

Weymouth. Feb. 25. 1841.

Thursday evening.

Dear Maria.

It is difficult to know what to write to you because the fear is that Caroline or Mary may write the self same thing - I believe I will give a concise account of the state of things here and then look over my journal (for be it known to Henry "I too shepherds" etc) and omitting the weighty matters pick up the fragments of news, the odd bits so unimportant that nobody else will remember them. And first the children - Both are perfectly well & Henry bids fair to know how to read some time or other. This should encourage us in our Anti Slavery career, for at the first blush, one appeared almost as hopeless a task as the other, but Deborah has given herself unreservedly to the work and he is improving. He does not go to school & though on some accounts this renders him more troublesome some, yet on others it is far better. Little Ann continues to be the comfort of the house, the very queen of hearts. Pa says: sometimes to her "Luff when the wind blows" & the other day, when some special cooking was under way she & Henry crept in to the kitchen & were so still as to attract attention. "What are you doing?" says Ma "we are luffing 'cause it's blowing" says Annie. We keep a fire up most of the time which prevents their having as many colds as usual. All of us at home are well. Aunt Parris also just the same, for aught I see. She smiles out when ever it is practicable & her opinions are I hope, a little improved. They all send their love. Aunt Phoebe thanks you for the honey which was much admired. Aunt Mary & I are going to Durbin to stay a few days. I shall go to see the Webster & Father Sprague.



And now casting my eye over my journal I get hints where  
to speak. Chapman has been called to the Free Church but  
whether he will accept is not known, probably he will, the  
call was not unanimous. There is a perfection party against  
him on the ground that he is but partially sanctified. The  
latter opinion is my own, but if he is so far sanctified  
as to refuse ordination at pro slavery hands, I will forgive  
him the rest. But I suppose he will fail. It will not  
be for want of good counsel if he does, for while we  
were in the utmost hurry shutting up the house, I gave him  
one whole forenoon, greatly to Mr Chapman's discomfort  
who wanted his room I believe, for the purpose of uttering  
fulminations. I intreated him to choose between God &  
Man or, told him that in trying for both he would get  
neither. I could not have been more faithful. He said  
W. H. Mayward had been settled by pro slavery ministers  
in past. I told him had I known it I should never have  
signed a letter I had, recently written him "your respectful"  
A Temperance Meeting was to be held the other night at  
the Marlboro'. Bradburn had been engaged to speak. As he  
entered the building, he saw Colver rising to pray. He  
fled as those who flee out of Babylon. What the  
meeting said I don't know, but I thought it dutiful in  
him. I called while in town at Mr Johnson's & the 50 lec-  
turers were arranged in the best way we could. One is to  
go to Mr Abbott, who by the way has no lights in his house  
because he will not sanction killing whale etc. I have  
written several articles for the offering. I trust it will go  
along some how till the 20<sup>th</sup> of March when Collins is ex-  
pected. The Feb No is not yet out. I answered M. Fuller's  
letter in rather part her a note & one of our Reports to  
E. Parbury's. - I have also written to L. Mott by Warren  
and hope to get some account of that answer we sent  
them in 1836 about their taking seats at New York.



I shall probably go in town at the Minster Convention which  
is called the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. I shall probably stay at  
Newmarket - Nothing can exceed their kindness there - I  
don't know but they will finally adopt you me. If you  
can, while gone, I would write Newmarket were I you. No  
body would value your letter more - I don't think L. M. C.  
treats them with all the attention she might. Mrs Parker  
sails for England in April, & Mary Bowditch's lady comes  
night & day. Abby Southwick who soon after took the  
most inveterately has become so bewitched as to get her  
father to hire half a pew for her at Park St. I have  
borne a faithful testimony, but can only hope that as  
she has begun to study German with Mr Ripley she  
will give us another one. I had a letter recently  
from Dr Ferrisworth, but it contained no particular news, he  
was satisfied with the Annual Meeting and said Haver  
was having a great revival. Gibson has engaged the  
Tabernacle for one half day. They would not let us have a  
last ~~night~~ <sup>spring</sup> because of Lewis Tappan. The Weymouth people  
are taking a very great interest in the Herald of Freedom  
7 or 8 people here are beginning to take it. It almost cuts  
out the Liberator. Indeed Parker Pillsbury & the rest are  
worthy of all admiration. I wish they could send you a  
file of them, for they are my work & opines. - Abby Kelley  
thinks of going to the Community after it gets under way  
Mr Ripley highly admires her only thinks she over values  
carnal learning - Thetia Stone is also going. - Mr Lewis is  
in much difficulty at the South parish that I think in  
the end he must leave. Dr Field has refused to pay  
Mr Perkins any longer, and Peter Lushing went up to the  
Communion because of Unitarian pomp. - Am I not very  
polite to leave all the really new news to the  
other, but after you have read all the rest per-  
haps you will be able to pick up some crumbs here.  
We all think Henry a famous correct sonnet. I



really think he beats you. His journal is an excellent  
idea. I think you had better adopt it. If you do not  
get home in time for the American meeting in May would  
it not be well to write it a letter? It is amusingly cold to  
night & I sit all of a shiver & envy your constitution. Oh how  
lively to go to bed with the windows open.

Every body hereabouts manifests great interest in you  
and people are hardly seen stop to ask about your state

Mrs Henry G. Chapman.

The political A. S. meeting is very much cut up in  
Woods Port. "Brother Lovey" cuts a very ridiculous  
figure. I am sorry I cannot get back with them.  
All send best love to you both.

Yours ever affectionately  
A. W. Weston.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 15. 27