

Weymouth. Oct 23. 1838.

Dear Anna;

I am sorry to have bad news to communicate, but ought to be thankful on the whole that it is no worse. Lairy's illness was all a reality, and to come to the point at once, her complaint is scarlet fever. She laid on the sofa all the afternoon after you left but did not complain much but in the evening her fever became quite high, she grew restive, and complained much of her eyes. I slept with her and Ma was in the room all night, we managed in the most approved way and gave her poppon and camph & mullet tea and after midnight her complaint of her eyes abated and she slept considerably. This morning as soon as light Ma sent for Dr Field who came and left her an emetic which she has taken & which has operated very well. She has thrown up a great deal of bilious matter and appears better. The Dr called it scarlet fever, but not accompanied with much disease of the throat. In fact she complains very little of her throat. Sent out by Mr Kingsbury all her winter clothes that came in & whatever you think will be the most useful to her. Also the plippers, & a few lemons. Don't send her cotton & woollen things but the woollen ones. You need not think of coming out, Mr & I shall be able to take the best of care of her & Mr. thinks it likely as not that little Anna

will have the complaint. I will write in by Sunfield
every morning while she is sick. It would be impossible
for the wisest of grown women to behave any better
than she does. Takes every thing without a word of difficulty
and in short means her point in the most complete manner.
She can describe all her own symptoms & appears to have
all her faculties in very full perfection.

I do not think you have any cause for alarm.
I think she will be only comfortably sick, but at any
rate, I will write to you every day. Tell M. Chapman
not to make her self uneasy about Lizzie more than
is right, for I do not feel as though there was cause.
Little Henry appears to be improving, and we shall
keep him out of Lizzie's way.

Lizzie sends her love & says she should like
Parley's magazine sent out.

Mr Joseph Bates has been fined \$10 & bound over
to keep the peace.

Yrs truly A.W. Weston.

If D. is in town tell her to write.