

Boston. Oct 22. 1836.

Your birth day, my dear Debra. I believe that you will think I can keep it in no better way than by writing to you. I have written to you I believe up to the date of the meeting. Mr Bent & Libby stopped for the things at the door but were gone to the meeting when they came. It was a full one, about as many as the hall could comfortably accommodate. Dear brother May opened the meeting by reading the chapter in Levin Thomas "beginning" seeing we have renounced, so received this ministry & then proveyed solemnly dear Thompson as he did so. Miss Ball then read the doings of the last Annual meeting and then followed Mr's report. It is a very good smart thing, much like the last, as far as material & what permit. It was universally accepted; then Miss L Ball's Report by which it appeared that we had expended the past year, in the good cause \$1200. Don't you think that pretty well? I would tell Brother Bent thereof. Then I read a letter from Henrietta Sargent to Ellis about Ned and Ellis' answer and a letter from Mrs Child to Mrs Slater. Brother May was present all the time; he being the only man on the ground. The same officers were chosen as last year only Melanin went out of office and in place of Mrs Drew & Mrs Norton Ann Chapman & Mrs Robinson were chosen. Thursday morning Miss Anna Green was married in Dr Channing's church. They go directly to the South to make a visit but I believe are to be in New Bedford a night or so. She sent us a card, and Henry & Maria made her a present of a very splendid edition of The Pilgrim's Progress. Friday the glorious anniversary we concluded not to celebrate, for Garrison was overwhelmed by so much business & Benson's illness & all prevented. But as you will see by the Liberator, it was observed by putting up the new paper. As it is very large & printed in black & white "map Anti Slavery Society's Rooms" it looks very "ben speckled". Friday morning Maria & I called upon Mrs Child at Henrietta's to and we staid most of the forenoon. Mrs Child is going to be most of the winter at Mrs Loring's, Mrs L being pregnant. Mrs C was full of good stories as usual. Every body has their own troubles and the new York brethren have theirs. Mrs Cox is the life & soul of the New York society and she is in a very sinful state full of wicked prejudices abt ~~the~~ out colour. They do not allow any coloured woman to join their society. This, Mrs Child thinks prevents a blessing from resting on them, and they are very lifeless. The Tappans have none of this prejudice therefore they & Mrs Cox are handy on speaking terms. Mrs Child was full of witty

little anecdotes and very interesting. Preparations for the Fair are
going on pretty briskly. Mrs Child will take a table. I saw Saturday
I had letters from Aunt Mary; she will write you all the news here
I suppose. Henry Bowing came in & carried Henrietta & Miss Piper out
to play till Tuesday. Oct 25. Tuesday morning. Dear Deborah, I wrote you
the foregoing on Saturday. Sat afternoon we went to Miss Ballou's
room to settle who should help them in petitions. Caroline said, "I think
it her duty to help but Maria & Ann C. & I went. I agreed to take
ward no 16. It contains Essex Street, Hayward Place & none of
the fashionables but the decent part of people. Sunday morning
I went to Mr Maslow's church where he preached a very good ser-
mon. In the afternoon I went to Trinity to hear Mrs Watson
but he did not preach. I don't know who did. In the morning
Maria heard Bronson deny the truth on the Anti-Slavery
ground. Sunday evening Caroline Maria, Henry, Ann & I went
to Henrietta's Lasgents & spent the evening. Mr & Mrs Cham-
ber were there a while in the evening. Mrs Child was
agreeable & Henrietta more so than ever. Henrietta
said to me "The other day Mrs Child & I were talking about
prejudice and Mrs C said she had got over it very much
I told her I was not going farther than she for I thought
that I should like to have Father Snowden make the prayer
at my funeral; and then I could not help laughing to think
how my relatives would act if they would come into the room looking
pretty sober & then they would look so, when they saw Father Snowden
get up, all confounded & then I'd look down & laugh." So much
for Henrietta. Yesterday that is Monday I called to see Henry Beaman
but he had been riding out & was too much fatigued to see
me. I think it doubtful whether he ever recovers. I suppose
in a few weeks, I mean days, he returns to Brooklyn.
Yesterday morning Sarah Ann came in town to have Dr. Hay-
wood come to see her foot. She has a sore on the joint
of her great toe, which I suppose she has squeezed to pieces
Dr H came & opened it and in the course of the matter she
fainted away. The Dr told her she must be very careful of her
foot for some weeks. Mrs Bailey expects to be confined
every minute. Poor SA's services for dear life just as ever. In
the evening Caroline & I went to Chauncy Place to meet Mrs Child.
There we found Garrison & Whittier. We had a very delightful
evening. Mrs C was pleasant as usual and both Garrison &
Whittier agreeable. Whittier I liked particularly. Pity he is a
drinker. I can't get my cap at him with any convenience
at all, for I certainly can't turn drunks & he grows
more & more drunk. Mary Ann he expects to every day
when he will begin in the drunks meeting to prophesy. He came
home with me & I liked him better than I ever did before.

Mr C has gone to Mrs Loring's where she will be most of the winter. So my Auntia has not come in town so I cannot give you any accounts of Weymouth price rate. I will finish the letter by 7 o' clock Tuesday evening. I will seal up this letter to night & send it to Morrow & before I say any thing more I want to ask you if you could make some arrangement about your vacation so as to have a fortnight. Your vacation if you have only a week will end the very week before Thanks giving. Now can you not contrive to have Thanks giving week. Talk the matter over with Brother Emerson. This afternoon Auntia came in from Weymouth. She brought no special news how ever save that Betsey White is dead. She retained her infidel principles to the last. Also Washington Hunt is dead. Mrs Chapman is getting better but Ann Lerry is quite poorly. It was a great grief to her not to be able to be at Ann's great marriage, excited her & she took cold & altogether is worse. I fear some times she will never get wholly well. Mrs Craikton & Martha Whitney go to New Bedford to Morrow & Sarah Ann told me I could write by them but somehow I did not feel like sending this by them. But Mrs Craikton returns in a week & if you have not called upon Helen you can call while Mrs C is there & so contrive means of writing. Charlotte Hunt is married. You see I mention things just as I think of them. My health is getting really much better. My cough is almost wholly gone & I have had no pain in my side for most a week which I impute to the exercise I have taken. - I wish you would write to me & tell me what you think it my duty to do about joining some church. I cannot with my all my heart subscribe to all the articles of the Free Church neither do I feel as if either the Ditch or most of the Free Church people were my sort of people, as for Mr Lewis low, his wickedness on the slavery matter stuns me in the face, and probably his whole church are as bad. But then this is the probability, that I shall leave Boston for some other place next spring and if I do I shall very like be just as badly off. I could do just better in New Bedford than in Boston, so that on the whole, my mind is disturbed on the question & I know not what to do. I do not think Maria & Caroline any persons to advise me for they are rather prejudiced & at the same time are altogether opposed to every thing that looks like churchdom. I shall, if possible be at Weymouth when you come which now will be very soon. You will have chances to write us both by Mr Clark & Wendell Phillips. Inquire of Miss Congdon if she has seen to the Fair-haven petition. Write us soon as may be & believe me ever thine Anne Weston.

P.S. Best love to Brother Emerson, his wife & the Doubledays & friends.

Tuesday night Nov 10th. I unfold my letter because I thought it would give you pleasure to know that Kidney has been passing the evening here. He came from Gloucester today and appears in better health than he used to. He talked about slavery somewhat; in tolerably right. but has no sense of what the Abolitionists really are and his views of duty are quite incorrect that he in fact has none. I don't know whether he is going to remain in town or not.

Pa comes in town tomorrow. It is very late & I must go to bed for I am tired out. ever yrs

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