

and shall not hasten to do so, though I have engaged to give a discourse upon "the times" here next Sunday.

Saturday the 25th of this month we expect to be in Worcester, for a visit with Anna's friends - and about a week thereafter we hope to pass a day or two in Boston if I can arrange to leave my fruit business as long at that time.

The plants, vines trees &c all look very promising. I wish you could all take a look at the beautiful young buds and leaves as they are now rapidly coming forth - but better still will be the fruiting season when I trust you may be here.

Anna joins me heartily in an expression of love to your sisters - Dittie Lizzie, Father, Mother & George.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Affectionately yours Aaron M. Buell.

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But the proposed limits of my
letter are already transcended
and I must close. All
our household are in usual
health. Lissie is very
64 busily employed in her school.

She is much stronger, and
looking decidedly better than
a year ago. Anna, somewhat
unwell last week, is better,
and spends part of the time
with me upon the "plantation"
tying up vines, &c.

My own health is steadily
improving, though my strength
is not yet fully restored. I
keep my hand upon the "public
pulse" through the N.Y. Daily
the papers. I have not spoken
except for brief remarks on one
or two occasions since my illness

should prevail. That the more
open and willing ear of the North
might have been more fully reached
by the gospel of our faith, for
its better growth, and ^{needed} encourage-
ment in the hour and day of its
tribulation. I regret the omission
of the New York and Boston annual
meetings. I believe your own
voice especially would have
^{been} heeded and listened to with a
thoughtful consideration, and
with encouraging results heretofore
unknown, - and that on the
whole the "salvation of God" ^{to}
would have been effectively, ^{and} ^{time}
assisted.

In any event I trust there
can be no retreating of steps, - that
there will be such a march
forward as that no slave
will remain upon the soil, and that
there may hereafter be no Union ^{except}
~~except~~ such as shall be based
upon impartial liberty - ball or

first time cry out against
slavery as the source
of our dangers and troubles
and say "away with it
forever." Wanting in con-
science in the past, by threatened
personal safety and liberty -
for themselves, they are driven
to sympathize, and make common
cause with the slaves.

To all such newly awakened
or wavering your review
of last week, could they have
it, would prove most
salutary and strengthening.

There is painful blood-thirstiness
and vindictiveness, breathings
of terrible vengeance ^{against the South} in the
counsels of many - including
former bitter opponents of abolitionists.
Wiser and more temperate counsel

unchecked that, ~~whether~~ whether we will, or not, by a law of natural retribution, the dreadful surgery of the sword will be the source of immediate relief.

Better of course the comparatively brief, acute, to be lamented disease of war than the slow, consuming, chronic poison of slavery so contaminating to all who come in contact with it, be it near or ever so remote.

Now that the great cloud of sorrow full of menace to the liberties of white men, has lowered upon the North what multitudes for the

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probably to effect his
emancipation.

For our own active use,
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and for our strongest
commutation to others, I
believe that even in
the midst of the war cry
and the battle array, are
the "spiritual weapons" which
certainly have proved mighty
in the past - are no less
potent, ^{than heretofore} and never more
needed than now - as
emanations from the
living God.

The fearful disease has
so long been nourished from
the richest resources of the
Nation with a growth rapid and