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January, & this Wednesday I left off writing Wednesday morning just before dinner. There had been a perfect running fight all the morning. I believe I related to you Ellis' call. Mary Robbins was in & carried the girls to Clementina Morse's wedding at Trinity. In the afternoon we went to the meeting of the Boston Female. Only about 15 or 16 were there. A number of people were gone out of town or were tied with the Fair. The daughters the daughters, Mary Robbins & others were absent who are generally there. Even Lucia & Emma would not go. We passed resolutions of thanks to various friends abroad and voted to take 50 copies of the Liberator, also we voted to send a rather pledge of \$10. to the Herald of Freedom - as we had no money in the treasury. Anna Southwick spoke against this & Sarah spoke for it which shows the difference between the two. There was a little talk about the Herald in which Maria spoke with rather more warmth than was necessary but still she said nothing amiss. She spoke handsomely of Rogers. I was sorry to do a thing which might hurt R's feelings, but still after the idea had once been presented to my mind, it came before me as a duty. You know we once before sent \$10 when the Herald was struggling. I nearly got crushed to death by Ben Russell's funeral which was filling up all Summer & as I came home. The Messrs & various charitable Societies being in the procession. We got ready for a tea fight & Edward Davis & Mary came. Garrison sent an excuse for not coming to tea & Wendell could not come to tea as he was to lecture before the Catholic's Aid Society. I thought "the host acts." We had a successful tea, but as soon as W. & E. Davis found Wendell was to lecture in the City, he must & would go, so I went with him to W's to know when the place was & get tickets. The place was the Temple & W. joyfully gave us tickets. Then I made Edward leave me at Mary Robbins' that I might inform her & he went back to Maria's & got Lucia, Emma & Susan. Mary did not feel well enough to go. We had to wait till 8 which time Mary filled up in telling me of Bishop Oanderdonk & other matters of that sort. You have heard W's lecture so of that I need not speak. Edward Davis was perfectly charmed.

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We all went back to Maria's and Wendell who went in his carriage, took Lucia with him the only attention she says, she has yet received in consideration of her invalid state. We found Garrison there, & the time was filled up with hearing Edward's experiences which have been very bitter. Tom Earle has nearly obscured them, but as he is now busy advocating Compensation it is to be hoped his power for mischief will be abated. Abby Kelley is doing a great work, drawing the lines every where. She is lecturing in Ohio to full houses. Francis Wright is dead & buried at Laurel Hill. A Presby-terian minister attended his funeral, & Abby Kelley testified to his faithfulness in leaving the Church, much to the minister's confusion. Davis plays at the Tremont, where he has had much fight with Judge Fay who is on to the G. P. Party meeting. The Judge says there is no American Society. He says he was willing women should have been members in the Soc but not officers.

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Thursday 9. A Mr Durfee, the Unitarian minister of Dedham called this morning to see about the portrait of some old Williams. It has been bought for \$20. It was one of Julius Ames' pictures. This man (Durfee) wished to buy it for Williams town College of which this man was the founder. He said he would have given twice that sum for it. As soon as he was gone, E. Davis came & then Wendell, Garrison & F. Jackson. It appeared that Durfee had never been summoned. Maria & I both said we regretted this as we believed he had some business to bring before the Board. Jackson offered to go for him & soon returned with him. Ellis immediately with great ease & coolness laid his business before the Board, saying that "between friends, the child was very careless about money matters; his board had long been one in N. Y. & he owed this Irish man money which ought to be paid" after he had gone on a while in this way, I said to the effect that I did not think it would be handsome in us to pay the money to any body but Mr C. that he had waited a long while for it, that he might have arrangements of his own, depending on this money \$20 or. Mr D. appeared very angry & said "he was to all intents Mr Child; he had full

authority to act for him. On which I alluded to the fact
that yet this money was to be paid to Mr. Loring because we
doubted how Mr. Child would spend the money, I then implying
that he might make a different disposition from Mr. L. of it.
Finally I said that I did not care what the Board decided
to do; all I wished was to record my vote against it &
then be able to meet Mr. Child. This was said at different times
but was the amount of all I said. Wendell bricked me up.
At this Ellis grew evidently more angry, as he might
have considered my talk merely that of a lady unused to
business; but Wendell who said that he could not conceive
what business we had with Mr. Child's debts aggravated him
very much. Wendell said more over we had always paid our
money directly to Mr. C. heretofore & he could see no reason
for not doing so now. Jackson evidently felt uncomfortable.
He wished Loring to be accommodated & at the same time
show more feeling in the opposition than he could well
understand or oppose. Garrison twaddled most violently,
talking first one side, then the other; & nobody minding a
word he did say. After Wendell's last statement and
while Garrison was speaking, Ellis rose in a most towering
wrath, seized his hat, said "Good morning" in a voice
trembling with passion, & rushed from the room, scarcely
banging the door. Very few of the company had presence
of mind to return his salute, save myself. I was sufficiently
incensed to return a clear loud "Good Morning" to him. As soon
as the door closed Wendell said "We are not to be bullied into
this thing" & then very little more was said about it. What
Edwards and Davis thought I don't know. Other business about the
Annual Meeting, the Liberator etc. was transacted & we adjourned.
Edmund arrived soon on his way to Patuxent to lecture.
He regretted that he had missed the morning fight but
agreed with us. Davis took his departure very affectionately.
W. P. called again just before dinner to ask advice. The demand
having assumed from his debts find it difficult to get on.
They on the strength of 3^d Party Ellis's note wish to borrow
\$100 for 4 months of the Mass Board. Wendell said the

Board could not lend it but he & F. Jackson would if it was thought best - Maria & I advised them to do that much tho' I agreed to Wendell's idea that it would be impossible for Maria with the span on her hands to do much for the kernel. I fear it must stop by & bye. Mary Potvin called at 3. I came out of town with Mr Kingsbury & had a good ride out. I found them all well & beautifully quiet.

I spent the evening at Grandma's. Aunt Priscilla was about as usual. Leah, Richd's was married that very night to some man over to the back river, her poor old mother having gone to the upper parish to live with another daughter.

Friday 10. Put to rights all the forenoon. Dorothea called in the afternoon & I took tea at Grandma's. Read the Wandering Jew which grows more & more poignant.

Saturday 11. The picture came perfectly safe & I carried it forth with to Aunt Mary. Tho' neither she nor I know what to make of that part of your note where you say Deborah's things must come Wednesday. We don't know of a single thing she left. Perhaps she left some thing with Emma in town. And Ma says so that she sent in some of D's things in that bundle that you guarded so carefully. I shall try to get one of her chemises done by & bye to send. Dr. Field's bill is \$37. Very reasonable I think as this includes Ma's last illness & Deborah's. I forgot to say in its proper place that at the Board meeting time Mary Field & Mary Willey called. The latter came to pay some money as did Hannah Miller the other day. It was only 50 cts. I don't know what this to be paid.

I visited at Mr. Field's & took tea at Grandma's.

Sunday 12. I was at home all day & had a most lovely good day, rendered more beautiful by the renewal of the children & the packing of boxes. Spens has not yet returned. This morning I had a letter from Lucia by H. Cowing. She will a Emma write you all the news, including the news of D's being perfectly right again. I mourned deeply over the poor lack & had rather it had been both the sparrows. Aunt Cy's this spent the evening here & I spent it at Grandma's. Aunt Priscilla not quite so smart as common & deeply grieved over the sad overtaking of Elizabeth Weston.

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