

Boston, Feb 13. 1839

Monday morning

Dear Deborah

Before I say any thing else, lest I should forget, do you remember to bring to Boston when you come, "Marie." Maria wants it to send to Mrs Child who thinks of translating it for the benefit of the cause. I believe I have not written to you since the 6<sup>th</sup> of Jan. By a reference to my journal I can give you minutes of all that has occurred since Feb 1. Thelwell popped the evening here. He alluded to "the slave" & tried to speak naturally, but he would not. he is not a man of much confidence after all. I said nothing hardly about it, for as I mean to hold a definite conversation about it with him, I would not subject myself to the awkwardness of talking company talk about it. He said he had come to Boston for good, but as to his pursuits, I did not question him. I<sup>d</sup> Aunt Mary & I went over to Cambridge and in our way over stopped at Mr. M's. Mrs M. had a bad cold but had procured good help & seemed to be getting on pretty well. That afternoon Aunt Mary was taken so ill that I could not return to Boston the next morning as I had intended. All the next day she hardly sat up at all. But on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday she was well enough for me to leave her. Her complaint proved to be a prostrated cold. Sat afternoon a Board meeting of our Society was held, & we concluded to raise \$1,000 & support Mrs C. Phelps as an agent in Boston. Miss Parker had ascertained that we could probably get him, for the "Friend of Man" is to be given up & Goodell is to take Phelps' place. We could probably have had either Phelps or Stanton, but for obvious reason I preferred the former. Thelwell spent the evening here, to my great sorrow, I discovered that he was going as whig as possible. I upbraided him with it & he seemed a little embarrassed & said "why you know, I always belonged to the whig party." I fear that he has come to Boston to act for

that vile thought, & to be connected in some public manner  
with the party. I lament over him, but I cannot help it, of  
late, I don't know where he is, for we have seen nothing of him  
since. He is either ill, or has gone back to Gloucester to get his  
things. Sunday, I went to the Free Church all day & heard Mr  
Fitch. In the evening, we were invited to Mr Loring's, but I did  
not go, hardly considering it right to countenance Mrs L, in  
always having her company Sunday. Caroline went however &  
said they had a pretty good sort of a time. I read, at home  
Southey's Life of Wesley which was a most entertaining book.  
Monday, in the afternoon, Henry Stanton made us a long call  
& was quite agreeable. After he was gone, I called on Mrs Ellis  
Gray on Aunt's business. I took tea & spent the evening at Channing  
Pl. Thursday morning, though the day was dull, I rode, determined  
to pay off some of my calls. I went first to the Amnions who  
were out, then to Harriet Mint, who is staying in town under  
Dr Hewitt's care, having a lame knee & hip. She is a good, rea-  
sonable pleasant girl & I like her. Then I looked up Mrs Bea Rod-  
man & had quite an agreeable call. She is really a good little  
woman. Her daughter was at school. She told me about Mrs  
Stoddard having lost her baby and said that she much re-  
gretted it, for she remembers that Mrs L was passionately  
fond of children, so much so that even now, she enjoyed play-  
ing with a doll. Mrs Alvord came next on my list, but, re-  
joice with me, she was out. A short call on Margaret  
Fuller & another on Mrs Tarbell completed my labours.  
In the afternoon, Aunt Mary came in from Cambridge, quite  
wrought. Caroline went out to Mrs Grant's & staid the night.  
Wednesday, Mary Robbins called in the morning, & in the after-  
noon, Aunt Mary & I went to Warren's & Brothers, & got my  
shawl; a pretty blk Cashmere with high colour. I gave for it \$1.00  
In the evening, Caroline & Warren went to a party at the  
Parsons'. I had a letter from Hervey in which he says, all  
things are going on well. I hope they are. He wrote in good spirits  
but, I never know what to think of his accounts. Thursday, I called  
with Aunt Mary at Mrs Tarbell's & then went, by myself, to Mrs  
Merriman's. Miss Paul gave her concert in the evening, & Car-  
oline & the children went. It was quite fully attended. I do  
not think it prudent to go out evenings, except it be to A.  
I meet Mrs. Friday, Elizabeth Sampson staid here, & Mr Mack called

in the afternoon & wanted us to name some day in the course of the week that you were at home when we would come over there & pass the day; I named one, & if you don't like that day you need not go, but, you will like to go & see the Owen too so perhaps you had better give up one day to Cambridge.

In the evening there was a small gathering at Maria's. Mr & Mrs Colborn, Mr & Mrs Loring, Mr Copleton & Mrs Child. Mr A is a friend of Mrs C's. It was rather stupid on the whole. Sat last, Mr Bailey called & wanted to know if we should be willing to take Caroline & Ellen to board for a while, Caroline having staid the night before at Maria's, had not got home, & of course I could give no certain answer, but I rather think we shall take them.

Mr Colman called in the course of the morning, he was not quite sure, whether he should go on with his Phil<sup>ia</sup>, scheme but if he did should want C. I imagine it will come to nothing, but the negotiation is still pending. The Roxbury Chamberlain, Miss Kingman & Mary Soule called. This last by the way, is a part of uncles teacher at a young Ladies Sch.

I called on the Richardson's, at last, in the afternoon, & by so doing met with a great loss - a well pronounced Tuft. I have it however with much submission. Just as night Aunt Mary & Caroline went over to Cambridge & popped the Sunday. Yesterday, I went to the Free Church all day yesterday & heard Robert Hall in the morning & an agent of the Education Society in the afternoon. Poor Mr Ditth lost another child last week. He appeared to be in great trouble, Caroline returned this morning & Aunt Mary & Eliza both are to come over to morrow to attend a meeting of our Society that is to take place the

after day. I wish you could be here, but we could not put it off. Mr Pierpont has come out boldly and decidedly; he said in his pulpit, a few Sundays ago, that "had I my wife, the pen should not this night set upon a single plume." We are looking forward to your coming with the great est desire. We shall expect you by the car unless we hear to the contrary. Write or not before you come, just as you see fit; but you must come direct to Boston, for Ma is going to be in town. She is coming Saturday morning.

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inquire after the  
Fairhaven petition.

Remember me  
particularly to  
Isaac & Charlotte