

Wrentham Oct. 31. 1834.

To C. Fryer

Dear Mother

I have stolen one week away from the arduous duties of my agency to return from Maine to see my family & make our arrangements for the winter. I shall remain over the Sabbath only & on Tuesday return again to Maine & go thence to Concord in N. Hampshire to attend the Convention to be held there on the 11th of November, for the purpose of forming a State Anti-Slavery Society. We have just had such a convention at Augusta in Maine, at which, more than 100 delegates being present, we formed a State Society for Maine, Auxiliary to the American Society. Our cause is making rapid progress in that region. Everywhere I find warm opposition & warm friendship.

Wife will probably remain here as a boarder for the winter. The next two months I shall probably spend in Maine & N. Hampshire & after that shall remain with my family at least three weeks. I wrote some time since to Uncle Augustus to have him assist you in getting your wood &c for the winter. It is all important that your wood should be cut & corded under the shed, & all your other arrangements for the winter completely & fully made, & whatever else you leave at loose ends, do not leave that matter. I should be glad & had intended to visit you this

fall & aid you in making these arrangements, but I find it utterly impossible. The claims of oppressed & outraged millions call me elsewhere & in obedience to them & therein, in obedience to the God of the Oppressed I cheerfully go, believing that the God who calls me in one direction in behalf of this outraged & defenceless poor will not be unmindful of the necessities of me & mine.

You seem to think me out of the line of my duty, but so far from this, I think I was never more in it than now - at least in it, or out of it, I never enjoyed more of the light of God's countenance than now - never felt myself so utterly a stranger on earth & never so walked with God, as since I have begun practically to remember them that are in bonds as bound with them. If I know my own heart I have done with looking for comfort, or ease, or honor in this world. I wish to live to purpose - so that the world shall feel my influence & be the better for my having lived in it - I wish only to honor God, by joining issue with sin in all its forms, & thus do all I can to aid on the great work of reclaiming this rebel world to God, & then I wish to die, & leave ~~God~~ my destinies, & the destinies of mine, both temporal & eternal, with God. Am.

Remember me affectionately to all friends & believe me as ever -
- - - Your affectionate son
Amos A. Phelps.

P.S. Shall write you something definite in relation to money matters when I write again. Wife will fill out the rest of the sheet -

Dear Mother,

I have received your dated Oct 3rd - I should
have ~~been~~ answered it before this but have been prevented by
sickness &c. &c. - Two weeks ago to night I was taken very
suddenly with something like the cholera morbus - & was
very ~~and~~ much distressed through the night - or till 4 o'clock
- I have now recovered & am about as well as usual
You perceive from Husband's letter that he is with me
for a few days - He came very unexpectedly yesterday,
Little Edward (as well as the rest of us) was delighted to
see him - He knew him although he had not seen him
for nearly three months - On Tuesday he will leave
us again - On Monday we expect to attend Mr. Lee's wedding
if it is pleasant - I received the invitation yesterday,
a few hours before husband arrived - He is to be married
to a Miss Lisk of Natick - I have not seen her yet
~~of -~~ ~~but~~ ~~that~~ you will be somewhat surprised, Mother
to hear that Sister Emily was married last Wednesday evening
to a Mr. Sturtevant of War Bedford - She left us with her friend
that came to the wedding yesterday morning for Mr. W. - Mr. S.
had been attentive to her for some time - but it was not decided
when I wrote you last, that they would be married so soon
By the way, Cousin Eliza Shepard will probably be married
next Spring - to a clergyman - a Mr. Boutwell - settled in
Rymouth - Brother Frederick has returned to College - Sister
Thermit goes to the Academy this term - She sends love to you
Mother also wishes to be remembered & says she thinks much
of you in your lonely situation - Little Edward would send a
a kiss if he were awake - He is very well & grows finely
& improves very much in talking - When I write you with

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your husband's stockings, I had forgotten that you had
I feel with you to explain - I should like to have you explain
them - take as you think best with regard to knitting him an
increase - you can knit Edward's & you please - & make this
large enough for him a year hence is well. You should not
have an opportunity to deny them this winter - when Mrs
Linn is staying here & is very acceptable to husband's next

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Mrs Clarissa Tryon
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will answer you in your next letter - & Mrs
Jenny & her first year has been sick -
I hope to have me your affectionate thought
Charlotte

Whenever you have time I time to visit them - they are so
much more charitable than that we say - I should like to have
you get some more Weymouth - as mine is almost gone &
of expensive & precious if in Boston - remember me affectionately
to your dear & family & all friends - Char-Ann W. H. & Mrs
Have you - Do you not rejoice with me - I know as you have from
husband's letter that he is a little above the world - is he devoted to
reading of his letters - and is much enjoyment in the world of duty?
God has indeed blessed me with the gift of you and a son -