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"What should I suppose Mr. Minster to be writing
"letter to me. Have I not plagues & troubles enough
"in this world, without being pestered by him? Well
"luckily, I am not obliged to answer him, & shall
"not think of doing it." I do not expect it, but I
cannot bear to be forgotten by a lady, whom I respect
and admire more than almost any other, I ever
knew. I talk of you till I get so impatient, that
I want to fly to New York, to see you. That being
impossible, I have no relief but to tell you how
much I desire it. I hear you are living in retire-
ment, devoted to duty & making every body happy,
about you, and receiving in return, I have no doubt,
a great deal of happiness. I trust to the benevo-
lence of yr character, for thinking sometimes of yr
most devoted friends in Boston. I am as hard and
& indifferent as usual; pretty well satisfied with
others, very little with myself. However I don't mean
to write about myself - Our town is very gay this
winter, and one who loves fashion and folly may
enjoy them to satiety. There is more luxury in our society

than I have ever witnessed before. Among the principal occasions of it, is the marriage of a Miss Thoudike whose father married a N York lady, & built a palace in Beacon St. which in sumptuousness & gorgeous elegance, eclipses all Boston examples of Stabobism.

Poor devils like me, are very apt to moralize on these displays of pomp and grandeur, & declaim against the vanity of riches, and envy it, not a little. It is a little singular, that this moral truth should be discerned only by the poor, with the single exception of Solomon, and it is not without, that he gave away his money or parted for his 1500 wives.

Night before last, I was at a Ball at Mr Payer's, a relation & next neighbour of Mr Webster. He & Mr White whose daughter he married, have built two very spacious houses, which communicate by door, larger than y^r brother's folding doors. Both houses were thrown open to the company, so as to give a magnificent room for dancing & promenade. In the back part of each house, is a large vaulted dining hall, like that in Col. Thoudike's house, lighted by a dome. Between these also, was a communication, which afforded room for an immense supper table, which was covered with oriental luxury. This

fair scene was not reserved for the general view, but was all the evening exposed to the eye, & afforded much amusement to those who did not dance. Mr Thoudike opens his house next ^{week}, and I dare say, will compel Mr Payer to do homage to his superior style & luxury. — Dr Channing preached a sermon on our last Sunday, which was full of strong & exciting thoughts, and seemed to prove that we are not altogether devoted to the cultivation of the lower part of our nature. I think I never knew a greater sensation to be produced by a sermon of his. We have all read Hannah More, with great pleasure & hope not without some profit. Her character addresses

itself very strongly to the conscience, thinking gentle people, like you & I.

I have resolved to live a better life. You need no amendment. I recommend the life of Crabb the Poet, as a most agreeable Book. It proves that Burke was as good as he was great. I meet Mr Byrd frequently in gay crowds, & we find great refreshment in talking about you. Mr Winsor was to go to Mr Lee, very early this afternoon for a copy of a conversation which I am about to attempt till 9 o'clock. How I wish I could recompense myself by visiting you?

Yours most truly,

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