

Boston Dec 21. 1836.

Wednesday afternoon.

My Dear Deborah, I closed my letter to you on Thursday evening last and will begin where I left off on Friday morning I called upon Mrs Shipley to warn her to attend the meeting of the Fair Committee at our house Saturday Mrs S gave me a very nice veil for the fair which was valued at 12 dollars. I then called on Mrs Libbey who is a pretty looking little creature. Then called at the Kroons but there was no news. We had a letter from Hervey at noon which was rather comforting than otherwise. He said that he had nothing to do with the "we believe" & that Mr Colton in conversation with him, appeared to give full credit to his veracity. He also acknowledged that he had neglected his studies, but said that he certainly had not had a well vacation, for that would quite unfit him for any thing. He told some particulars relative to the late Anti Abolition riot at N. H. & said that the Faculty were in a great state of alarm. Saturday it was a pouring rain as you doubtless well know. I sorrowed to think that your cloak would be of no use. The Committee were most of them prevented from coming by the rain. A few appeared however Mrs Child, Maria, Mary Chapman, & Miss Paul. We agreed to every thing that seemed desirable, determined to ask only nine pence, for entrance money &c. Mrs Child has obtained considerable money for the Samaritan Asylum, she wrote to Jonathan Phillips who called upon her the next day & gave her \$50; then she wrote to Manlius Savageant who sent her 10 & a very handsome Anti Slavery letter stating that he rejoiced in the fact that there were some bright spirits to whom the distinctions of black & white looked much as they would do after the poisoning of the Resurrection.

* Rev M Young in conversation with a friend remarked "There has lately been a wow at Cambridge." "A wow!" said his friend "yes, a wiot I mean." "A wiot!" "You know what I mean, a rebellion."

Jenemiah Mason also gave ten. Sunday morning we all went
down to Salem St in the hope of hearing Mr Towne, but no such
thing; we heard a Mr Goodwin of Bridgewater. In the after-
noon Lucretia & I started for the Free Church, but we met
Mr Soper on the road, who invited us to go into Mr Blagden's
which I invite me accepted. Mr Blagden preached tolerably.
Monday I called on Ange & found her still very sorrowful
at being separated from Melina. In the afternoon I
had a letter from Dr Jarvisworth, stating that he should not
be able to come to the Fair; that Mary had been quite sick
much as she was last winter, but was now better. I had too
a long letter from the Rev Mr Richmond of Taunton enclosing
a petition with 72 names. This letter was dull & common place
but breathed a true spirit. Tuesday I went down to Knott's
& carried those slippers which were begun for Henry but
which have been transferred to the Fair under the im-
pression that they would just do for Wensley Shipp. I then
called at Chaucery Place, found they had received \$5 from
the Reading sisters & were quite panguine. While I was gone
Mrs Sewall & Miss Winslow called to get the petition. Miss
Winslow is going to be one of the sellers. Just after I got
home, Margaret Fuller called. She was more magnificent than
usual & held forth at a great rate, respected the probable
fact that in her forthcoming book Miss Martineau might
assume a partisan attitude. Just after dinner Marine came
in full feather. She had just received a Glasgow Discus-
between Thompson & Baerkinridge, and a note written in
great haste, but very affectionate from Jane Smear a
Quaker, one of the Glasgow sisters, & it she says that they
are fully determined to identify themselves with Mr Brock-
in midges "odious household" that she feels "as if she had
personal friends in America, so familiar are the names &
and characters of the Chapmans, Weston's Amudors &c in her
mind." While this note was reading Ange came in & shared
in the glory. Then Abby Southwick, Mrs Purdy & Ellen Read
called. We were in the greatest possible drive of getting ready
for the Fair & in the evening Eliza came. I forgot to say in

the proper place, that he came on Saturday night. Both evenings he staid till 10. He appeared much as usual. Whether he is going to stay in the city I cannot tell, but when he went he told me that I should come to the fair & I bade him bring all his friends with him. Poor fellow, I wish he may have any. I believe him to be a very free thinking unbelieving young man, but I am fond of him. To day has been a pouring rain but fortunately it has cleared & is now bright moon light. Maria is going to have Mrs Child sleep at her house and Caroline has gone down there to stay too. We are all worn out & tired to death. Caroline has made 11 dolls worth of things for the fair & Aunt Mary \$5, & gets. I gave only my 12 bags & wrote a piece of poetry in Ann Chapman's Book. Lucia's sewing circle gave \$25, & worth Maria has had a new dress, a light pink for the occasion. I wish I could write more "but I can't" My pen is ready to fall from my fingers with weariness. Mary Louie is here staying. She went to day. We expect E. Sampson tomorrow. How I wish you were going to be here. I will write after it is all over. All Friday afternoon. Dear D. I finished my letter night before last in the midst of great confusion & hurry, packing up my things and getting ready for the fair. About 12 I went to bed & all worn out. The morning of the 22 was bright & beautiful. I was up long before light and drove to the Artists Gallery by 1/2 past 6. There Mrs Child, Maria, Caroline, Ann Chapman & I strove till we arranged the things which had come in, in great profusion. The sellers were beside those whom I have named. Miss Intention, Miss Sargent, Miss Paul, Lucretia, Mrs Pardy, Angel & Mrs Libley, Mrs Merriam, Lucy Ellen Winslow. Maria looked like a beauty; her new pink is the colour of your cloak with a small dark figure thereon; she had her hair dressed with great taste & wore on her neck a long beautiful crimson mantle of Mrs Chapman's. Ann looked very well. She wore a cap & part of the time her new cloak; as to myself I wore of course, my light pink with a red & black half of Anger's. I believe I took no care; that is nothing special. A large concourse of people were assembled in the morning but no

body of special note. A few worldly people were present
Mrs S. G. Williams, Mrs Trull, Mrs Chief Justice Shaw & some
of that sort. Kidwell came about 10 & staid most of the forenoon
he was a very good customer & bought nearly \$10 worth. He seemed
to be in a very good humour and quite interested. He asked
to select some thing pretty, for Sarah Ann, and we together chose
one of Charles's bags that had no motto, the light lead
colour trimmed with white. He then took a pocket hdkg lying
near & instructed me to put that into the bag & he wrote a few
lines & did it up for her and gave it to Lucia to give to her
when she came. The hdkg was a beautiful linen cambric trimmed
with lace & faggot stitched, price \$3, the bag \$1. I gave him a
pen wiper like yours which he received civilly & pretty soon went
out & returned with 2 books entitled "the Slave or Memoirs of C. C. Moore"
printed by Eastburn but not published. He with much
assurance presented them to me, as something I might wish
to read & I received them with many thanks. We did not
any of us go home to dinner save Maria went to Chauncy
pt to dine with them. Garrison, Wendell Phillips & Mrs Childs
were the only other guests. Wendell, by the way came to the
Fair in the forenoon & bought \$2.50 dollars worth. He bought
Ann C's book which contained her poetry & a piece of mine, &
\$5 & a cameo ring of Maria's for \$15 though the price was
only 10 & a half. In the afternoon we had not quite so many
people. Sarah Ann was there only a little while, but was
much delighted with her present. About the middle of the
afternoon Kidwell appeared again & took his place by
the cake table and sat to expectation in order, I suppose to
prove his deal in the cause. He staid till tea time when
I, not having been home all day went into Chauncy
pt to tea, he went with me, & talked with the utmost
ironical ease, said he was going to review the book, &
thought he should write a severe critique. I got my tea well
back & found him there, at which place he staid till past
ten, when we left & locked up, & he came home with me
bringing 3 bonnet stands with him that I had bought
in the morning to hang things on, of a milliner. In fine he
certainly did well, for he staid by & stood by. I came home
all wearied & worn out, requiring beer on my feet the
whole day.

I sat down however & read Elizabeth's book through. I do
the whole, liked it. It is a faithful representation of Southern
manners; the story is interesting & it is thoroughly anti-slavery
in its character, goes the whole figure. Still I should not
call it insurrectionary. But I will pay no more, for in
the course of a few days I shall send it you. But say
nothing as to whom you think wrote it, for though the
young man has placed no confidence in it we will
treat him honourably. The Kell was filled to overflowing
in the evening. This morning the result was found to be
that we had made of 543. We are perfectly satisfied
with it, still Ann & Mary say they can never take the res-
ponsibility of another; for they rather give their money
outright than be at so much trouble & expense. The money
was paid into Henry's hands this morning. We are now
clear. Henry thinks the debts of the Mass. will now be
paid all off. Miss Bailey came to me about the parcels of
yesterday afternoon & gave me your letters. You need
not ask for 2 shillings. It was beautiful, but I
could ask no more for it, because there were no money,
read your letter standing at my table in the midst of great
hurry. I introduced Miss B to Angelina & to Maria. This
morning I called on her, & had quite a pleasant time. I shall
send 25 reports by her which I hope Mr Underwood will
sell. I shall send by this chance some of your things that I
can look up. As to transferring my collection, you must get
the minister if you do it, for I have no money to spare. The
only thing I got at the Fair was a bag of Charlottes whi.
They gave me the money to buy. Elizabeth Sampson came
over to day to stay in the a day or two. Aunt Mary will go to
Cambridge with her when she returns to stay over Sunday.
Sylvia's baby is to be christened and then Aunt M will
come back here & stay several days & then probably go to
Weymouth. I have one fearful piece of news to communi-
cate. The fact that Maria is in a family way seems to be
pretty well ascertained. She is sick all the time. The
thing that I care most about is that it will break up

her going to N. York. I shall send the Quarterly if possible
I will come to N. B. if possible when Bro Bent comes next
time alone. Cass line opposes it on the score of health, but
really think it will be better than to come in the spring.
All kinds you find at the Fair.
very truly yrs
Annell W. Weston

Miss Debra Weston.

Bro N. T. Bent.

New Bedford.

Miss A. M. Bailey.

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