

Extract from a letter of Ann W. Weston
39 Summer Street Boston March 6th 1843
Speaking of Douglas' lecture

"The house was very full, much more so than
at any former evening, 'an array of beauty
& fashion' — Douglas did not get in till
late, as he came up from Lynn in the 7 o'clock
train, but he did arrive though we were all
full of fears, & gave a very good lecture, not as
good as I have heard, but very well. He was more
in the narrative & familiar vein & kept the
audience laughing all the time — one
or two old files went out, but the audience
generally were well pleased, he was elegant
occasionally, but as he was telling his own
experiences, there was not so much chance for
flowers of rhetoric as might be. I expected Mrs
Tyler would be aggravated but she bore it
very well, said she enjoyed the lecture amazingly
& was wonderfully amused with the sermon.
but the most astonishing thing of all was that
she knew him; remembered to have seen him in
Baltimore, she said his master was a Mr Merriman
who had a son at E. M. P. Wells' School at the time,
that his real name was Edward that he was
considered a very valuable servant. After the
lecture Douglas of course came home with Maria,
Warren stepped up to him quietly & called him
"Edward" at which he started as though he had
been shot & took Warren into the back drawing
room to show where he had got his info-

matron. Mrs J. said to Warren that she would
keep her information to herself, but Maria
says it is not material for that Douglas has
made some arrangement with his master
though he says nothing about it."

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