

Dear friend

I have reported something that may pass for my answer to Purport - near enough to the reality to deceive the few who probably did me the honor to listen to my talk. I send with it your notes as I see there are some things of Abby Kelley's & Purport's answer on them which you wish to use. I think that it would be worthwhile to send the package on by express (costing from 5^{cts} by the American Rail Co up to 25 by ~~Harnden~~ ^{rather} which sum I should be glad to pay myself) if that would secure my appearance on the same sheet which contains Purport. These things are worth nothing if they do not appear side by side. This I deem important.

As my veritable specification would cover one side of the newspaper, I have judiciously docked it off at the end only hinting to the unfortunate reader how much glorious eloquence they have lost by not being there. It will operate as an inducement for such to attend next May!!!

We are truly grateful for your mother's kind offer
to receive Ann & your self devoted offer of
offering yourselves, as Ellen told Quincy, "as
sacrifices" to aid my going to Philad.

But you have all the glory - just the
same. It is impossible for me to go - I have
seen McKim he passed two separate
days here pic-nic-ing - & he is content
Douglas & Remond are to be there.

Accept our best thanks for your kindness -
Caroline's modesty will not probably allow her
to avow it but she has just awaked to find herself
famous, - as a poet! Her description of
the Come eaters is at once graphic & spirit
stirring. I preserve the letter in which the
gem is enclosed for future generations -
The implied compliment to myself at the close
would have brought tears into my eyes
had not the emotions stirred up by the
previous lines been too deep for tears. We
hope, as the editors say, "for more favors from
the same hand" if you have how the
happiness to have her with you please say
as much to her -

Ann is quite poorly - though

we hope she gains -

What a poor trick on a good cause
Geo Thompson made at Exeter Hall -
that is if Broad St Reports are to be
trusted - which of course lie

Lizzy Pease has sent a good
sensible piece for Liberty Bell - which
is fit & if it were not must go in -

Abdy's letter is worth its weight in
gold - How many Johnsonian sentences
there are in it - Charge him when
you write with just having finished
Bossy & the Rambler if he is an
honest man, he'll confess -

Believe us yours truly
W. M. -

Mendocino Phillips
no date, but I
think 1848.

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M. W. Chapman

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