

W<sup>h</sup> Follen's death  
"Anniversary Festival,"

Jan. 1860

Weymouth Jan 4

My dear Mary,

I am very  
glad to report good success this  
year for the Cause by means  
of the Anniversary Subscription.  
I cannot yet tell to fraction  
but it cannot fall far short of  
\$6000. which is wonderful at  
such a moment. Of previous  
absorption of funds by Brown  
Matthew, there was enough to have  
made us despair of being able to  
raise a cent - & how it is that  
we have done so I know not.  
It proves the great progress of  
the Cause for every thousand  
dollars we can raise, it is  
far to assume that, the links  
of the chain behind where  
we have hold of it, are ceasing

a hundred thousand. Not  
less than \$600,000 must  
have been spent this year  
in the various enterprises  
& goodheart plans which have  
a reluctance toward Anti-Slavery  
— a febble rising of the will  
against this American Bondage  
that weighs down our land.

— Perhaps I am within the  
mark. A million may  
have been spent. Well — we  
are the cause of all that.  
& them that have given  
us 6000 dollars are strengthening  
the rage — the very advanced  
part of the movement. I am  
speaking now neither in praise  
of the American Anti-Slavery  
Soc in blame of what falls  
short of it & has not grace to

stand by it? I am merely  
stating the facts of the case, &  
why it is that the world ought  
to be grateful to you, for stand-  
ing by us.

We arranged the great  
Music Hall to resemble a saloon  
of reception in one's own  
home, - with all the pendants  
of each household hearth - but  
picture memorial. There was  
the address of your father's  
sitting up in the west of  
England against Slavery &  
there was his Bust, with  
those of Garrison, Phillips,  
Sumner & Manning, - with  
portraits of Dr Tollen, Harriet  
Martineau, John Brown  
Theodore Parker, S. J.

May, & the great sheet of  
Washington's signatures, to represent

the race our fates are bound  
up with. I enclose the lines  
which were sung on the occa-  
sion. There were 4000 different  
persons in the hall during the  
evening, & all happy, well  
dressed & friendly: persons of  
all classes, from "the pilled  
Salms of Goshon" - (as our poor  
dear Mr. Alger is presented  
for having <sup>in a general way</sup> called the Everett  
Institution) to the remote country  
neighbourhoods. It was a remark-  
able union, where it is consid-  
ered that there was no fee to keep  
people out - & the certainty of  
good though slight refreshment  
within, - (a Paris tea-table  
in its slender repetition,) & that  
they were evoked from the rest  
of the Community by public ad-  
vertisement, as those who "wish  
there were no such thing as slavery."

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I must say it was nothing less than an inspiration of the most fortunate kind, that put a stop to the Law, & substituted the Anniversary. Already we are telling very strongly in a social as well as in a pecuniary capacity. — Anti-Slavery Society against Pro Slavery Society by drawing from it, & not driving it.

It will be a great instrument hereafter — susceptible of any degree of modification & improvement. Now shall I tell you what we have undergone of bereavement? — I delayed — that I might not pain before I had rejoiced your heart — but I must at length tell you of the loss — irreparable & many

yet which we have sustained  
in the death of Mrs Fuller.  
I will not be selfish, nor  
dwell on what this loss is to  
me. Since 1834, when she was  
47 years old & I, 27, we have  
been as one life. She was  
72 years & six months old.

"Gone to the grave in all  
her glorious prime" — at three  
score years & ten! it was  
a remarkable preservation of  
the charms — more than the  
charm & beauty of youth.  
She was younger in feeling —  
ready for action — her heart  
more readily flooded with  
emotions, than most young  
persons. We said to one another  
but the week before she said —  
"Now happy we are to

have lived, were it only for  
the joy we have had in  
each other!" She seemed too  
full of life for me to admit  
any thought that she could  
die, though so near the appointed  
term of human life. She was  
ill only 8 days - & the suddenness  
& the fact that I could not  
see her during her illness  
make a profound fixity in  
my continual sense of loss.  
Mr. Garrison spoke of her fittingly  
before the great audience at  
the Tremont temple - of  
all her devoted constancy & fearless  
love: - of all her worth, & trust  
& faith. Mr. Quincy wrote the  
article in the Standard - Mrs  
Child the resolution in the report  
of the Meeting. Their life was  
too near mine for me to dwell  
upon at such a time. I could

My love to all the Bristol friends: their names are  
not here spoken with the  
general calmness with which  
a general crown should be published  
by placed on such an honour  
front. My father would have  
been my two special & formal a  
honor. He was not only  
my father - ~~my~~ coadjutor -  
my venerated associate in the  
cause, but the delight of my  
eye & the joy of my heart.  
I held I might <sup>best</sup> say what I  
felt; - I developed the duties  
thus not so distinguished by <sup>the</sup> virtue.

I hope there will be no mis-  
take in the acknowledgments. But  
when money comes at different times  
of different persons, as of necessity  
of business, the collation & arranging  
leaves place for error. Two persons  
after report the same sum  
& my best efforts must sometimes  
be conjectural, & a liberal correction afterwards