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Saturday morning.

Dear Deborah,

Caroline came in here last night and brought your letter. I read it with grief and amusement. At first, I thought we ought to tell Maria forthwith; then when we considered that it would be her duty to tell Henry, we thought it would be best to do nothing about it. I would that Garrison were an foil in this matter, but I do not think, after a night's reflection, that we had best do ought about it. My indignation is so stirred up that we think I could annihilate him. I begin to think what I did not before that he is a vile bad man. Encourage the parties concerned in N. B. to say nothing to any one. I suppose you received all this as perfect news. I shall not let any one know save Emma that we have had a letter from you. We could not well account for its not coming through Henry's hands and M. might insist on seeing the letter or suspect some thing. So when you write again, you need make no allusion to how it was written & if you have any thing to say about this, a lie darkly expressed, may be safely trusted. Probably if it came by mail, I should be at home at its arrival & have the opening of it. Henry's health has been much as when you were here. Quite as comfortable, I think. He walks a good deal & as the weather did not permit this yesterday, he & I went to the riding school & rode an hour. We had a very fine ride, & as he thought he felt better will probably go again. Maria has had a shocking cold, but is better. Gertrude took her mother's cold and is still very poorly, but on the whole, improving. Collier left here on wed - & I see by this morning's paper has sailed. The poor fellow had the weight of mountains on him the day he left, & how he ever got away I know not. Hervey chartered to be in town, & packed his trunk for him, or otherwise he might have gone unperked - Henry & Hervey

together bought his horse & chaise, gave \$/170 for both & Kerney  
drove out the same night to Weymouth, & there the equipage  
now is. I suppose C's departure must come out, tho' I think I would  
say nothing about it. The Adams' sailed Thursday in the Mediator.  
The day after you left a package arrived or rather a letter from  
W. Martinian. She wrote in a most affectionate manner, but spoke  
of her health as very precarious - Her com. plaint is a humor  
in the womb, as we judge, but this is strict privacy; she wrote  
considerable about her com. plaint, but you can see it when you  
come. Boney & Stanton had been to see her, but she said they  
were sad draw backs or any pleasure we might have had in  
returning, seeing them. She writes, "We were charmed with Brad  
burn." - On Monday, by another conveyance, came a package  
from her - This brought another good letter from her, a fine piece  
from the "Liberty Bell", prose, eloquent & sensible - Also an  
article from Lady Byron in her Ladyship's own hand writing - It is  
somewhat heavy but sensible & well expressed - She did not write  
it for "the Bell" but H. M. having applied to Mrs James on for  
an article, Mrs J. returned an answer expressing herself, as her  
father was in a dying state, but sent this com. munication from  
her friend Lady B. The worst of it is that we must not print  
Lady B's name - but Miss M. says it may be told round as  
entirely as we like. We find James West Gomer's pieces are  
not eligible as they have been published in Keble's Hymn Book.  
Mrs. Alford sails for England the middle of this month in the  
Caledonia with her brother Henry - From England she will go to Ger-  
many to join Maria. James & L. Mott have returned & Mary  
Loren - Maria has had a letter from M. J. accompanied by  
some little books from Anna Knight for our Fair. Mary,  
to my asson's interest, seems right on the poor man question.  
but her letter was very stiff - We had a pretty good monthly

Concert last Monday - Mr Dadd was there & peered like an onion  
and John was answered him very well - Dr Taylor made a  
cautious sort of a prayer, & after meeting, I thought rather shamed  
to speak to. However, I rather advised him to be perfectly sincere.  
But he came early the next morning, & this gave him an  
opportunity for a Twitticism. "Though it was so early in the  
morning, I consider it a coming by night." He was very kind  
and confidential & I esteemed it my duty to give him  
abundance of good advice - I had been to hear his preach  
the Sunday before. He did very well in the morning, but not  
so well in the afternoon. I hardly think he wife's peal  
but the narrowness of his intellectual works is such that he  
will not be able to comprehend the breadth of the cause.  
We collected about \$33. I had a line from Aunt Mary yesterday  
in which she says that Aunt Priscilla is about the same as when  
I was at home. Mr Rogers and his wife are in town and staying at  
Francis Jackson's - We (Henry, Maria & I) called at Mr Jackson's  
yesterday. They (the Rogers) are coming here to dine - Mrs R.  
is a prettyish woman, quite faded, but rather interesting. Several  
of N. Y. and Bishop dined here yesterday. We like DeWitt  
very well; He seems to see through millstones, & to be just  
to nobody in particular. Caroline & I spent Wednesday night  
and all day Thursday at Kenneth's. Had a good quiet time,  
but heard no special news. - By the bye, Rogers will go to  
N. Y. in the end tho' at present, Johnson goes on there to edit the  
Standard with Rogers to write leading articles. Rogers will be  
at Worcester - Maria has had a letter from Geo Combe declining  
to write for "the Bell". He declines because he is writing a  
physiological book in which he discusses the slavery question  
& he fears that if he wrote for the Bell, the people who would  
think him a partisan & would not read the book. The letter was  
very polite - Dr & Mrs Hale have spent an evening here  
but I was luckily at the Monthly Concert. Caroline spent last  
Sunday at Weymouth and Newey brought her in - She bought  
a very pretty little Florence straw for me, of Sally. I had  
seen & liked it but as the price was \$6 - I had no thought of  
getting it tho' I liked it very well. Till Caroline would turn it,  
I have taken the liberty of trying it with a bit of pink  
ribbon that I found in your little box. Kenneth gave  
me some pretty white flowers to wear, roses etc, so I am  
provided with my winter's bonnet. I have given up all  
idea of Dedham, so if you see any opening any where  
own me, remember to

It may be quietly told to the N. B. sisters that the Fair will be held some time in the last week of the year. We may have a sale of produce before - The New England holds its Fair the 17, 18, 19 of Nov. This afternoon we hold a con. meeting as you will see at the Fair - Encourage of course, & stir up all you can - You will be sorry to hear that not only has Mrs Watson & her son died of typhus fever, but Mr Hall & one of the other sisters, Abby, is very sick & Mr Hall's little boy



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not expected to live - They all have the fever. Also there is a report that Walter Dickson has lost his wife of the same thing. Several encouraging letters have been received from several places in reference to the Fair. Georgetown Ipswich etc. Mary Parker is very ill, confined to her bed & I suppose the result doubtful - I went all over the Hospital the other day with Mary Chapman - Caroline thinks you ought to call on Mr. Thurman himself. My love to all whom I know in N. B. I suppose I shall stay here till you return. Write when you have time to say up. over