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Boston. Sept 17. 1836.

My Dear Debra. I wrote to you rather more than a week ago and think that by this time you will be glad to hear again. To say the truth, I have just a vivid recollection of my own lonely situation in N. B. that I feel as if you would think that ten cents would be in no way so well paid out as in the payment of postage. I must begin methodically, or I cannot go on. Thursday night I sent off my letter to you and one to Caroline. Mr. Chaplin spent the evening here. Friday I went with Mary and called upon Mrs. Keuff the Pres of the A. S. Society. He is true blue, some of the truest that I ever have seen. Abolition is her alpha & omega and she is prepared to do any thing, to go any lengths. I staid an hour & had a good time. Saturday I rejoiced myself in the thought that you had a leisure day & I used to like the day so well that I supposed you would. I dare say you went to the Mansion House. As for myself I called on Mrs. Robins or Val the Butters. Mrs. B. entertained me with long accounts of the glory of her daughter Rebecca who is a teacher in Georgia. Rebecca however holds fast her Abolition views and says that she would not live in a slave country for the world. A longer my cement I suppose of Professor Bush's in fluence. Sunday the rain descended & the floods came. It poured in torrents & none of us went to meeting, & I read sundry good books. Monday I copied Society letters. Tuesday it was a lovely day. It was so beautifully warm. Miss Capell called to see me. He is kind as any kithy, for in the ecclesiastical warfare he espouses the Abolition. He is one of those women who love to be led by a man and as the Dr. is very willing to do that thing they go on finely. In the afternoon Mary & I went to ride with the Dr. & had a very good time. We went up by the bridge that was broken in over the haskins and then round by the rollers road home. We alighted on our way home, & found plenty of whittlebeins. Mr. Chaplin here in the evening. Wednesday I came to the conclusion to put a blister; true, I was tolerably well, for my pick had troubled me but little and my cough also. Still, I had come to the conclusion that my stomach was well enough & that it was some thing else. I thought too that it could do no harm; besides if I ever meant to put it on I thought now was the best time, as here was all medicine all ready to prescribe to tell all & how about it; whereas, in Boston I should not like to send for Montan & I had less confidence in Dr. Field than in Dr. Farnsworth. I could see no earthly mistake why Dr. F. should not advise as well as he could for me, & indeed, I believe that his regard for me is enough to induce him to do so. Therefore on Thursday noon he spread me a nice little blister very symmetrical & kindly offered to put it on. This I declined, thinking it would be what the brethren who are not greenified call an expose. Miss Gray

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however officiated instead and about three or lock when it began to feel a little like drawing I went to bed. I was in that state, that is neither sleeping nor working, which may be denominated a prose, when I was startled by a knock at the post door and in a few moments could hear Dr Farnsworth giving a captious recitation to some body. My curiosity was roused for I did not know as there was any body in the whole world he would be so glad to peep but finally I supposed it to be some Masonic enemy and composed myself again, when in rushed Mary exclaiming "Theodore Weld has come." Up started I, down came my curls, and in less time than you could well imagine I shook myself into order & rushed down. He received me with open arms. He had come from Acton to see Chaplin, had been to his house, found him away & so came direct to Exe the Drs to stay till 5 when Chaplin was to be at home. This was about 4. Down we all sat, he began to talk & my blister began to draw and my enjoyment of the one was so great that I wholly forgot I had the other on. He said that his success has been glorious. He has engaged 35 lecturers and wants to have in all 80 or more. I asked him if they were fine lecturers "oh yes" said he, "we will take prose now but first ante; when we began we had to take any thing we could get, some Seminary boys and any thing, but now we desire to have the best." He has got Mr Woodbury to go, to leave the people & all, both the Thurotans of Maine, Rev Mr Kneeland, Mr Sabine of Vermont who has been a devotee for some time and how many more I know not. He was going to get Mr Grop of Boston if he could. He says that as soon as he hears of a minister sound in the faith, firm by settled, whom every body says "you wont get" then he goes right for time man and it appears he almost always gets him. He threatens them with all the judgments of Heaven, if they dont go. Chaplin has consented to go, but not immediately. The Am mid or affair is not yet sufficiently settled for him to leave this part of the world. When he goes, he never it shall be in Pennsylvania that he lectures. Weld has spoken no where, but has been all over Maine & been out N Hampshire. He was in just the same state of mind as when we saw him at Channing Place. Speaking to the Dr of Dr Beecher the Dr said that they thought at Park street of giving Dr B a call with such solemnities. "But, I think" said the Doctor, "he would be glad to be away from the West" "He, yes;" said Theodore "could he only be away from Lane Seminary, he would say that he had a goodly heritage & the lines had fallen to him in pleasant places, if he were in the middle of a cedar swamp." Speaking of Thome he said that he had injured his health by lecturing when he was not able; he was advised against it, but he persisted & held a public discussion to which he had been challenged. "I knew" said he "that he would kill himself if he went on preaching up the pulch in that way." I have told you the story, for the sake of introducing what I have under lined. I thought it such a significant expression. It speaks volumes, or rather it tells a great deal in a few words. It is what Weld said I do not think he will lecture

any where in this region. His field of labor is after he has received the agent
is to be in Conn. Perhaps he will be able to ride over in to Mass now & then
He wrote to Dr Follen asking him to let him know whether he would consider
the proposition for becoming an agent for a moment, because if he would
he (Weld) would come to Stockbridge & talk the whole thing over. Weld stated
that he had a letter in reply stating that he should be delighted to see him,
& that he was fully aware of the honor of the commission proffered. He showed
delight in the work & wished he could undertake, but that there were cir-
cumstances that rendered it impossible. Weld thought this referred to Dr F's
being a foreigner. Weld was going to Boston next day. He just put down to tea
with us, eat a bit of bread & a glass of water & then went. He was going back
to Acton that evening & from there to Roxbury to see Mr Croft & then back to
Acton again. After he was gone, Miss Jennings, a young lady who has been a
sewer with Mr Bailey, who has been insane & is at Dr Wilkes on that account
came & made a call and then Mrs Muzz and Mrs Boutelle. The last part
of the time I was rather in a fret for my blister began to call my attention.
But on the whole, it was not as bad as I had thought it would be; when
I came to go to bed, I found it all drawn, so took the blister off & put on a
cabbage leaf. The next morning was pretty comfortable, and the next after
soon so comfortable as to go to meeting. It was a Church Fast which had
been appointed for the purpose of composing the difficulties. Miss Capell presided
on the do to go which was more than I had expected. By all that was said
a stranger would infer that the church had been at internal periods (points)
with each other. Mr Phelps spoke very well but warily. He let out poppines
Abolition but exhorted all to forgive & forget. Deacon Cragin made a prayer
& a speech; both giving evidence of a very Christian state of feeling on his part.
Deacon Adams prayed in a manner that gave a fair peering & chaplain
made the concluding prayer. He made a testimony of it. There was no mis-
take about the prayer. He confessed the sins of the church in a pretty specific
manner. He then prayed for all wretchedly minded irreligious, fearful professors
of religion every where that they might ^{come} up to the great work of converting the
world, without any fear of man, that they might understand what the
religion of Christ really consisted in, that they might tread in the footsteps of
the Martyrs & Apostles who had gone before. Finally he prayed for the pa-
trials for all who were enslaved among us &c. All this he did in a very
straight forward, solemn & perceiving manner. After meeting we had com-
pany to tea, Rev Mr Phelps, Mr Herrick the new Preceptor & Chaplain.
Mr P is a pleasant man, who sings well, but he evidently avoided the
Abolition question. Mr Herrick is very so Polish. When I came from meeting
I found a bundle from Caroline, for I had sent for more clothes. She
was well when she wrote; the pain had left her. Stoughton was going down
to Weymouth to day. She thought of going Friday afternoon. Martin &
Little Henry were down there & going to stay till after Sunday. The (C) advised

me to stay here for the present, so I suppose, I shall stay a week longer. Mr
W comes on Thursday next to stay one or two days. pity that you are not
going to be here for he makes that his head quarters. My health is certainly
better. I have not had a ny pain in my side since I put on the blister, so am
going to put it on again to morrow. This the Dr advises and as it is a trifling
pain I mean to go by his advice. My cough still continues though it is diminished
I want you to write to me here in Lynton as soon as you get this & tell
all & how about every thing. I hope you are comfortable. I solve yourself with
the thought that you have only 9 weeks left. Just think of Mr Bologers having by
Salem Street.

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Miss Debora Weston
Care of Rev. Mr. Bent.

New Bedford, Mass.

Give much love to Mr & Mrs Bent to Miss C, Lydia & Abby if she is there. I suppose
that Caroline has written to you. Also remember me most affectionately to Mr B &
his wife & to all the girls at school. Write me just how you get along & who of
them you like best. Were I you I would call on Helen Whitney. Miss C will go with
you can report me to all the N. B. people who ask for me as at Lynton for my health
& as rather improving. The Academy has opened here with 50 scholars. All the
Dr's children go, or are to go. Do you see aught of the Holmes's & if so what do they say
do not put too much confidence in any one in N. B. but be prudent.
I would give most a little to see you, but as it cannot be, good bye

ever yrs Anne.

Do not omit to write as soon as you get this