

No 2

Caroline Weston's

Roxbury Jan 15. 1841

Dear Charon & Henry -

I have just learned that there will be an opportunity of writing to morrow & you will hardly wonder, that I have nothing written - To send you but must make up as well as I can - by a hasty scrawl to night some abundance of papers do to morrow. - How earnestly do I hope that you are both so well as to be able to indulge yourselves in fitting occasionally about home - & wishing for news - by way of entertainment - - If my faith in warm climates for lungs is ~~justly~~ founded I can never be glad enough that Henry has escaped the perfectly - horrid weather we have had here ever since he went away - Not two consecutive days of pleasant weather have we had - only a blisk of sunshine - & alternations - rapid as possible - of rain, hail, snow - freezing - & thawing of course, the thermometer was far below zero - all the week we were shuttling up the house - - & when on Sunday after noon a week from the time you left - Lizzy & myself - had a view to No 11 - & set out with Collins - & Flevey to drive - for Rox - I think

I fully understood the meaning of the passage  
so much insisted upon by our orthodox friends  
"pray ye that your flight be not in the winter  
nor on the Sabbath day." It was a great affair  
packing up your things & getting matters arranged  
especially as we did it so soon - but she made  
no mistake & I think you would be perfect-  
ly satisfied with all we have done -

Lizzy is contented & happy here - I am being  
very careful of her - as she is not yet rid  
of the cough that succeeded the colic, she  
had when you left - but she seems perfectly  
well, so I do nothing for it but keep her warm  
& only let her go out in fine weather which  
by the way is a rare commodity - Lizzy had  
a severe trial a few days since - Miss  
Harriet Jackson gave a party - to which 50  
invitations were issued - & when she actually  
received one addressed to Miss Chapman &  
Dea Leander - her impotence & dissatisfaction knew  
no bounds - I succeeded at last in convincing  
her that she had better express her regret  
and stay with me or go to Weymouth instead  
& to this she brought her mind in a short  
time - & seemed to console herself very well  
~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> returning the note - to my great surprise  
when Mrs Jackson sent the next day to say  
that she should be happy to have Lizzy sleep there

She declines of herself - & is just as well sat-  
isfied as if she had chosen the quarters of  
the party - Hervey was here yesterday &  
reports - Henry & Annie well & contented - He  
goes to school - But the baby - has the best  
of it - She is absolutely - flourishing as sheun-  
cy place - She comes down to join the fam-  
ily circle quite often - & she will soon I think  
take precedence of all the rest - with the  
chancey place family - She is as good as  
possible - & even Catherine appears - satisfied  
& comfortable - Submit went to Dr. Osgood's  
satisfied however that she should never get  
another such a place - I do not know  
Mary Sarah's whereabouts, with her sister I  
believe - We made the requisite presents  
& I believe all parties were satisfied - Poor  
Pamela took on severely at your departure &  
then turning to me for consolation, she  
assured me thus - she considered that  
"Miss Barline owned her" - "just same as"  
so you see I have a slave - The fair Business  
was settled up in no time -

Dow & Jackson took their part \$8.00. in articles  
other little bills he paid in the same way  
Mrs Johnson was indefatigable in her  
labors to get rid of articles & we were  
equally so - & we had really consider-

able success - The plan of the hall we  
got out in good season - i.e. in the  
next Liberator - though we had a  
hard rub to do it - Dickenson declining  
to do it altogether - that week - & changing  
\$500 at any time - but Derwent got  
it done in season for \$500. & with only  
one mistake & that quite trifling, to be sure  
his part in the place Garrison's but occupied a  
head of Christ with a glory round it - but  
we picked it out in great consternation -  
I believe I mentioned this when I wrote  
before - it [the plan] & your articles gave  
great satisfaction - - The bill for Benjamin Bell  
came to \$26. This I have paid - you will  
be surprised to learn that since your departure  
I have scraped up \$50.00 - part of  
which has been expended in paying the ~~other~~  
bills I have mentioned - & some others -  
The balance - I shall pay over I think into  
the hands of the Boston Female - The  
Bells - Deborah & I mean to see - at New  
Bedford, Boston & Cambridge - & as we  
will pay no commissions - we think we  
shall yet something soon -  
Ann Smith to Miss Pease by the Acad  
& Mrs. Child to the other ladies - by next  
packet - The Quarterly meeting of  
the B. F. W. S. was held Thursday last  
we had a very good meeting - though  
as it was a stormy night not a few  
we transacted considerable business - put resolu-  
tions - took the Liberator again - arranged  
Petitions - appointed Ann Foreign Sec. Pro-  
tem - addressed a letter to the Philadelphia

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Sisters <sup>page 15 241</sup> There was a resolution of course about  
you - In the evening I went by express  
invitation to Mrs Southwicks - I discovered  
that Bragdon had asked her to ask me  
to meet ~~her~~ - he wanted some truth about  
the Petitions - Whether he wished a Spiritual  
advice in your place - or whether he wish-  
ed to put out his bit in The Liberator  
or to leave I don't know I could not determine  
- he wanted when we got there to talk over  
the course to be pursued the report &c -  
we had a pleasant evening - only disturbed  
by a very painful letter from James Gibbons  
calling for assistance to get out another  
copy of the Structure - Even the trusting  
& hopeful James is discouraged - & well  
he may - I really fear the Structure  
will stop - don't scream as you read it  
we will do all we can - The Friend of  
Truth has stopped for a season - The Pennsyl-  
vanian Freeman has stopped for a month -  
& The Herald of Freedom will probably  
not appear this week - The Liberator  
still stands firm - indeed it is entire-  
ly free from debt - & has some thing to  
start with besides the credit it enjoys -

Bishop continues - mourning women  
& mourning on the horn he saw & it  
is said that many persons are so dis-  
affected - that at Andover they in-  
tend to start a new paper &c &c - you

witness in the Liberator a notice of all  
which is at present known - of the  
matter - They mean to turn out all of  
the present board with the exception of  
Samuel Sewall, - Foster does not think  
it amounts to much - but Chace thinks  
there is considerable mischief brewing -  
The Annual Meeting will unfold the  
matter - I should say here that Bradburn  
introduced the men's Petition respecting  
the colour law - the one that lay at the  
office - It was headed you may recollect  
by Wm. G. Channing - Geo Pierpont's name  
was on it - but further down - Bradburn  
saw fit to offer it as the Petition of  
"Wm G. Channing, Geo Pierpont & others"  
of course the first name was supposed to  
be Dr Channing's - The morning Papers  
mentioned the Petition & printed both  
names - in the afternoon Bradburn called  
at the office & soon there was a great  
stew about Mr Pierpont's name - he  
had signed it ignorantly - or under some  
misapprehension - & he had actually  
drawn up some sort of paper or  
or memorial - asking leave to withdraw  
his name from the Petition - of course Bradburn  
helped him - & when he told Chace what  
Mr P had done Chace told him that it would

to his (B's) duty to State in the same con-  
nexion - the circumstances attending his  
signing the Petition - they were the follow-  
ing - About a month ago - Mr Prescott came  
to the office - he looked at the Petitions  
& then said. "Who is William F. Channing?"  
he was told - he then asked if he might  
sign the Petition & was told - that he could  
do so if he wished - he read, or seemed  
to read, the whole - & then deliberately signed  
the whole - When Brauburn, heard this state-  
ment, he gathered up his papers - & sought  
counsel of Francis Jackson - who - went  
in pursuit of his Minister - & would probably  
calm his perturbed mind - I suppose  
the matter will be smothered up - but  
can you conceive of a man being such  
a fool - perhaps the 5th act of this  
Tragedy will be played out tomorrow - if  
so I shall be able to tell you all about  
it - it is privacy -

Miss Gollen has had a letter from  
Miss Martineau within three weeks  
& a copy of her new novel - she says  
she has sent copies to Mrs Chapman &  
Mr Gorton - & only to them - you both  
has not come - & we don't know how Mrs  
Gollen's came - but we have put enquiries  
upon it -

Clark has continued to dray wash &  
for hireable houses - even Abby Southwick  
began to talk of believing in the atonement  
& that they had him there to talk over  
matters - & as you may suppose thankful  
arranged in her black & white ribbons  
& holding up her deistical opinions with  
an air of assurance of a Hicksite Quaker  
& the warmth of an Abolitionist - but  
my of inspiration - which shamed the  
Bible - was a hard case - he said  
"they would not talk - there was no ground  
to stand upon" - I went to hear him once  
& I have not been so insignificant for many  
years - ~~at~~ our board meeting - we  
determined to give him a shake - & we  
wrote a beautiful notice of our R. meeting  
by meeting - which was to be held  
the next day - I requested him to read it  
(by order of the Board) he was to preach  
at Park Street at 7 Ann & Devon Street  
to hear him read it - we inquired in  
the envelope of our notice if Mr Bible  
would do thus much for the slave -  
he did not read it - & meeting the fourth  
with a next day he talked of the etiquette  
of Mr. Allen's pulpit -

Devon has been staying at Chauncy  
place & next home today - Aunt at  
Hennetons - they strive to do up their peti-  
tioning - many amusing experiences  
but few names - when Anne called at

Mrs Short Tom Perkins - she was asked  
to walk up stairs - Mrs P was not quite well  
she did so - & on returning the lady - the  
object of her visit - the bouncer up & down  
in away Mrs Peter Parker might have been  
proud to copy & say - "No - indeed  
I wonder any one should bring such  
a thing to me" - "No - leave the house  
walk down stairs directly & throwing  
open a different door from the one by which she had  
entered) down the back stairs if you please"  
(a loud & tremendous emphasis on back stairs)  
Ann was startled of course & at first  
thought she would run - with all her might  
the way she came - but consideration she can  
argue to be her that Mrs P's stairs were her  
own - so she meekly took the prescribed  
way - only remarking that the stairs  
were painted very poorly - this was a  
snymer - people generally very civil - Mrs Dr  
Hobans - signed -

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I had written this for last  
week & went to town expecting to send  
you all the papers & - I would collect  
& so! on my arrival I was informed that  
I must be satisfied with a corner of a  
letter that Anne had written in a great  
hurry - that the vessel - which was to take  
our little Scudder for some port distant from

your sogginess & that they made was taken  
across the mtn country by a ~~carrier~~ on foot  
— do you see from the substance of these  
sheets — condensed in a letter despatched  
last week — this evening — just as I was  
going to step into the coach to go to Boston  
hoping to get some news — Mr Chapman  
came to tell me that the long desired  
opportunity of sending letters — express  
without my case — &c. — had at last come  
& I have now only to regret that nothing  
special — has happened for you a  
moment — & to rejoice that I am able  
to assure you that all is well at home

— I suppose that many will write  
all about your Father's dealings with the  
Coxman — he liked him very well — found  
him reasonable & gentlemanly — & much to be  
wondered to him a very satisfactory arrangement  
— I had a little trouble this very evening  
when Mr Grant mentioned at tea, that  
he had sold during the day paper for  
the whole house — I believe — they are  
going to paper the drawing room — New York  
Goth's I dare say —

Anne & Letitia are both at Bay mouth  
but will come up to attend the Annual  
meeting, next week — Edmund is holding  
his Wolfe Co. — meeting at Dedham to day

perhaps - Mary will tell you something about  
it as she may get the news to night - I am  
quite out of the world -

before Anne went out of town she called upon  
Mrs Angelina Howe - she found her sitting  
the bustle of going into a house in Temple  
street - believe - she is doing this on her mother's  
account - as Mrs A. can not go on either  
with Parker or Liscom any longer - so Howe  
is going to take his turn - but the comical  
part of the matter is - that poor Anne  
in the midst of her fatigue found herself  
oppressed with an unlooked for care -

The Ladies of Boston felt moved to make  
a set of shirts for Mr Kirk - the whole  
city was busy with it - & who should  
undertake to lead & superintend the whole  
enterprise but Mrs Amos - of course  
Anne's bell rung louder than anywhere else  
as 50 inexperienced sewers - were running  
in & out with some button hole - collar  
or wrist band - & finally in the midst  
of the fatigue of moving & all sorts of  
plexities poor Anne had to sit down &  
finish the bosoms of the whole set - in order  
to keep the peace - & the prettiest part of it  
is - that they were only cotton shirts & not  
particularly well made - & it is thought by  
some who saw the beautiful Parisian <sup>new</sup> linen

Model. & that got from his sword to be by  
his hostess - that he will never reveal  
one of his newly acquired treasures -  
The Mass Soc. have held a bazaar  
receiving & sent \$200 I believe to New York  
- which will give the structure a chance  
to breathe - Bradburn is getting on in  
the legislature, but the house looks rather  
blue - - it is a Whig house bent upon  
retrenchment for the favour of the  
Whig party - he has threatened them  
loudly that if they don't behave well  
as to A. S. Matthews the wife speaks so much  
as to make it very expensive to the country  
& there is some hope that they will  
try not to affront him -

The Steam boat from England is expected  
to-morrow - certainly - she was expected  
yesterday - but - come not yet - when  
to get some news by her - a packet  
up New York the other day brought  
the latest dates & gave a perfectly  
summarized passage -

You cannot imagine the anxiety  
with which they wait to learn how  
you are - what sort of voyage  
you had - how Henry likes the  
weather - how his voyage is - whether  
he gets stronger - & then all about -

Hate - now don't either of you  
put off writing me till you  
have no time to be specific - but  
continually - get down by the way - you  
can say nothing that we are not long-  
ing to hear - How do you get on  
in your Parlez vous ing? -

May will send you "The Home  
& the Man" - I shall be condemned to  
read it in a stingy American edition for  
I have not had yours yet as they have  
been reading it at Chauncy place - it  
is a beautiful book - typographically con-  
sidered - & I am told is a fine  
thing -

Lizzy is quite well & happy & has cough  
much better - she improves every day -  
we shall go to Plymouth on Friday after-  
noon - Monday is Wednesday Hervey will come  
for us - & I really enjoy the prospect of  
being little handy so much - that I can  
write for you who - don't look for  
the pleasure for 5 months -

My school goes on just as usual  
My present impression is that it will  
be much larger in the Spring than it  
has ever been - but this is a mere guess  
I have just got Lizzy's yellow gown  
& shall have the satisfaction of making  
it entirely over - such - a fright I never  
saw - - Anne got on my advice a  
new Mouseline de laine - a bright Forbes  
blue - & an open cloak & head - of the  
same - Gillespie cut it & it looks  
beautifully -

You have no idea of the interest I excite  
because you are gone - Every body overwhelms  
me with kindness & it would take me till  
you get back again to pay all the visits  
which I have been obliged to make -

Henrietta's doors stand open day & night  
Mrs Southwick - seizes upon me - & Mrs  
Loring - is ready to adopt me - to say  
nothing - of many others. - I don't men-  
tion Phanny's place - for that is just best  
street itself - & the blessed baby is there  
the most petted & important creature  
breathing - she is growing beautiful &

by the time you get home with have quite  
eclipse poor Anne I don't say -

I hope Henry ~~will~~ not be too low  
I hope you will take some exercise &  
not too much - I hope you will avoid  
the evening air - & I hope you will  
both keep yourselves cheerful & happy  
Remember to Steve to attain to  
that state that Lucia so highly  
admires - & you will then do well enough -

I feel ashamed of my solicitude res-  
pecting you & yours - When I think  
of poor Susan Paul - with her heavy  
responsibilities - & narrow means - &  
unwieldy temperament - & now added  
to all this severe sickness - I believe  
Anne told you of her attack - I think  
she will get over it but with how much  
anxiety! - We should be <sup>more</sup> grateful for the  
separation which is so much -

We shall do all we can for Susan  
as yet she must be confined to her room  
- & so many persons are interested for  
her that she will be made comfort-  
able no doubt -

Henry you have no idea how much  
the butter was increased at Chauncy place  
It like was never beheld -

The Whiskpot & Centre Table - really improve the  
Chauncy P - Drawing rooms - & also the Pictures -  
The Madras room - & Mr Sonny's &  
occupies the spot of known - opposite the kitchen  
in their front lower room - by the way  
they have concluded to pass the rest of their days  
in that house & they have a furnace - & new  
carpets - through out - & new furniture in some  
departments - & look as well as the nature  
of the house will permit -

I am very sorry that Anne & Seb  
will not know of this chance to write  
as they have been flopping about  
& would probably have something to  
say - that should amuse you better  
than this very poor Mason commenced  
edition of mine - but you will have  
the News papers & The Liberator - & Stem-  
Barre - & abundance of health & comfort  
at home - & will be I doubt not simply  
satisfied if there is faith in  
woman - I will spare journal addressed  
to you in which I will write every day - & in future  
you shall have no reason to complain in future  
that I did not do what I could - I shall  
give you the annual meeting in full - & till then I

Caroline

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