

in as my own ideas
on the subject.

There is now a clock
and this must go
with it a possibility

I may glance over
see over it, please
to try to supply
all deficiencies, and

begin all business
and believe me
I am friend with
true affection

ever yrs.
Lucia Gilbert

Back St. Sept 25th

I think the chart
2 months we wanted
now as 30 was.

There will be room for a note in her envelope
and the opportunity is too tempting to be over-
looked. I will therefore enclose a line to con-
gratulate you on your return home, and to
rejoice with you in all the happiness you found
there, called up by your arrival. What a day
of joy it must have been to you all to be
united once more, the thought of that reunion
makes me more reconciled to that ~~thought~~ of your
greater separation from us. Besides hope spring
up and I begin to fancy that you will be
seeing cause why a second visit to Europe will
be absolutely necessary at no very distant pe-
riod and then too no doubt it will be essen-
tial that these houses (I beg her pardon for sa-
ying so familiar, but as I have seen it is but
the truth) should accompany you, and we
will hope for "a good time yet" oh dear friends

to meet
I must shut
I must shut

how I wish that the promise was already a
reality and that there was no more sea-
shore invasions would be made on Weymouth
and Boston wharf you would have to keep your
doors bolted and barred against the enemy.
Still though "seeing is believing," yet there is a qua-
lity more blessed, and that is believing without
seeing - and my belief in you and yours, is even
stronger than Annie Chapman's in "Ladder's"
that in spite of the dreary distance I am now
sitting by your side and holding your hand,
and thinking how very glad my spirit is
that it has mingled with yours in that
true companionship which knows nothing of
time or space. Nevertheless with all my phi-
losophy I am not yet reconciled to your having
departed without my being able to bid you
one adieu - it is difficult to reconcile oneself
to this invisible chain of adversity to which
I am in bondage, but it must be borne with
out repining, and at least today I do not feel
disposed to quarrel with it, since it affords me
this hour with you. Our household are gone
to Cleveland to spend the day with Mrs. Anne
Chapman, of course I refer to the latter in a
mysterious sense, but Miss Pugh will perhaps

Just the magic circle into her presence. I hope
them so, for they will like each other. do you not remember
the way you both talked on a similar occasion?
I should indeed to have shared in displaying
the beauties of the plan to Miss Pugh, but
dared not try my small amount of strength
particularly as we have just been going
through the ordeal of the A. S. Show which
has just terminated. I hope you will find
a useful and saleable collection though on
the whole it has less attraction than usual
we must hope that something will be
found in the genus department by next
year. The more we see of Miss Pugh the more
we like her there is something so genuine and
good about her, mingled with so much ad-
mirable sense and quiet fun. It is a great
consolation to us to have prevailed on her
to forego her departure until certainly
the middle of Nov. and by that time we
hope to convince her that it will be her duty
to remain through the winter. I think when our
forces which are now scattered at various winter-
ing places and other localities are once more
collected together she will see that a work lies
before her which she will have no choice to
decline. She has already done good service
at Bath. only think of that stiff Broad

The band divided amongst itself, and some
 of them delighted at the prospect of coming to
 join the Bristol and Clifton Ladies Society.
 There is to be a Comtee here on the 1st of
 and we expect a large party of the Com-
 mittees from Bath which is what Let. Mathew
 calls a "triumph of our principles." They eagerly
 listened to Miss Pugh's exposition, gave
 forth their fears and doubts concerning Quakers
 and the Infidel question - and were comforted
 her replies. Mary's Report is doing good service
 as I think you will comprehend it is fitted
 for when you read it. There are bright
 hopes of the "Advocate" its first number is to
 appear at the large Comtee meeting here
 on the 1st. Many people are looking forward
 to its publication with great interest, and Mr.
 Pugh is now engaged in writing out a list of
Great Britain's wide circulation for it - it is
 to be broad cast over the land at every rate
 and we send it forth full of faith and
 hope. Woud it be funny that Dr. S. Carpenter
 will read the first number at Bridgewater
 where he will be on a visit to his beloved
 that is what we will consider a little plague
 spot in it, which will make him so
 so that I expect afterwards to find it well
 over popular in that district. Mary Brown

got up a box for J. Douglass and £25 in
 money which has made me rather guilty
 of the sin of desiring other mens' goods - Now
 we with the birth of Mrs. D. Carpenter
 will be extinguished a good deal of their zeal
 I do not anticipate another box being sent
 from Boston, as it has arisen from a personal
 feeling more than any close investigation
 of the subject. I must not forget to tell you, and
 will you be sure to remember it, that nothing
 at the present juncture will be so useful
 here as the Mr. Garrison's works, they are eagerly
 sought for as there are so many persons deter-
 mined to investigate the matter for themselves
 so as many as you can send in the box will
 be in the greatest degree acceptable. We are
 looking forward with much interest to the
 arrival of a letter from you and particularly
 desire to know how you get on with Henson
 who we find was your fellow of voyage. On
 Mr. James's return from a tour through Ireland
 we told him you were gone, and in compani-
 onship with Henson - he gave me involuntarily
 stuck, lifted up his hands and exclaimed
 "my stars" adding that he hoped the vessel
 would not explode but that he thought it
 worth. Scoble also is off at last. Brown's let-
 ters in the news papers are not preparing
 him a bit of clown in Canada. I do so pity

his poor wife who those who know her say is
truly estimable but afraid of her husband.
Miss Pugh and Mr. James had a discussion
on the woman's rights question the other evening
Mrs. Scoble's position I suppose remained
of it. Miss P. did good battle on her side of
the question where there was any difference of
opinion. Mary and myself are yet in a
mist as to some of our wrongs - but the
American and English positions are in some
degree different and we cannot perhaps in
all things enter into the latter. As yet I have
read very little on the subject the time and
chance has not fallen to me. We had
tidings of Mrs. Chapman a few days since she
said that they missed you very much but
did not venture to rejoice at a loss which
was a source of such benefit to others. They
were traversing miles of slaw cases in quest
of apartments, but I think all had been
too large or too small. The B'Pileys will
I conclude soon be returning to France. I wish
it had been possible that some relief could
have been afforded to Miss B'Piley, but at
any rate it will be a comfort to them I
think to have seen Mr. Lathin and to have
the opinion of one on whom they can so
thoroughly depend. His conversation with me
on the subject must have its effect in

attempting to reconcile her to the evil, though
she has been hoping so much that something
could be done that it is trying to her to re-
linquish the idea. When she first heard
it she was greatly overcome, but she seem-
ed more comfortable when I called yesterday
morning. They all came hither and I took
them to Mrs. H. Thomas's to see the Beggars.
They are expecting a Mr. Bailey from Ireland
the end of this week, tomorrow I suppose, and
after seeing him their suspicion here will be
accomplished. Mr. Lathin has recommended
them to go to the South of France where I hope
the youngest daughter may improve in health,
but her case seems a more dangerous one
than her sisters. I pity their mother particu-
larly Mr. Bailey at his disadvantage.
You will be sorry to hear that Mr. Bromsby
has been ill again and is only now reco-
vering - every attack seems to leave its
marks behind and under his condition
more precarious. A Mr. Beggelow called
on him a short time before his illness
as minister to the Poor - they soon got on
the slavery question, and he turned out
to be thoroughly pro - Mr. and Mrs. C. found
him at all points of his arguments so that

at last he was constrained to fly the house saying as a parting benediction that he must know more of the subject than he did for. He was just come from America. He called Garrison "blood thirsty" and when Mr. A. related a non resistant argument which Mr. G. had held with him in that very room ~~and~~ he said well Sir then you converted him. We hear that this worthy individual has since been at Manchester or Leeds I forget which retorting the Minister of Parker Pillsbury and the dogs for the edification of those who are weak enough to bark in him. Now unconscious by this has become a long letter instead of what do not imagine that you are called upon to reply to it. I would not do this Miss

Pugh begged me to ask you to hold me in affectionate remembrance and whilst doing so you may as well let the inquiry include all the Park St. circle. Give our best kind regards to your family and my best love to Annie. By the way I began a letter to her once proving satisfactorily to my own mind our relationship but a notion came over me that she might think me somewhat beside myself and so decline the connection. I withheld the proof. Still