

May 5th. 1845.

My dear Anne,

Your letters arriv safely this morning, I was glad to perceive by them that your brain had not been affected by the sufferings you have undergone. All your injunctions shall be obeyed, as to your bonnet and as to mine. Mine is acknowledged upon all hands to be a beauty, the ribbon Miss Barnes told me to get at Miss Hodges also my flowers for she had sold all hers. The ribbon ~~that~~ I wanted was sold but that which you liked remained and that I got and very pretty it looked. If there is now any left I will get it for you. But leaving business I will go on with my birds eggging. We went over to Cambridge Wednesday afternoon, found them expecting us and very glad to see us John is miserable, it is a Kidney complaint, and he suffers much from excessive weakness. Sylvia had received a letter from Caroline asking her to be hospitable to Mrs Ricketson and she had accordingly made every arrangement for being good to her, her dinner table set in the library, and all proper. Thursday morning we rose dressed ourselves in our best and at nine o'clock (as we were to depend upon our wits) sallied forth with an umbrella, Sylvia and John were not going out all day. They told us upon setting off if they did not get the very best place, not to come back to the house again, they also told us ~~to~~ invite any one home to dinner that we said. So we went first to the store to see if Joe had been there and leave word ~~of~~ him if he had not. Then we got there I found my feet rather damp and as it was dreadful walking from the store to the church we took a cab and went off hoping that the cabman would let us sit in it at the church door but this was not to be, he was engaged to go after other peoples. So we were tipped out at the door and joined a crowd of other women who were

standing upon the steps of the church we pressed our way along
and got as near the door as we could. we waited in that condition
about half an hour and then we heard the key in the lock the door
opened and we rushed in, the police were thoroughly frightened and
kept saying "ladies! no hurry" but it was of no avail for they would
as if their lives depended upon it, and we who had by no means
the first start found ourselves to our great joy in the pew that
adjoined to the stage box in a Theatre, in the front seats, and in the
same pew with Mary and Sarah Howe, so you perceive we were well
off Mrs Otis was opposite to us in the other gallery so from that you
may infer it was considered the best place. The Howes asked
us if we were going to the levee, and had any way of going, we
said we should be glad to go but had no particular way
so they invited us to come and go with them, which invitation
we gladly accepted. The galleries being perfectly filled with ladies
soon after the great doors flew open and the graduates and
under graduates walked in and took possession of the body of
the Church they were comfortably seated when in came all
the dignitaries people connected with the college, Cress and
Quincy and all the clergy and then a long string of indifferent
people among whom was that "painted stick" Robert Winthrop.
You know by the papers the order of exercises so I will say
nothing about them. Cress^c is rather a good looking man
intelligent and not vulgar. just as they were singing the
first hymn, in came the Godlike from the little son behind
the pulpit and came on to the platform, they could hardly
wait with patience for the singing to be over, and when
it had finished such a stamping and clapping I never
heard over and over again it seemed as though they
never would stop. As soon as it was quiet Cress^c arose
to deliver his address and was received a decent round
of applause but they had exhausted themselves upon

Webster, I did not think this pretty of them, I thought Everett^{rs}
should have been the first person upon this occasion.
Everett oration was very good not eloquent but interesting and
it was the round pin in the round hole, he seemed so
suited to the occasion and so perfectly self possessed. He quoted
from Milton several times most beautifully. He finished and
then a "paradox" was rung and ^{we} were dismissed. We saw nothing
of Joe or any body that we could invite home, as we came
down the stairs we met Edmund coming up for his sisters
he told us he would call in the afternoon. We then met Benson
who had come on from New-York, we saw him only for a
moment. We went home had a good dinner all to ourselves.
In the afternoon Edmund came and offered to escort us to
the levee he told us we were engaged to go with the
Howes so he went with us there and we all set off to
gather to the President, there the scene beggared all description
long rows of carriages before the door as if it were a Theatre
we got in with great difficulty, every body wore their
bonnets and shawls, and we looked as well as our neighbors
and Emma much the best of any one there. It was a
perfect rush Everett stood in the entry at the door of one of the
parlours and his wife and daughter just inside of the parlour
door. In the entry it was a perfect jam I never was in such
a crowd in my life we were taken completely off our feet
every body were separated from their party, one lady
fainted and two or three distinguished themselves by
crying. The "Ladies" were there that is Mrs Green, Susan
Abby, and Mrs Waterston. The Mayor and his wife
she acted far worse than the "Ladies" I can't write about
it but will tell you when I see you I had the satisfaction
of going about hanging upon Edmunds arms and having
him speak to his various sisters and not the least

When of recognition happening between us. I have given you a faint outline of this affair I must leave the rest till I see you. The next day Mary Howe called and invited us to drink tea with them the next afternoon we accepted. I might in that place tell you of the illuminations but I can't I have so much to do now that every word I write seems to kill me. I can't to it. We went to the Howes and had a good time Benson came in and drank tea and staid till nine in the evening. Some other people of the fair sex came Miss Pombroy and some ladies staying with them. We had a most amusing evening they all possess the gift of story telling and keep the laughing all the time. Dr Howe is just such another berry his age as James Robbins, he went home with us and invited us to go with him Sunday afternoon to Mount Auburn which we accordingly did and had a good time Emma had never been there.

Sarah Howe invited Emma to come there at commencement time she had called in Boston the week before to come and stay with her at this scrape but I suppose Matilda did not give the message. The money I send, Emma owes Aunt Mary. I can't write any more.

I am ordered (I M.W.C.) to furnish off with some allusion to affairs in town. I have had a letter from Caroline by the return of the drop she pronounces of me, in which she says that she has administered large doses of black sater to trust and that all looks well. Capt Stoddard called & asked me to send to his house for valuable presents of Warren's which, being bound instantly back to N.Y. wish his wife & not liking to come in his house nor having time to bring, he would be greatly obliged to have me send to South Boston for. I took a carpet bag on my arm & a South Boston horse, & came in with half a bushel of potato - very massive but mortal ugly - teapot water pot cream & sugar dish - Shovels table tea & dessert green shovels cheese knife. 4.00 dollars worth he says. There are negotiations going on for an office in Devonshire St. - Who

Send some dark blue sewing silk (wound) for lining. She must have it. Also Mary Saddle. First of her ministry without fail. Done Thursday if possible.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 2. 25

site the Exchange coffee house. I voted against it, but
L. Jackson is crazy to have it. I suppose he felt how,
in prospect of being arranged for the "Tory" commemorative
Service, Public Funeral, burial at Mt Auburn, Monument,
& "Lambert's maintenance" to a proposition for a private
Meeting of Friends to take measures for which, he has just
given his name in circular form followed by those
of S. E. Small & Joshua Leavitt. The meeting (private)
was held at Mumfords chapel Saturday noon, & then came
another circular, "at a meeting of friends &c. J. C. Loring
in the Chair & Joshua Leavitt Secy," calling for some
thing I forget what, but commemorative, funeral
monumental & cemeteryal nor forgetting family
maintenance. Success would not go - Phillips ^{was} ~~was~~
go & Danvers was left alone in his glory. ^{Edmund}
had no bid - no J. Edward Dennis called on his way to
Stamford & I gave him Maria & Nathan Sketches
all cut & corrected, for Thompson. Ann Atkinson is making
a collection - "poetry of life & duty" is to be the title - to
be published by Bowles, & all we can sell at the
Annual Fair to be ours. I have engaged three cuts
each 40 feet by 20 for that occasion. Eliza thinks
that will not be half enough. Matilda goes on
Thursday (praise the Lord) to Ephraim penitentiary.
So she will not at least be prostituted upon the
side walk, but in a decent house. (Which however
no house that she is in can be.) Mrs P. came, I
went luckily, & saw C. Munnay. Asked if Matilda was a
quiet girl. C. M. said yes!!!! So she is going. At
the N. E. convention I think I shall stay at home
& do the work. It would have a good effect I think. E. S. L

249

came in with Ellis to look at the rooms
Denonster R. The effect is really like a most deplorable
entry to a back yard. Ellis could not say enough of
them, ^{the situation} cheapness, excellence, suitability &c. I told him
I supposed that it was doubtless so, as a business prop-
erty; & that if we were doing a job printing or book
binding business, the situation was excellent. But as
a Moral agency upon the town of Boston, they
struck me differently; & I composed to a committee
that I thought the question was whether one such a
agency in town, at a cost of 1000 dollars per annum
would or would not be more efficacious than two lecturing
agents in the country. James Munroe ^{in case of an affirmative decision} ^{situation}
suggested to me the one we ought to have. Ellis con-
fessed in his turn, that he had not looked at it
in the Moral view, but only in the business one.
& thought Jas Munroe would be 1500. I
supposed we could let the rest of such a building,
so as to buy your own rent down to 500. The
third - the best third of such premises would not be
worth more than 700. Ellis said to be sure there must
be shops along there that could not cost that. We pay
at 25,400, of which March has last year paid 200.
I think Ellis has talked Francis into going into Mitchell's
in this way. I have got Lizzy a beautiful pink muslin
got her bonnet done a pink & mine a delicate - little
kane in hair - and the house is now waiting to receive
Warren's things, which will be along probably
in the course of three weeks or a fortnight. Lillian
sicks, swab-cloth dresses, fine cuffs &c figure elegantly upon the Manifest.

Phoell Sturges, Bill White & Edward Perkins
are to be married this week. Bill was at the
office the other day, looking pretty bright & saying
word that Mr. Stone was to ~~come~~ to his house on
the occasion of lecturing in Watertown. Mr. Stone
will, in all probability, be settled in Salem. They hear all
his heresies there & Judge White tells him he is what
they want. He is scared about it, & takes the greatest
pains to define his position, as fellowship with
church nor state in their present condition & he an agent
of the Map, &c. too. I guess we are more than halfway
through the abolition work. 15 years more will do it, with
activity enough. The mischief is in such men as Dr. Garrison
& J. L. Shirkley, & dreading the loss of God knows what
The daughter question weighs them down & fancies.
Henrietta has had a windfall of 18 dollars which she is
going to help out our pledge to the Rural Fair with.
The day is an example to the family, & you would
be surprised to see him watch satellites &c. deposited with him.
Elyza has got a house building for her in Cambridge -
to be done in September rent 350. I have looked
at a house in Phoenix St - 3 stories, 4 large & 4 small
chambers, 2 attic do. & 2 nice drawing rooms with one
broad window all each end - rent 500. It is below
Grattan on the other side - No 45. for sale at 8500.
It is by all odds cheaper than houses in Essex
St. One one side for neighbors we should have
R. H. Dana & I forget the Marges name
the other. Mr. Bartol, Peter Remond, S. Northman
Poley Sprague, & sundries, are there & thereabouts.
No news. I must stop
Mil

Miss Anne Warren Weston
Weymouth.

Receipt of Mr. Ringham