

Weymouth Feb. 25. 1841.

Thursday evening.

Dear Maria.

It is difficult to know what to write to you because the fear is that Caroline or Mary may write the self same thing. I believe I will give a concise account of the state of things here and then look over my journal (for be it known to Henry "I too shepherds see") and smiling the weighty matter pick up the fragments of news, the odds so unimportant that nobody else will remember them. And first the children. Both are perfectly well & Henry bids fair to know how to read some time or other.

This season encourage us in our Anti Slavery career, for at the first blush, one appeared almost as hopeless a task as the other, but Deborah has given herself unreservedly to the work and he is improving. He does not go to school & though on some accounts this renders him more backward some, yet on others it is far better. Little Ann continues to be the comfort of the house, the very queen of hearts.

Pa says sometimes when "Luff when the wind blows". The other day, when some special cooking was under way she & Henry crept in to the kitchen & were so still as to attract little Ann's attention. "What are you doing?" says she "we are luffing 'cause it's blowing" says Ann's. We keep a fire up most of the time which prevents their having as many colds as usual. All of us at home are well. Aunt Patricia just the same, for aught I see. She smiles one when ever it is practicable. & he opens are I hope, a little improved. They all send their love. Aunt Phoebe thanks you for the honey, which was much admired. Come Monday & I are going to Dunbury to stay a few days. I shall go to see the Webster & Father Sprague.

And now casting my eye over my journal I get hints where
to spend. Chapman has been called to the Free Church but
whether he will accept is not known, probably he will. The
case was not unanimous. There is a perfect party against
him on the ground that he is not particularly scrupulous. The
latter opinion is my own, but if he is so far from scrupulous
as to refuse ordination at pro-slavery hands, I will forgive
him the rest. But I suppose he will fail. It will not
be for want of good counsel if he does, for which we
were in the utmost hurry shutting up the house, I gave him
one whole forenoon, especially to Mr. Chapman in discomfure
who occupied his room & bed, for the purpose of uttering
judgments. I intreated him to choose between God &
Man, told him that in trying for both he would get
neither. I could not have been more forcible. He said
W. H. May would not be called by pro-slavery ministers
in part - I told him that I know it & should never have
signed a letter I had, recently written him in respectful
A Temperance Meeting was to be held the other night at
the Marlboro'. Bradburn had been engaged to speak. As he
entered the building, he saw Colver rising to propose. He
said as those who flee out of Babylon - what the
meeting said I do not know, but I thought it disgraceful in
him. I called while in town at Mr. Johnson's & the 50 lib-
erators were arranged in the best way we could. One is to
go to Mr. Abbott, who by the way has no lights in his house
because he will not sanction selling whale etc. I have
written several articles for the offering. I trust it will get
along some how till the 2^d of March when Colver is ex-
pected. The Feb Mo is not yet out. I answered M. Fuller's
letter in rather spare but a note to me of our Reports to
E. Parbury's. - I have also written to L. Mott by Maria
and hope to get some account of that wherever we sent
them in 1836 about their taking seats at New York.

I shall probably go in town at the Minute Convention which
is called the 30th of March. I shall probably stay at
Henssler's - Nothing can exceed their kindness there - I
don't know but they will finally adopt you. If you
can, while gone, I would write Henssler & me & you. No
body would value your letter more. I don't think L. M. C.
treats them with all the attention the minute. Mrs Parker
sails for England in April, & Mary Bowditch's lady comes
might 2 or 3. Abby Southwick who soon after took the
most in veterance, has become so bewitched as to get her
father to hire half a pew for her at Park St. I have
borne a faithful testimony, but can only hope that as
she has begun to study German with Mr Ripley she
will do very well as the other one. I had a letter recently
from Dr Ferrisworth, but it contained no particular news, he
was satisfied with the annual meeting and said Haver
was having a great revival. Gibson has engaged the
Tabernacle for one half year. They would not let us have a
last ~~night~~ ^{spring} because of Lent in Tappan. The Weymouth people
are taking a very great interest in the news of Bedford
7 or 8 people here are beginning to take it. It almost cuts
out the Liberator. Indeed Parker Pillsbury & the rest are
worthy of all admiration. I wish they could send you a
file of them, for they are my work & spirit. - Abby Kelley
thinks of going to the Convention after it gets underway
Mr Ripley highly admires her only thinks she over values
carnal learning - This to some is also going. - The devil is
in such difficulties at the South parish that I think in
the end he must leave. Dr Field has refused to pay
Mr Perkins any longer, and Peter Lushing went up to the
Commission because of Unitarian purposes. Am I not very
polite to leave all the really new news to the
other, but after you have done all the rest per-
haps you will be able to pick up some crumbs here.
We all thank Henry a great deal for his interest. I

really think he beats you. His journal is an excellent
idea. I think you had better adopt it. If you do not
get home in time for the American meeting in May would
it not be well to write it a letter? It is amusingly cold to
night & I sit all of a shiver & envy your cousin. Oh how
lovely to go to bed with the windows open.

Every body here shows manifest great interest in you
and people are here, never stop to ask about your state

Mrs Henry G. Chapman.

The political A.S. meeting is very much cut up in
to days Port. "Brother Tower" cuts a very ridiculous
figure. I am sorry I shall ever get back with them.
All send best love to you both.

Yrs ever affectionately
A. W. Weston.

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