

21 Cornhill, Boston

Wednesday P.M.

Nov. 28/55.

Dear Miss Weston,

I was at Leicester when the letters
(kindly forwarded by Mrs Chapman)
arrived at my father's house here. —
Seeing the few lines which you had
written in pencil upon one of them, ^{concerning} a box for Mrs. Knappock,
Mother thought best to send that envelope
to me, and I rec^d. it on Monday. — I
was totally at a loss with regard to the
meaning, but thought I might find
letters (invoices or bills lading) in Boston
which would explain; and ^{as} I was
coming to Boston the next afternoon, I
thought it best to defer till then any action
in regard the case. — This morning
arrives a note from Gay, asking if there is
at this office "a box of goods from the
Boston Fair Comtee to the N.Y. Fair?"

He adds, "Such a box, it is said, was prepared, but nothing has ever been seen of it here".

This recalls to my recollection the fact that at the close of the last Bazaar, or of the little subsequent sale in March, a box of goods was put up for Mrs. Haydock, a lady who had a sale of goods, at her own house, in behalf of the Amn. A. S. body. — This is the beginning, and (I am very sorry to say) the end of my knowledge of that box. No such box is at this office; I was quite confident none such was at my brother's store, for I had a thorough overhaul & search of all the Bazaar property stored there, last September, when I was getting ready the goods for the Worcester Fair, — still, I have been today and re-examined the premises, but find not the box; and the store-keepers say that there is nothing else

in the Stone, belonging to the Bazaar, save
what I saw. My brother appropriate a
particular place for the Bazaar goods,
and every thing belonging thereto has always
been, to my knowledge, stored together.

Now, my fear is, that that box (if
it ever went to my brother's store, and
I recollect seeing no such box there,) was
gathered up & sent with the rest to
Worcester and Abington, — and so faded
away.

But I write in the hope that you
or Deborah may be able to shed some
light on this matter. "Where did the
Box go to, from Winter St.?" is the ^{main} ~~great~~ ~~question~~
question. I hope your better memories
~~will~~ will be able to supply the deficiencies of mine.

Please let me hear, as soon as
you can, that I may notify Mr. Gay
of the actual facts in the case.

— I have ~~never~~ ^{not} had any letter
from Mr. Stearns respecting the ^{King's water} box, nor

any Bill of Lading for it, from any one,
I duly rec^{d.} ^{a letter} ~~me~~ from Mrs. Herbert Thomas,
which I design to send you, if I have not
already done so, together with a Bill Lading from
their Liverpool Agent - and I have this day
got both the boxes thro' the Custom House.

The Bill of Lading for the Edinburgh boxes
was sent to Francis Jackson. These I have
entered at the C. House today; if we are in
favor, we may get them in a week from
now. I have also entered the two Liverpool
boxes, which are consigned to you. - There
are 3 other cases, from Perth, Manchester, & Dublin.
These I shall enter on Friday or Saturday, -
Sundry important reasons moving me to that
course, instead of entering the whole at one
time, which I can better explain when I
see you.

Mr. Garrison went home to-day
full in the determination to prepare the 'Bell'
article at once. - Dear Miss W, pray act
without any reference to an article from me. I am
exceedingly busy - truly I am - & I don't know when I can
have 2 uninterrupted hours. - Pass me by this time.

Recy your
Dear Mother's
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Ms. A. 9. 2. 28. 60