

Wednesday Morning Sept 31

My Dear Debra - yesterday morning early Gardiner came & handed me two letters - one from you the other from E. Simpson I need not tell you I was exceedingly glad of your letter & her presence too - I thought you would write - but not half as soon so it was doubly acceptable - I summoned M. & P. to read it to them - I was just going to walk & thought I would take it to your house - I did thus - when I got there found Lucien just ready to depart in the stage. That I forget that you did not know even that he was here - so I will tell you from Saturday - I mentioned we expected Stanton, & that I had sent for E. Simpson - after reading for company it was proper to make some preparations & I helped so much Saturday that I felt all gone.

Stanton came in the 3 o'clock stage, & was set down at the tavern - Whitmore had several days before asked your father to invite him - I believe your father told him to send him up or something to that effect - when Stanton got to the tavern he took to his bed - brother Pratt told Hevey he had come, & he (Hevey) went over.

Wales said he was in the ladies chamber abed - M. went up & knocked at the "ladies chamber" door & Hevey said he grumbled out that he was abed.

In an hour or two he called again & found him visible - invited him home with him - Stanton said he had tumbled their bed & would stay to tea, & then go up. We watched the stage for Elmboth but she came not in the evening Hevey called & said Caroline had come in the funny stage, that Stanton was there quite sick - that Caroline would not come here to stay but he should, & all the next M. I went immediately to bed tired out, & all the rest of them went to bed - leaving Hevey to let himself in & to get himself to bed in his own time. Between 10 & 11 o'clock I roused & found Caroline & Emma standing in the room - they had come instead of Hevey - Stanton she reported as quite ill & thought he might need Hevey for something in the night. Caroline seemed some concerned for his illness - whether he would be able to lecture. She said too that Lucien saw Wild at the rooms & that she told her Anne was sick - Caroline seemed to think but little of it - thought he intended her old illness - I tried to think thus too, but I am at times anxious. Sabbath morning Caroline & Emma

went home - little after 9 o'clock Warren - Brewster - Mary Ann
Davenport & herin came in a carriage - all went to meeting in the
morning but Stanton & Warren - We (Stanton) was better but concluded
to keep at home & snore like his brother of honorable memory.
All staid at home in the afternoon but Phelps, Grew, Brew & G.
John Perkins preached & read the notice of the lecture in the evening
but not to my mind at all - nor indeed to the mind of any abolition
unit - After reading it - he mentioned a meeting of the Bible
Society next Sabbath & that there would be a collection for the
benefit of the cause - take notice - the anti-slavery notice which
had just been read - said they should take a collection in aid
of the cause. The mess meeting & reading this does not seem as
the thing did at the time - I felt rather indignant with brother
P. - Prime Wash had a child buried after meeting - & when Mr
P. returned he & his wife called here to see Stanton & invite him
there - Somebody told him that Stanton was staying at Mrs Westons.
We did not go to your house, so they meet in the pulpit.
Stanton recovered quite well, & delivered a good lecture to a
house about us full as when Thompson was here - Many of
the common people - all probably - liked him better than any
one who ever lectured here - not excepting even Thompson himself.
Speaking of free discussion he alluded to the Prop - and said before he
an abolitionist would uphold it - he would go out in a
boat into the Atlantic ocean & risk his money &
set up nights to earn the money to pay for the boat.
Such sentiments as this took into the multitude.

You may think the 4 last lines if you have difficulty to read is
intended by its appearance for poetry, but do not try to make it rhyme
I only left a place for my seal. They teach up 25¢ Decem Newsoms
I heard give - nothing - I suppose he kept all at Mr P's invitation
to give next Sabbath to the Bible Society - Can't you see the effect
it would have? After meeting (he got through a few minutes after
9 o'clock) I went up to your house with Warren, & the ladies
every staid for Stanton - your father took off at the first &
your mother did not go. I was introduced to Stanton, never
having seen him in a row before - I liked him pretty
well - but don't think I should let your mother know, if time
does plan it so. He was remarkably civil to me a fault I conclude
he is not always guilty of. He spoke & acted as if he had seen me
before - your mother had a table set with apple-pie - cake - cups -
custard - bread & butter with milk & water - I thought Stanton from
his feasting would be better at home, Warren, Caroline, Brewster & Mary
Ann left at about 10. Stanton told Warren he should go back to the
table room as he got them off & he did. I left them in my own house
with Grew he going with me to stay the night. Murdy Brewster
brothers Whittier & Pratt took him Stanton to Glenover where
he had engaged to lecture in the afternoon - your mother expected
him back at night, but they left him - as he gave two lectures
one in the evening - took up three pledges of 100 \$ - & 40 from the

female society which they raised by sewing - they would
feel in the most selfish place in earth. the society put the
24 of which was took up here about night into the treasury &
then paid out their pledge of 40. Stanton told them he should
have the 24 in addition to the 40 pledged. I was heartily ashamed
of the trick - but Greary says they think of trying a few of
them to make up the 24 - I hope they will. Stanton was left
at Hanover & we have not heard from him since - I write to him
at Gutter as he was to be there Wednesday to Luttrell, and sent
the letter to Weston by Lucia who left with Fairfield yesterday
morning - Stanton promised to call on Corliss - but I think it
doubtful if he did. Thursday 22. Yesterday morning I left home at 9
o'clock in the morning for the purpose of getting names to the
petition - I had before got from Eben Stymonds to the next
children - got 23. No-day I went & took home rest about 20 more
They do much better I think than last night - I mean
last year. One little piece of news I gathered up - I called
at brother Pratt's - the (Mrs P.) came to the door & said her
name was on the petition - Mrs Sibbalds - I therefore refused
to go in - when she said O! you will come in a moment
& see the babe - of course I did - & among other questions
asked her what she called it - she said "Marie Chapman"
& added. Mr Pratt thinks very highly of Mrs Chapman, & was

determined to have her so called - I was convulsed
almost, I intend to write to Maria & tell her she
must send it - a night of Harry & Sons of the Fair.
is it not funny? Many children was named last
night - had 60. there - they give me a piece of
cake - when I get back for us Mrs Sibbalds - she came & call-
ed me in - showed me some collars - which Mrs Correy had
made to sell - & which she had brought, to assist her - quite
pretty - she presented me with one. Our annual meeting
comes on next Monday, & we have not thoughts out to send
to you until after that - but then my paper is almost
filled up - so I shall send this to-morrow according to your
order. Your mother & Emma are here this evening.
Greary leaves Weymouth Saturday morning & Weston on Monday
I shall feel considerable at his leaving, I hope he will study &
do well - but alas I have but little confidence in any thing
that seems more apparel. Your mother is busy fixing off Greary
Emma reads her best love - she is looking quite well - & I believe
talks of going to Weston on Saturday. I hardly think she will - all
of the family are comfortable - Mother is about as the was
when I wrote last - the weather has made me more ill - &
Phoebe is not as well as common - similar about the same - we
expect G. Simpson some this week - the letter I had from her
the day I had yours she mentioned coming & invited me to
retire with her - I told her I could not this week - I think
I may go to Cambridge and Weston for a few days in a week
or two - In 8 weeks more & you will be coming. I hope you
will come once in the time - it will do us all good. I suppose the

weeks go off faster to me than to you - but it does look some
time to think you will not be here for 8 weeks - but how ever it will
be gone - how soon all our life - I was delighted that you would
not go to hear the slaveholder - delighted too that the matter was tal-
ked over so much - I love my son & my heart will not be so
inanimate - nor will you be so pleasantly situated as Hannah Freshman
who partakes of slave-labor. How would it operate though if when
the slave brought up Hannah's horse she refused to ride - I would
I should think I acted contrary to my principles if I did not.
Phyllis & Phoebe send much love & say they think of you much - your
grandmother sends love & desires you to take great care of yourself - I have no
more for more messages. Write very short & charge them to send letters back which
you send to Boston. Mine I linger in leaving off writing, it seems as if I were taking
leave of you. Fortunately your Mary Weston

Mary Weston
Sept 23

Mrs Deborah Weston

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Now that I have got this sheet full - it seems as if I had said
nothing you would want to hear - but I have told you every thing
I could think of - I hope you have heard from Anne - we have not a
word - they are so occupied in Boston that they think of nothing we want
they should. If they have letters keep them. I sent Anne to Anne that I
thought 3 weeks was enough to stay at Boston - but was candid & told
her mother & Caroline received nothing she should stay just as long
as she pleased - And if they had your letter I could have said you
remind us too - I am not willing - I think three weeks is sufficient to
prove the air & as they are no beloved friends - and the beauty just now
is one as it is to me it would be wrong to stay. of course she will not be the trials best.