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My Dear Friend,

I trust that it is not necessary for me to assure you that my thoughts have been almost constantly with you, since I heard of dear Mrs. Garrison's illness. I did not write to you, at first, but contented myself with sending a message in my letter to William; for I felt that you must be so entirely engrossed with your wife's perilous condition, that even a letter from a friend might seem an intrusion. But now, as I hear, from time to time, encouraging accounts of her, I may tell you how deeply I have sympathized with you in the suffering which you have endured. I trust that the painful anxiety and suspense are passed; and that you are only hopefully watching dear

Mrs. Garrison's recovery. It must, of course, be slow and tedious, and attended with much suffering; but that seems light in the great joy we all feel in the fact that she is recovering.

I have eagerly sought information concerning her condition, from various sources. It was very kind in William to write to me twice; and I am indebted to Mr. & Mrs. May for intelligence; and have, also, received most encouraging tidings from my sister Susan, in Providence, which she must have obtained from Mrs. Anthony. My latest information is from Mary Ann Johnson, who was here last evening.

I should esteem it a great privilege to be near you all; and be able to minister to my dear friend in her illness; and share some of Fanny's household cares.

I am very glad

to learn from Mrs. Johnson, and from others, that you are recovering from the injury which your back received; but I should be better satisfied to hear your own testimony on the subject. I feared, at first, that it might prove a very serious matter.

I have been strongly attracted to Boston this winter. The Festival & the glorious meetings you have there, at this season, would have drawn me thither, had not the necessity of preparing my Annual Report of the Phil^a. Female A. S. Soc^y. detained me here, just at that time. What a success the Festival was!

Our morning paper brought us, today, the announcement of the Reception of our noble friend George Thompson, in Boston, at which the Governor of Massachusetts presided. Fitting acknowledgment from Massachusetts to the man whom Boston once mobbed.

"Thus round and round we run."

For my own part, I am constantly inclined to sing anthems of thanksgiving; not that I think the work wholly done, and the time of our discharge arrived, but I am full of hope & faith that it is very nigh, even at the door.

Phillips Brooks (God bless him!) the most promising occupant of any Phil.^{ic} pulpit, says to me, speaking of abolitionists; "Why didn't you stay in the church?" Ah! if we had; — where would now be the church or the State, or the slave, or such men as he? Our cause is gloriously justified, & the world is acknowledging that God has been its leader.

Please give my love to Mrs. Garrison, and to Fanny, & William & Frank. I mean to write to Wendell in a few days. I hear that he is doing admirably well in the Independent.

If Mr. Thompson has not forgotten me (as most likely he has) I should like to assure him of my continued regard. very cordially, Yrs.
Miss Brew.