

Longwood, June 11, 1865.

Dear Wife:

Our Longwood meetings of Progressive Friends closed yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Think of six long consecutive sessions, with the mercury ranging towards 90, and the meeting-house packed like a bee-hive in winter! It may be truly said to have been a tender occasion, for we were all in "the melting mood," and "like kindred drops, we mingled into one." Of course, there was general bodily exhaustion, though the spirit was willing, nevertheless. The laboring oar as to talking and speechifying fell, as usual, to my lot; in addition to which I had to preside as chairman. George Thompson was so unwell as to be of no service, having only spoken once, and then not exceeding fifteen minutes, during our sessions, and being compelled to remain in his chamber nearly all the time. His difficulty ap-

pears to be in the torpid state of his liver. As he is soon to make a visit to Thomas and Paulina Davis, I have advised him to let Dr. Dow try his magnetic and electric powers upon him; and he will probably do so.

I drew up nearly all the Testimonies that were adopted by the Yearly Meeting - on Peace, Temperance, the Rebellion, Slavery, &c.

We have had a good many heavy showers, with much thunder and lightning. We had a tremendous crash close to the house, the other evening, a large tree having been struck and shattered. On that account, I was glad you were not here; though you may have had something of the sort at Providence, as I believe the electric fluid has a wide range in our country, to say nothing of the rest of the world.

To-day, Sunday, we are to have one long session at the meeting-house, at which we shall probably have sev-

eral speakers; so, mine will be a light task. How George Thompson is this morning, I do not know, as I have not yet seen him.

This afternoon we are to drive to Bayard Taylor's pleasant residence, and take tea with him and his family; then go to Chandler Darlington's, and spend the night. To-morrow morning we leave for Philadelphia - Thompson to go immediately to Boston, and I (probably) to Norristown, to lecture there to-morrow evening. Then on Tuesday afternoon I am to lecture in Newtown.

My calculations now are to be in New York by Thursday noon - stop over night with Wendell - on Friday, take the mid-day Shore Line for Providence, arriving by 8 o'clock at Dr. Dow's - or I may conclude to leave on Friday in the afternoon boat, and arrive in Providence Saturday morning. In either case, I will remain with you till Monday morning.

I have been too busy to find time to write home since I left. Fanny, I presume, will leave for New York on Friday morning, via Springfield, on her way to Philadelphia; so we shall fail meeting each other. May her trip be as beneficial to her health, as it will doubtless be pleasurable to her spirit!

I do not expect to learn how you are getting on until I see you, as you would not know where a letter would be likely to reach me. But I have faith in the treatment you are receiving, that it will very much benefit you, even should it not do all that we could desire.

Great numbers of friends here are solicitously inquiring as to the state of your health.

My kindest remembrances to Dr. and Mrs. Dow, sister Charlotte, &c.
Ever yours,
W. L. G.