

Nov 25th

Dear John Brown

~~Dear friend,~~

It will comfort you to know that your wife bears [illegible] of this trial with [illegible] fortitude. Her behavior is the admiration of all who have opportunities of observing her. She is calm without insensibility, tender without weakness, sorrowful but not as one without hope. Her hope however is not that you will be [illegible], or reprieved, or your sentence [illegible], but that the brief remnant of your life on Earth will be to thwart [illegible] that its influence, added to that of your example and teaching up to this friend, will not only accrue to their benefit, but precipitate the triumph of the Great Cause which you have so long had at heart.

She is still an inmate at my house, though is intending as I before wrote you to spend a day or two with Mrs. Mott. Yesterday she accompanied me (it was Thanksgiving Day) to this church of the Rev. Dr. [illegible]; and was greatly reprieved and comforted. The Prayers, the hymns, the sermon, were all just what she could have most desired. As we were coming out it was discerned accidentally that she was present, and large numbers came around her with their eyes overflowing with sympathy to thank her by the hand and say "God bless you".

She reads of course with [illegible] everything that passes [illegible] concerning you. She laughed and cried with your comrades in the sermon of Buchanan(?). Your letter to Mr. Vail(?) gave her the greatest pleasure, but your allusion in it to your "two noble boys" quite broke her down--you need have no [illegible] about her manner of handling herself. Was this for all you could ask as I am sure it will be so to the end.

She said [illegible] she had always been desirous to hear your last-words. She was sure they would be words of strength and she was not disturbed therefore at your expression that you [illegible]. Your letters to others are at this [illegible] letters to her and the [illegible].

You will have [illegible] from those resolutions I sent you that we would have a meeting in this city next Friday. As it is your desire to [illegible] in this great [illegible], [illegible] you will have a word to say of the occasion. If [illegible] I need hands tell her that I would be delighted to be your needed [illegible].

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