

Lieut Paine was ordered off to Fort
^{Schenley near New York}
~~Sumpter~~, about a month since.
 His wife still keeps House - I think
 after things have subsided, he
 will resign his commission and
 engage in mercantile pursuits here,
 but he has too high a regard for
 his profession to make any change
 now - Genl. R Army, who purchased
 Thos Roberns House, one of our localities
 and most excellent citizens died
 suddenly of Apoplexy two weeks
 since - Our good city has been very
 quiet this winter - there has not
 been a single party to my knowledge.
 The Lyceum and few Concerts have
 broken up the otherwise dull me-
 notomy - The present condition of
 the Country is the all absorbing top-
 ic of conversation here as elsewhere.
 This is the day that report says Fort
 Sumpter is to be attacked, it maybe
 so, but I have my doubts. No war

Anderson has acted nobly, and humanely thus far in not occasioning the loss of life - he has truly the admiration of the world as far as physical and martial courage and conduct are concerned and is in a strong Citadel, but we of our faith are in a stronger one, the Citadel of our own souls, and armed with the panoply of Heaven. Our is the corner of divine love, love to God and all mankind, recognizing the universal brotherhood of man, and it is this very Love as Mr Potter expressed it in his sermon as new as I recollect, which "is the centrifugal force, which rounds the many into like a globe". Were this Love duly appreciated there would be no need of resorting to physical force to attain the end, but the glory of this very love, as

well as the glory of all great truths
is generally and mostly forgotten
in the individualism of our day.
We cannot be too thankful in
having such a man as Mr Potter
to preach for us - he preaches
the true Anti Slavery doctrine,
there is a deep sublime energy
in all his sermons. Already
have Mr Joseph Grinnell, Mr
Clifford, Mr C A Swift left there,
but there leaving reminds me
of what Maria Jane ^{to me asking} when
Mr Garrison dies what will become
of us - why says she, there will be
such a rush, that the space, wher-
eom be filled up & thus it is here
the Church never was so well atten-
ded, and that principle a
Chemistry that "Nature abhors
a vacuum" is indeed verified.
Though ours is the Right way, yet
we can hardly expect the down

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fall of it thereby, though we have undermined its foundation. To others our mode seems easy if not imperitive, but then they know not with what difficulty this ease is achieved, the congruity as it were of ones self to begin with. "But sometimes natural causes work that conviction which conscience has been unable to affect." Sory am I that Garrison is so feeble. How nobly & courageously does Phillips prove him^{self}. An Englishman told Edward & Jones, who is a great admirer of Phillips, that he heard him in Boston a few weeks since pronounced him the greatest orator he ever heard - A friend of mine at the Brownfed House heard some Luther & Werten men, say notwithstanding he differed, he would say that Garrison, Phillips & the Abolitionist were a race of supermen - they shall triumph in their side - Old Father time will not be all in our right places - ^{My affectionate} [&] ^{truly} ^{Yours}

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