

Boston April 7 - 1838

Dear friend

I was so much grieved & troubled - when Maria showed me your letter of yesterday - that I felt impelled to write to you directly - to express what I feel & tell what I know - I can not think ~~where~~ ~~who it is~~ with I am surprised at the statements that have been made to you - & the more as they are in a great measure unfounded - I know that the brethren cannot seem to comprehend that this matter is not in outline & detail entirely in their hands - & I think them ~~farther~~ ^{more} given to gossip - ~~about~~ respecting our plans than to give rational advice or substantial aid - I know all about the ~~origination~~ ~~&~~ ~~beginning~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~plans~~ for these lectures - in our conversations with the Ladies Society & ~~with~~ I never ~~heard~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~suggestion~~ - ~~that~~ ~~you~~ ~~were~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~deliver~~ ~~a~~ ~~portion~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~lectures~~ - The Choses Grinke were invited to lecture - & ~~was~~ ~~supposed~~

of course - & it was for you to decide
which of you should speak - ~~see above~~
~~supposed~~ that you the Odeon was not
promised for Angelina, more than for
yourself - It was promised for the Misses
Grinhi - & ~~so~~ ^{your} advertisements were
written accordingly -

I know that Angelina is more
popular with the brethren than
yourself, as a speaker - & they wished
her to ~~be the speaker~~ ^{to hear her often} but I supposed
that after your very successful lecture
at the Odeon they were satisfied with
the arrangement & believe that they
are ~~mainly satisfied~~ ^{generally} -

I remember perfectly my own impression
when I first heard you both speak
at "40" - last summer - & I have to
avow that I ~~do~~ thought your
~~style~~ lectures equally interesting but
liked Angelina's manner best
we thought your tone ~~was~~ peculiarly
& monotonous - I trust we will
tell Sarah what we think & if this
be of a fault, it is easily remedied
but Maria says "no" - for many like
Sarah best - & perhaps ~~a change~~ ^{we} should
do ~~more~~ ^{do} harm than good if we should
succeed in causing any change

I heard regret expressed that you said
nothing before the legislature - Maria
was sorry - it was fully expected by
committed audiences that you would
speak there -

I was very desirous myself that
anytime I should deliver the first lec-
ture at the College - because so ^{much} ~~many~~
went away from the State house - ~~disappointed~~
curiosity was exciting in numbers who
did not succeed in hearing her at the
State house & the wish to hear her was
so loudly expressed among the
hither to ~~transcend~~ - ~~minutes~~ ~~test~~ Bostonians

Before you had been speaking 5 min-
utes - I liked the arrangement just
as well as if I had ~~done~~ planned it
my own way - ~~There is no doubt~~
~~of the~~ for there could not have been a
better lecture - & its ~~powerfulness~~ ^{it was powerful} in
for ~~bold~~ & faithful & able - it was all we
could ask - ~~it did~~ & it made the impression
that might have been expected - If I thought
you cared for such things I could give you
testimonials - in abundance of the favourable
reception it met - There was only one fault
in it - ~~it~~ which as fault-finding seems to be the
order of the day you will permit me to mention
- the giving authorities at length takes up too
much time & makes the lecture about 10 or
15 minutes too long - it would be better to tell
them that you can prove thus & so - but unless
when some startling effect is to be produced by
quotation to save ~~that~~ ^{the} time which ~~they~~ it occupies

Henry Chapman begs me to tell
you that he thinks just as I do
& that you ought not by any means
to let Mr. Angelini give up the
lectures - ~~but~~ that the effect will be
much better & more interesting & varied
given to them if you ~~adhere~~ the
original plan is carried out.

— do not suppose that
you made less impression than an
because you were interrupted
more — it was Henry Chapman's
eloquence - aided by six constables
& two watchmen - that I. not Angel-
inis tho' that was powerful. That so
effectually quelled the mean
boys of the city - last Thursday
evening —