

Boston. Oct 25. 1837.

Wednesday evening.

My Dear Debra,  
I sit down to record a fairly striking  
field; I am sure you will enjoy the reading of it, still  
more would your eyes have been rejoiced by the sight of it.  
To proceed to particulars, you will remember that at the  
Annual Report meeting, the Report was unanimously  
accepted. Maria after its acceptance, asked that a voluntary  
Committee might meet with the Board at her house to alter  
any phraseology that they might deem objectionable in the  
Report. The Board met accordingly at Manso's, when both  
behind Mary Parker brove had the idea that the Report had  
been committed to their hands for any accession in parti-  
ment & she was for striking out the whole of the part relative  
to the Free Church, Dear on Gulliver &c. Miss Sullivan & the  
Balls stuck to the same doctrine and a stormy debate  
ensued. Maria declared it had never entered her heart to  
alter an idea or to allow the Board, or ever the Society to do  
so. They were at liberty to reject it, & they might do so  
with the positive assurance that she would be equally  
well pleased as with its acceptance. I said that the  
Board, as the Report had been accepted by the Soc, were not  
at liberty to reject it & I therefore moved that another  
meeting of the Society be held. This was accordingly resolved  
on & a meeting was held this afternoon. It was a tolerably  
full one. Mary Parker, Miss Sullivan, Miss Ball, Mrs  
Shipley spoke against it, Mrs Shipley on the ground that  
it did not become us as women to take up the affairs  
of the Free Church and the rest on the ground that the  
inferences were not just, it was going out of our way &c.  
Maria, M. Sargent, Mrs Southwick & I spoke in its favor  
also a Miss Forbes, who by the bye, did very well, & Mrs  
Loomis. It was a fairly fought field and when the  
vote was taken, I should say this might be a reason-  
able account of the matter for & perhaps 12 against.  
I really think that Mary Parker has suffered so much  
in this matter that she was relieved on the whole that  
matters went as they did, but Miss Sullivan & the Balls  
felt bitter bad. You have not seen the Report. It is far  
better than either of the others. It is principally taken  
up with the Ministry and deals with the National  
Letter properly, also with Mr Fitch & Dear on Gulliver &  
gives most excellent data to Mr Stearns of Cambridge port  
Robert Hall Mr Blagden & others. Parts of it are really  
sublime. It is to be published at the expense of the  
Society and will, I doubt not sell well. I think there  
must be a sifting of our Society soon, but there is genuine  
spirit in it I assure you. I should the National stood to  
their guns as well. Mary Parker looks best out with it

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A week ago to day Lucretia started for Sappalus neck. Mr Reed was going on as far as Philadelphia. We expect to hear from her tomorrow. She went in very good spirits. Thursday Pa came in town, & brought Lucia & took out Ma. I went over to Cambridgeport & dined at Melvonia's. They have a most beautiful house, beautifully furnished. It looks as nice as their house in Mt Vernon street used to. Melvonia was looking quite delicate. I imagine she had a hard time. Her baby is the smallest living creature I ever saw. Anne & Miss Sylvia appear as cosy as cosy can be. I hope her present comfortable situation will prevent Anne from doing any thing rash. After dinner, I walked over to Sylvia Olsen's where Aunt Mary was staying. I staid there till Saturday afternoon & had a very pleasant visit. John was gone to Philadelphia. I read & eat & worked on a slipper which I am making for the Fair for Henry to buy. On Friday, had it not rained Aunt M & I would have gone up to Mr Mack's to carry you a letter for Harriet Brastow to take. What school is she to keep there. Aunt Mary & Lucia went to Cambridge & staid last night. They found Mrs Soule there. She & Eliza Beth are going to pass a few days with us. I will now proceed to detail any little misalliances. Mrs Bailey is so much better as to be out of the hospital, boarding with the Dr's family and she is to go to Hamilton in a week or two. Anna Cleveland has been confined & has lost her baby. Elizabeth Moorfield is supposed to be engaged to Augustus Richards. Mr Garrison has written a long article in my book but I have not yet seen it. Mrs Garrison is to be confined in January. Mary Chapman has been to Birmingham & passed the day. Ann Lamy & Wendell are our happy as Lords. We hope to manage it so as to have the Misses Grimké deliver a course of lectures before our Society. Maria & I are chosen a Committee to carry it into effect. I wonder we could get the Semple. We hope to get up an Italian class here for Marvotti, but it is somewhat uncertain. I will leave this letter open till tomorrow, as then I may have some thing to tell you. Good night & joy be with you. yrs A.

Dear Debra, I have kept this till the present time Saturday Oct 28. hoping to have heard from Lucretia no. To day the Grimkes came to Mr Fuller's. I called there but saw them only for a few moments, as it was late nearly dinner time. They are looking well & think they shall go to N. Bedford. I wish you could stir up some of my friends there to come & get me. They have gone to S. Litchfield this afternoon, & are to lecture in Bro May's meeting house tomorrow night. They will



remain, I suppose a short time in that region.  
Maria received a letter to day from Dr Farnsworth  
conjurin<sup>g</sup> her to talk with Bro Phelps for he had had  
a letter from him which made him fear he was  
going over to the Fitch party. Maria & I immediately  
called on Mrs P. hoping to see him. He was out however.  
Poor Mrs Phelps is confined to her room & most of  
her friends fear she will live but a few weeks. She  
has a dreadful cough, raises blood constantly &c. Her little  
boy is a sweet little creature. I cannot think but  
that dear Bro Phelps will come right. A box of  
things arrived to day from Glasgow. Some of them  
were quite pretty. Very few of them however were  
useful. Caroline, Miss Kendall, Aunt Mary & Lucia  
are gone out to the Seymours to tea. I have concluded  
to keep this letter till Monday, then I will send it  
"till what tide".

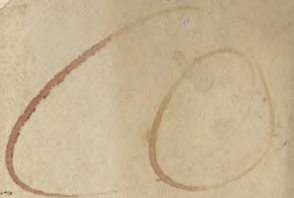
Monday morning Oct 30.

Childreth was here last night. He has been at Washington  
reporting for the Ctllas. He is thoroughly whiggified,  
but his conscience does not seem altogether  
how soon it will be I cannot say. He is going  
have his trial the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov, & is going back  
Washington the next session. He asked for you & inq<sup>u</sup>  
when you were coming home. I went to St Pauls  
yesterday & heard Mr Stone, Aunt M & D. in the  
afternoon to the Catholic church where we saw  
Bishop Jenwick, who by the way rivalled the Indians  
in his personal appearance. I suppose you see  
by the papers that all Boston is running in a string  
after the Indians. They held a service of Monement due  
for the Tories to day. Miss Kendall & the children  
have been & reported that such a crowd they  
never saw. The Hall was thronged. They are expected  
to dance the war dance on the common this afternoon.  
Aunt Mary goes to Dedham tomorrow to pass a week.  
We have not yet heard from Lucretia, I will  
write you soon after we do hear. Mr Bailey has gone  
to Hamilton to day with the children to carry Mrs Bailey.  
Write soon by mail if you have no chance.  
Yrs ever Anne



Several sons

This  
supernatural  
letter came from  
distant. She is  
well & sends  
love.



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