

Levy Aug 31. 1840.

My dear wife. The Panama lab. is past, & I am ready
 according to my promise, to the delightful privilege
 of conversing with my hearts dear companion & fri-
 -end. On Wednesday P. M. 5 o'clock - took passage at New
 York. in the Steamer De Witt Clinton for Albany.
 Passage ticket 3. dollars. A large & splendid boat well fitted
 with passengers. Secured a good berth for the night, by
 calling early for a ticket before the boat sailed. Saw no
 person on board whom I knew except Rev. Joel Parker D. D.
 Supper bell rang, scarcely ever felt a stronger inclination
 to eat, but in unbroken resolution & went without my supper
 to save fifty cents. Went to bed at 8 o'clock & went to sleep, but
 awoke at ten, & found myself so tired of lying, that I got up.
 Walked the boat until I was tired, & then went again to my
 berth, & lay until nearly three. Got up & at ~~four~~ four
 found myself in Albany. Waited as patiently as possible
 for people to rise, that I might go on shore & get some
 breakfast, as a supperless & restless night on board a
 steamboat had given me a very clamorous appetite.
 Went to the railroad depot, & found the cars about get-
 -ing off for Schenectady, & instead of waiting for break-
 -fast, concluded to go on board at once. In about one
 hour we were in Schenectady. Took breakfast, & then took
 cars for Utica 70 miles. Fare from Albany to Utica \$3.75.
 Arrived at Utica at half past two. A bit of apple pie,
 a ~~cup~~ cup of milk & an apple made up my dinner.
 At half past 3. took cars for Syracuse 53 ^{miles}. Fare 2. dollars -
 arrived at Syracuse about 7. Took passage in a canal pack-
 -et for Rochester 94. miles. fare 4. dollars including meals.
 Went to bed, or rather laid myself up on a shelf, & there re-
 -mained all night, & by seven o'clock next morning fo-
 -und we had progressed the astonishing distance of 34 miles.
 Found canal travelling very tedious. & Trudged along
 at the rate of four miles an hour, until about half
 past three P. M. found we were then 8. miles from Roch-
 -ester by land, & 16. miles by canal which we could not ac-
 -complish in less time than four hours. Being exceed-
 -ingly tired of the boat, I yielded to the opportunity of leav-
 -ing her, & very gladly paid fifty cents to be taken, Roch-
 -ester in a stage wagon which was accomplished in one
 hour & a half instead of four. Stopped at a public house
 & after a shave at barbers, a change of linen &c, inquired
 as directed for Mr. George Thayer. Found him at his
 store, & was cordially received & taken to his house, &
 introduced to his wife & mother in law, whom I found
 to be the ~~very~~ sister & mother of Henry B. Stanton.

I found this a most delightful resting place. Mrs. Stanton
in personal appearance & manners is as much like her son
as mother & you well could be. She is a woman of fifty
five perhaps, & in intellectual endowments, & powers
of conversation, is certainly very far superior to most
of her sex, within the circle of my acquaintance. She
has been in the enjoyment of full sanctification, as
she believes for 13 years. Says that without any human
teacher she learned it alone with her Bible
& her God. She is just such a woman my dear wife
as you would ardently love, & one to whom I should
love to introduce you, & many, many times did my heart
-rt say I wish my dear wife was here. Bro. Beecher
called to see me early in the evening, & seemed heartily
glad to meet me. He is in a most interesting state
of mind. Had a delightful conversation & season of
prayer with him. On Saturday I dined with him, & had
another precious interview & season of prayer. At Mr.
Kerry's I also met Brother Calvin Wadsworth. In person
& manners, he is very similar to Brother Mahan,
& seems an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile. —
With Bro. Wadsworth I left Rochester between 2 & 3 o'clock
P. M. of Sat, a rainy day in a private open carriage
over a muddy road, & arrived in the evening in
darkness & rain at this place. Here I have found a large
circle of Christian brethren, who have received
me with warm hearts & outstretched hands. —
They seem greatly to love me for Christ's sake. The
Presbyterian minister however stands entirely al-
-off. I have not yet seen him. I found that the prope-
-et of my coming to this place had caused no little
-sensation. A church meeting had been called to decide
whether I should be invited to preach in the Presbyterian
church. The church agreed to leave it to the session
& pastor, & the session & pastor by a majority had
agreed to invite me to preach, but subsequently
a remonstrance had been got up by opposing
members of the church, & this had induced the good
minister to conclude that he had better have noth-
-ing to do with me, Lib. Moore. The Methodist Minister
stationed here, called & gave me a very cordial in-
-vitation to his pulpit. I preached for him 3 times
to congregations composed of Methodists & Presbyteri-
-ans, among the latter of whom were a judge & a
member of congress. The Lord was with us. My soul
was abundantly refreshed from the presence of the Holy
-in preaching, & the word was apparently received
with great delight. Though the weather was rainy &
the travelling bad, some persons were here & some were

cent towns, & mine from a distance of nearly thirty miles.
I am to remain here during the week, to preach every eve-
-ning. I have never met a company of Christian brethren
with whom I have been more pleased than here,
I am most pleasantly entertained at the house of a
Broth. Grannis. But my dear Wife my heart yearns
this morning most affectionately for you. I feel that
it is my supreme delight to preach the name
of Jesus, & I feel satisfied that I have done his will in
coming to this country. I find Christians here, who feel
themselves as Mrs. Stanton expressed it, like poor lone
sheep on the mountains, longing for a shepherd
to feed them. It is a delightful work to lead them to green
pastures, & to living waters where they flow. But I
feel ^{such} a rush of tender & affectionate emotions as I remem-
ber ^{my} dear mate, my own beloved wife
whom I have loved with the overflowing ardor of youth,
& whom I now love still more with the strength
of manhood. At this distance of time & place from
you, I remember your ten-thousand acts of kindness,
your innumerable expressions of warm & faithful
-love, & my heart yearns for you, & my
arms are almost reached forth involunta-
rily to embrace you. This morning
I had a delightful season at our hour
of prayer, in commending you to our
blessed, blessed Saviour. I remembered my dear Wife
how kindly affectionately a morning or two be-
-fore I left, you placed yourself in my arms, & put
your head to my own, so that heart might
beat to heart, & I felt that thus I would have
you drawn with me to the heart of our most
precious, precious Redeemer, & while you poured
a pure warm flow of perfect love into the heart
of our Blessed Saviour, you might receive His love
-in all its overflowing inexhaustible abundance
poured into your own. For this I prayed & I felt
that my blessed ^{Saviour} heard me. Yes he heard me. O my
dear, dear Wife - you cannot conceive how
my heart has longed to have a companion
in my bosom ^{mate}, that knew the blessedness of
perfect love to Christ! ~~I do you think that I~~
~~am satisfied with my lot now? No - No - No. It is~~
my own dear Wife, my hearts mate, endeared to
me by so many thousand tenderest recollections
it, your own dear self, that I wish to hold in my
arms, & feel that the strong current of our
entire affections is meeting & flowing
out together to Jesus.

And I know that my Saviour perfectly well understands what a blindness it would be both to yourself & me to have our hearts united with the perfect love of Christ, & since He has said that He will with hold no good thing from us, I know that He will not withhold this. And will this love of Christ separate us? No. No. It will draw us together & bind & cement us, & make us one as no other bond of union can. Dear Wife my heart glows this moment with love to you & my our Blessed Union. Precious Wife we will we will be one in Christ. He will help us, & not all earth nor hell shall hinder.



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Give a father's tenderest love to the dear children. As I was praying for you & them this morning, I felt a strong desire, that as my dear Wife from love to me had in a natural sense brought forth the children to me, so in a spiritual sense, she might bring forth the same children to Christ, & see them at last through her prayers & faith in Christ, set as gems in her Redeemer's crown. Then my dear Wife you will receive a rich & large, & eternal reward for every pain, for every throb of anguish which you have felt on my account, in bringing forth to me the pledges of your love. Dear Wife let us travail together to bring them forth to our Redeemer. Let me hear from you. Dear dear Wife as often as you can. Direct to New York - your truly affectionate husband. C. F. Fitch