a very decided testimony to the Lynch committee. Great sobbing was heard all over the room. After he sat down, another man jumped up and poured forth a flood of feeling on the subject appealing to patriotism, talking about Free Discussion of Northern Rights till his audience were so worked up as to give him three cheers. Stanton then spoke very well, complimenting the State, & saying "Boston cannot give us a church or a hall when the City votes, they give us a state, but when the State votes we have the best place at her command. The meeting broke up just before dark & we all went to Chouinoy's to tea. Garrison, May, Grosvenor, Robert Hall and one or two others were present but we could stay a very little while for fear we should lose our seats at the State House. John G. Thursday, no, Tuesday morning. To resume. The moment we had swallowed our tea, Ann Chapman & I, on Garrison's arm, proceeded to the State House. It was not half full when we got there but in a short time it filled to suffocation. A Mr Goodman of somewhere in the country, made a rather mediocre prayer & then Orange Lott spoke. Mr Lott did very well but not as well as if he had delivered the same speech that he did in Congress Hall long since. While he was speaking there was great clamor at the door, outside and laughing. It seemed some like a mob & the Sergeant at Arms had to go & interfere. Then Ellis Grey being spoken to made a long speech. It was done in Ellis' little happy quiet soft way. He told of the glories of the cause in England, & in short, made all the glory of the U. S. cause to pass before them. He referred politely to Dr Chan- ning & received an immense, no I mean a moderate clap. Shortly after he alluded to Garrison, first describing Clarkson, & then joining Garrison on their side; this brought down a tremendous clap, interspersed with a few hisses. On the whole Brother Loring acquitted himself well. There was some noise, but not a great deal while he was speaking. Francis Fox was in the Chair. By the way, Francis was chosen President of the Mass Society, Mr Southwick having declined. The other officers were much the same as last year. After Ellis sat down, Stanton rose to speak of Slavery in the District of Columbia. He made a very nice speech for that occasion, not that it was exactly one of my speeches but it had a great effect on the audience. It was one of those Free Discussion flourishes, in which his soul so much delights. It seemed to get the audience pretty well under but the noise somewhat continuing, Bro S. sat down. Francis Fox was on then took that opportunity to give a notice of our meeting the next afternoon, saying that McDwessen who was lynched at Nashville would be present. Then arose a mighty howl from the crowds that thronged the door way & galleries called out, "Dwyer now Dwyer now. Come on come on, we want to hear him now" precisely as they call at the theatre for a favourite actor & I suspect it was much the same class of people. Dwyer accordingly came forward & again told his story. He was clothed uproarously



and people seemed to have great delight in his story. After the meeting was adjourned Stanton rose & said something more, at which all the audience cried out "More, more, tis'nt late" & accordingly he held forth some time longer. It seems to be the opinion of all, that the noise & difficulty proceeded more from the fact that there was about as many people at the door striving to get in as were ~~in~~ the outside, & that they made the noise from no riotous disposition. The next morning we went again to the stable where Mr Root spoke and Mr Phelen on R. Russell Russell spoke freely as did Mr Root. Amasa Walker then spoke very briskly. He appears to have crept out. Mr Fitch told his usual story about "uncle Sam". Then Robert Williams told a story in a very fine way. He is a blk. man now living in Boston, who was stolen from Africa brought to this country &c. The most amusing part of the matter is that a part of the crew was laid in Weymouth, he being the very man whom Capt Elliott's crew attempted to carry back into slavery. The vessel that he was on board was the Cleaver, the very vessel that was too great for George's boat. Many like to have gone off while the story was telling, & Mr Perkins looked pretty blue. After he had finished, they then talked over for a building for free discussion, also for the free church. Deacon Gulliver C. Walker B. H. May & sundry other spoke. The free church are turned out of Congress Hall by order of meeting to be holden at the Artists Gallery. Mrs Child & Miss Baker of South had on went to Maria's to dine. There was a great number of ladies assembled at the Hall & a very suitable number of gentlemen. Just as we went into the Hall Ann Chapman brought me your letter. My heart ached for you. I cannot say any thing else than that you had a glorious time, and all I can give is sincere sympathy. Mr Child's Port land a coloured man, prayed. Bro May read a hymn which was sung, and Daep then spoke; he is no great of a speaker apart from his story; but Stanton, who followed did himself credit. The doctor of Boston certainly got ~~lost~~, and the "gentle men of property" exercised mercy. He was witty and he was eloquent. In short, he did well. After it was over & just before the meeting broke up, we (some of the prime hands) went round to get names to the petition and subscribers. While going round, I felt some disposition to cough, but thought it must be sympathy, as the whole audience seemed to be coughing. But I soon discovered the cause. There were some vileians at the door who threw or handful or two of Congense pepper into the stove which set the whole audience Stanton & all to coughing. We probably got \$20 worth of subscribers and how much more I don't know. By the way our box have pledged \$100 to New York which we hope to pay at once. In the evening Maria had the brethren. All the people of Gtote were there. I had a good deal of talk with Daep and liked him very well, but instead of wondering that he was lynched, I wonder that he ever lived to get out of Berks hie County, where he was born. He is not at all silly, but his simplicity & innocence are extreme. His religious fervour is very opponent, as for instance he asked Maria when he left "to remember him at the throne of Grace". He told us all the particulars that were not published & seemed to like to talk. On 7 avns worth was there, and I wish that I was so worn out, (which was very true, for I had great crosses & during this series of meetings) and I had so much to do & the meetings were not yet over, that I could not go to Gtote with him till Sat. He did not say decided by that he could not. Robert Hall, Mrs Child Stanton & all the rest of the chief brethren were there. For treat we had oysters, and sundry other things. (no sweets.



The next morning a lovely little meeting was held at 46. When I say little I mean comparatively, for the Hall was full, but they were all brethren. Before we got there a eulogium had been passed on Henry Benson which had drawn the whole audience in tears. The Liberator was made the order of the day & certainly Garrison's apotheosis was made then. Mary was eloquent in the extreme. Mr Chaplin spoke very well. Stanton spoke & Amosdo loach in the midle of it. Dr F came & told me that he had made an appointment in Concord & must go that morning & invited me to go home & get ready. As I had promised that I would go, I, in great perplexity went home & there found that Caroline had invited people to our house that evening & that my things were not ready & she advised me not to go. So I went

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To Miss you had best to take the care. Mr Spear called here yesterday on his return & people. Mr Clark was out of luck. Mr. [unclear] & [unclear].

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back to the Hall but he was gone. Caroline however was at home & explained things when he came. After the meetings were all over I thought over the matter & finally came to the conclusion that I should wait till after your vacation before I came up to Groton & I wrote on Sat evening to Dr F to say so. If I went now, I should have to go alone by the way of Lowell, which would be bad, or I must go in a covered sleigh which would make me very sick. Then too I should be worried & fear I should get snowed up so that I could not get down before your vacation. Therefore I design to go away at the very time that you do, that is supposing you go back. To return to the meetings, Garrison & the Liberator received the most overwhelming applause. I came home all worn out but never the less, prepared for the company, that we were to receive. Mrs Child took tea with us & spent the night. In the evening, we had Mr & Mrs Fuller, Sreper, R. B. Hall, The Chapmans, Sylvia, Mrs Robbin (James) & a Mr St Clair, minister of the Unitarian Church in West Boylston. Mr Garrison & Westcott could not come & was not out of town.

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