

Monday Feb 12.

Took the Hingham Stage for Boston - I had a very comfortable ride. I got a great deal of information about banks - & heard much business gossip - The stage was not at all delayed by the snow - and I got to Boylston Street about 10 1/2 - Found that all was going on well & that Mr Birney was to address the committee in the State house in the ~~evening~~ afternoon - I went into my school, dined early, & went to the Hall -

Mr B was very interesting though - he does not make the most of any of his powerful arguments - but his mild & distinct method of stating them may have as much weight as a different manner or method - however we may be excused of being men & women of one view the advocates of our cause do much differ in the manner of their advocacy - I saw Mr Duncy in good spirits not having at all suffered from his walk -

as we were leaving the Hall much charmed with the plea for "our cause" - Henrietta Sargent a very amiable & dear friend, asked us to go home with her - to take tea with her & Mrs Child and a few friends - We spent a very delightful evening - I forgot to say that Mr Duncy walked down to Poplar Street with me - I we had much interesting talk about

Hingham - & Mrs Smith would be quite vain
if I should relate the whole conversation
at 10 I got home a little tired -

~~Wednesday~~ Morning - I kept school all the morn-
ing - & gave a lesson in penmanship - dined
early in order to get to the State House in
time to hear the continuation of Mr Berney's
Speech - a crowded house as the idea that
Angelina Grimké was to speak prevailed
extensively - it was a touching and a painful
sight to see the representatives of a free people
sitting in solemn conclave - doubtful of the
the expediency of justice - uninformed com-
paratively of principles upon which they
should have built their political faith -
and before them stood pleading for truth
& liberty - the repentant Slaveholder! -
~~and~~ the sometime infidel - asking that righteous
legislation should advance the coming of the
Savior again - He could not finish this
afternoon - & the committee cheerfully granted
a further hearing - & Friday afternoon was
appointed - I have left out Tuesday & Sat. which
was a very interesting day - as a succession of
agreeable people called & I did not keep
school, it was Deborah's day -

In the evening we had a large small party
at Mrs Chapman's - where we had - Mr Birney
Mr & Mrs Child, Wm. Phillips, John
W. Brown - Emma Quincy - Francis Jackson
his son & daughter - and many other friends of
the cause - I forgot George Bancroft - the
Historian - & Politician whom I then met

though I am sorry to say the story I heard
respecting him at Springfield is current here
- I do not believe a word of it -
we started late & had a fair rain to go home
in - I go back now to Wednesday evening
at the State house - I found that Mrs
Grinkie had written to the committee asking
for a hearing - Mr Alvord after Birney con-
cluded called the committee together in a
private room - & then & there they decided
to hear the ladies on Wednesday & Thursday
of this week - Mr Blake of Boston (Geo Blake)
remarked - "it is their right to speak" - I was
surprised at this - I went directly to the
Cambridge Rowly from the State house - with
my friend John Owen of Cambridge - having
been engaged for some time to pass the next
day with them - It was a quiet uninter-
rupted day - Thursday & in the evening we went to hear
Mr Emerson - I am going to the whole course
it was a most delightful lecture - he thinks
all goes wrong in the world because all or
so many are out of place - the "round pins
are in square holes" Friday morning I return-
ed to Boston - was in school till noon - a bitter
snow storm - this did not however prevent us
from again seeking the hall of legislation
where Brother Birney was to conclude his
argument - to my surprise there was a
large assembly convened - and many ladies
after Mr Birney concluded - the committee
or their chairman stated that their wish
was to avail themselves as far as possible of
Mr Birney's experience - & accurate infor-
mation & they would place in his hands

Some questions which had occurred to
different individuals of their number
while he had been speaking of the
answers the questions which embrace
a variety of subjects - with great readiness
bringing fact - arguments & illustration
to prove the positions he assumed in
each case - I think the committee were
favorably impressed - and went to
pleasantly place to the house of
the Chapman Service where a very
delightful anti-slavery party was
assembled - I had in the course of
this evening much interesting conver-
sation with Mr Birney & I can not tell you
how much I was taken with his open
& benevolent character - I think the night
with Mary Chapman - On Monday
I was in school - and in the afternoon
this week of gossiping I was constrain-
ed by business as well as inclination
to go in the afternoon to Roxbury
where I spent the Sabbath with my
friends - & came home this Monday
morning to begin another week -

I do not see, but think the same volume
is before me for the next evening
Dear Brother May - is to lecture in the
Yemenow evening his is a lecture to the
coloured people at Faneuil Boston & as
he is rather scarce now I must go to hear
him - Wednesday after the Grinkles before
the committee - & Thursday afternoon - the same
Thursday evening - the Amersons Lecture at 8 am.

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