

Weymouth. Feb 23. 1853(?)

I finished "Bible" last night. I was well pleased  
to see that I was better than I thought I was  
I require paper type that will do me - the  
writer.

I had a letter last night  
Dear Mary from Mrs. M.  
telling me that the box would  
be sent about the 1st of March  
every thing being obliged to wait  
for Quincy's Report so I have be-  
thought me that up to that time  
I would keep a sort of Log, for it  
deserve to dignified a name  
as Journal or Diary, for your  
hoop, & put down any thing, &  
every thing in a sort of miscella-  
neous way as it occurs to me.

I was employed yesterday in sorting  
burning or packing away, all the  
Bazaar papers, & I read with more  
attention than I had had time to  
do before the letters that you sent  
me from Mrs. Murphy, Miss S. &  
others. I was greatly impressed by  
the extent of your patient labours  
& wondered at you & praised you more  
than ever. Surely you owe the  
injunction, to sow beside, all workers.  
I laughed too a great deal over

good Mrs. Norton's letters. How  
free she & her worthy spouse, yet  
in society. If she denounces, the  
ministers to ruin as she does, to you  
& me. But see how he can bear.  
It is a comfort to know, there is one  
person in great Britain that can  
'be appalled by hard language.'  
The words, were she in America,  
hung enormous on the ears of  
Pillsbury & Foster. - A few years since  
when Pillsbury - lecturing in England  
described some terrible atrocities of  
slavery as beyond the "conception" of the  
blindest friend, growing his chairs  
in the "rotten corner of Hell" even  
I was obliged to say that as a  
matter of taste I really could not  
sanction it, but would not admit  
that it was at all one of keeping  
with either the theological dogma  
or common habits of thought of his  
English. I have been since con-  
vinced that I admitted any thing  
as Miller & Foster & many other great

people furnish abundance of images,  
whereas to keep still, long in con-  
tention. But seemingly, he is one of  
our finest speakers & produces a very  
startling effect both on the conscience  
& feelings of his auditors.

What sort of a person is Miss  
dupon of Hadingly? I should judge  
she was an original peculiar person.

I had last evening a letter from  
E. Davis, in which he speaks of Mrs.  
at Laver as clo~~act~~ (pau, excuse my  
spelling the word wrong, in two places)  
with Garrison, at Mr Jewett's pub-  
lishers, he advising her about her  
in Uncle Tom which is just coming  
out. He reports her as very right  
in the Church & Minister's question,  
declaring herself astonished at the  
ingenuity of the latter (the Minister)  
& saying they were wolves in sheep's  
clothing, & he (Garrison) in sheep  
in wolves' clothing. Pray keep  
all this quite private as I wish her  
to define her own position, & especially

that we should arrive all attempts  
to make her disappear as one  
with us are, further than she  
chooses to do so.

Feb 28

I went in town on Friday last to a  
meeting of the Ex. Com of the Amer  
wain Society. It was quite an  
important occasion & I hope & believe  
that good will come of it. After  
much writing & talking & proving  
& conning between Boston, N. Y. & Phil  
adelphia it has been settled that  
the Ex. Com. should invite Mr Oliver  
Johnson, the present Editor of the Free  
man to N. Y. to rise in the Editor  
ship of the Standard & to act as office  
agent in short to share all business  
duties & responsibilities with an equal  
salary & dignities. You may not know  
much about him but Sarah Pugh will  
be able to make you all facts of his  
history. He was one of the earliest ab-  
stainers etc & has the whole history of the  
cause at his fingers' ends, is a warm  
personal friend of Garrison, has great  
good sense & clear judgment.

I much prefer <sup>2</sup> practical ability. He is strong  
where I - one - is weak namely in  
the understanding of the Cause as  
a popular movement, to be carried  
on through the ordinary machinery  
of Society operations. Since the abolition  
of the Tappan Dynasty it has always  
been a matter of N.Y. that the  
governing influences there have been  
entirely individual, either out-gate  
east (like Mr Child) or acting as  
an organ for other people; & those other  
people all sorts & conditions, or else,  
like S. D. S., not quite under hand  
imp his to perform his part. But this  
is precisely where Mr Johnson is strong.  
We mean too, if our means hold out  
to enlarge the extent of our accommo-  
dations in N.Y. & present at once  
improving (i.e. elegant) forms to the  
extent. It is probable we shall hold  
the Annual Meeting in Brooklyn  
as there is no hope of procuring a  
place in N.Y. itself. Brooklyn is a  
large city & separate therefrom  
by a firm one or two people there

we trying to obtain Wren Green here  
think that I have not the slightest  
idea that they can succeed.

Now I wish to let you still confiden-  
tially of a note that Garrison showed  
me which he had just received from  
Mrs. Howe. It was written with such  
warmth & fervour that I feel  
quite assured that she is right at  
heart tho she may err in conduct  
according to our judgment while  
in G. B. She would not have gone to  
Garrison with the expression of her strongest  
emotions, had it been her intention to  
speak of or to him otherwise than with re-  
spect & respect. From its whole tenor I  
have very great hope that she may  
be the person raised up to do a great  
work in respect to the American Church.  
The idea is evidently fermenting in  
her mind. She is, I should judge, a  
very impulsive enthusiastic person &  
may make mistakes in consequence. She  
can know little or nothing of the Cause,  
as a Cause & I do not believe her would  
experience great. It must have been

the sister & very much among one  
class of people, but as I have said  
some seeing this rule I have a much  
more entire sympathy with her than  
ever before & am willing to "hope all  
things & believe all things" respecting  
her. If I have I find goes with her.

Russell Arnold told me at the Board  
Meeting that it was quite delightful  
to see her charmed he is put his  
wifes celebrity & glory.

If a snow storm at present begins,  
does not prevent me, I shall go in  
boat tomorrow for a day or two to help  
Mr May pack the foreign box?  
Then I am promised the pleasure of seeing  
your father's last letter.

March 6<sup>th</sup>

I did go in town & was absent from  
home for 3 very busy days. A good  
part of it I was at the U. S. office  
(in the day time I mean) helping  
Mr May pack the box, but I cannot  
tell how it will all come out. There  
is only one room at the office & that  
is very apt to be full of people.

all his currying & talking "expressing"  
like one of Dickens' women: "in infinite  
variety of opinion on an infinite  
variety of subjects. Amid so much  
confusion & so many theories to be  
thought of, it stands to reason that  
I must have omitted some things  
for which I shall be sorry. I hope  
matters however in your & R. D. W.'s  
hands may, work themselves into  
shape. Mr. May will put in some  
Liberty Bells, Reports & undirected, &  
you must call upon R. D. W. for such  
as you want if I have left undone  
what I ought to have done in the  
way of presentation. Pray let me know  
of any such as it may do me good  
for another time. I call the Bell  
a good one, this year with a few  
exceptions. I was to be sure well  
off for poetry. Miss Sanford's is a  
very pretty thing, but then it has  
nothing to do to wit slavery). I think the  
Pusey (is it tend to) ought to balance  
the abolitionism come out in that  
occasionally shows itself & procure us a  
little respect among formalists, not using  
the word individual. This, who is



Miss Sandford? I should like to know  
something about her.

Mr May showed me your  
father's long and interesting letter.  
I am sorry he is so much annoyed  
by Garrison's heresies. I do not know that  
I altogether am surprised at it, for un-  
doubtedly Garrison's opinions & their ear-  
nest promulgation <sup>do</sup> in some respects,  
affect the Cause injuriously. Still it  
seemed to me that he hardly looked at  
the matter just as it was. If these are  
Mr G's conscientious opinions, & if he  
sincerely believes that man kind would  
be benefited by their promulgation,  
how can we ask him to give them up  
any more than we can ask Ward  
Becher to give up his orthodox teaching,  
in the Independence, or the Editor of your  
paper to stop his <sup>in these papers</sup> intemperate  
& leading Abolitionist as G. is, he has  
other interests beside those of the  
Slave & the same right to promulgate  
them as any other person may have.

Perhaps the very fact that Mr Estlin  
is nearer in opinion religiously to Mr G.

than I can say make him more  
anxious & useful. His generous so-  
lution to the Liberator's certificate shows  
a very kind & friendly interest in  
of A. S. & the whole matter very in-  
significant. In the whole I can say  
nothing but this. Let those who like the  
Liberator take it & circulate it among  
such as may be benefitted by it, but  
let the Liberator be the paper that  
shall be regarded as the exponent of  
A. S. feeling in America by the English  
Abolitionists. Mr Webb's idea that even  
genuine people could not be in sympathy  
with the A. S. movement here strikes me  
(asking his pardon) as very narrow &  
quite unlike his usual breadth of view.  
I wish I could talk with him.

I was much pleased to find one  
just who wrote what is in the Advocate.  
It makes the paper more interesting to be  
possessed of this knowledge. But I will  
not reply to a letter of Mr Estlin to  
Mr May, especially as I have one  
or two things more that I wish to say  
to you. On looking over your letter

received by the Fair box, I felt very  
sorry indeed that I omitted in the  
Magazine report to make honorable  
mention of the Coleridge Relic. Caroline  
may have mentioned to you, indeed, I  
know she explained to you self or Mr  
Mikhail the delay that occurred before  
she read Mrs M's letter. Thus I, not  
hearing of it <sup>the relic</sup> in the first day of the Fair,  
I not selling it myself, it passed from  
my mind till too late & I did not  
speak of it as I ought in the Report.  
I am sorry; for such mention of relics &  
curiosities tends to create both a supply  
& a demand for another occasion. But  
you can never know my dear Mary,  
under what a burden of impediments  
& annoyances I amise how much haste  
& confusion my Fair work is done. A  
person occupying my position should live  
in Boston. I have wished so much that  
Mr Ma, could find a suitable purchase  
for his pretty place in Leicester as he  
wishes to do, as then he would come to  
live & live & perhaps Mr May might

then be able to do a good deal of  
what devolves upon me & which is  
because of inordinate time & thought  
the imperfection? It is often quite a  
painful reflection how much more &  
better might have been done for the  
Cause, had my circumstances been  
different & my physical strength greater.  
I hope ere long to hear from you at  
length. Caroline who is now at N.Y.  
has written you by this conveyance,  
her letter coming to me, for you & p  
the 8) & one for Mrs. Mitchell the  
day I left town. Do write either to her  
or me very soon.

his is still unaltered, quite mixed  
all with the rheumatism. He sometimes  
is a little better & then falls back, but  
even when not down, is uneasy & restless  
the tenancy. I wish I had some of  
your quiet & patient endurance? I  
am afraid he is the last year to  
which I shall ever attain.

I have a few letters lying in my basket  
& I will send them to you as a little return  
for those of your correspondents. They may  
interest you. Pray give my love to dear  
C. Pugh, Mr. Estlin & Mrs. Mitchell &  
believe me, dear Mary, ever very truly  
& affectionately yours A. W. W.