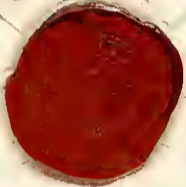


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Dear Folks, I have sent off such
hurried letters of late that I can resolve
to write every day, not only on the most
satisfactory course to you, but the easiest
to me. I will pick up a few scattered
scraps of yesterday. I found Susan in much
the most natural & easy manner of the
two (taking Susan & Eliza together) & she
certainly behaved very sensibly & well
yesterday & shewed no undue admiration
for dukes or dukes a millionaires. Of course
there was nothing existing a prooking
about S. or J. or our surroundings. She
seemed unamiable to nobody except Paul
but & Anne Alford, neither of whom did
I trouble myself to defend. The hotel all
about their coolness or whatever it might
be with H. M. of course from her own stand
point, but they seemed to have made it
up tolerably. The person that is coming home
with Eliza, & at least in the same train
or with her is Miss Murray, and Miss. More
gurney (as Susan calls her) & it seems to
be a trial to Eliza that she is coming,
but Susan says she will be with her one
two days & then go on to Miss Brown's
or N. Y. She talked some of Lady Byron's
Anecdotes & corroborating all the news
paper stories about the Lettings & her
various of the late Mr. Rev. Miss Smith,

& a Mr Chadwick of whom I never heard
before figured a good deal. Charles is directly
going into business with Ellis & Edward
Cass. Susan had hoped to have got a house
all ready for Eliza but her plans fell through.
Susan was astonished at Mr & Mrs de Mott's
marriage, as she had always said she would
never marry a new man herself & that
she hoped never Emma nor Lizzy would.
She gave a rather amusing account of the
visit of a Mr Rawlin to them. He proposed
privately to breakfast with them at half past
7 but winter sometimes, which rather
discomfited Mary Ann who feared she
could not suitably entertain an English
gentleman at breakfast, but it was
finally resolved to ask Theodore Parker
to meet him. He was hardly spoken to then
and who on his side made some fruit
& unsuccessful attempts to enter into con-
versation, & the breakfast closed unat-
tentionally. The next time Mr Rawlin
saw them he asked who that Mr Parker
was & was quite annoyed when he found
it the great man himself. — I forgot
to tell you that the last time I was in
town, I called on Mrs Ann. She is
yet in her chamber. She looks delicate
& pretty & the baby Albertina looks
solid very well. Also did I forget to tell
you that Miss Bethiah Bates is dead. Rhoda
Arnold walked over to her funeral, mindful
of the fact that between 50000 years
ago, Bethiah had her things all ready.

To be married to Cornelius had to get
home from Havana which he never
did. The Nebraska Bill is passed & now
is to be hoped all compromises due to an
evil. The most sanguine people like the
olden Parker hope we may have a war
with Spain & some thing good come of it.
The people not sanguine like Wendell
& Garrison, think that we shall buy
Cuba, have no war with Spain, legalize
the African Slave Trade if it is desired,
& that in short we have entered on a
way here to which they see no turning
of course, with God, all things are possible.
113 guns, the number of the members who
voted for Nebraska are to be fired to day on
the Common. — Mrs. Sola passed last
night at Grand ma's. She called here this
morning. She is bright & cozy now tho'
I can never remember how long she was
a year or two ago. I suppose her wife is just
done stairs, after having been shut up all
winter with neuralgia & what not.

Ever &c.

Friday June 2 3 or 4 o'clock

This is the end of this letter

Burns is sent back! I can

write no more till next week

ever yrs

A.W.W.

John Warren Weston.

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