

## Mary A. Brown to Dear children one & all

Writing from somewhere "near" Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she was staying with Lucretia Mott while her husband awaited execution for the Harpers Ferry raid, Mary Brown informed her children that their father wrote "very comforting letters" and of course was secure in his faith. Mrs. Brown wrote of the sympathy that was directed her way and of the belief that their sacrifice would yet do much "for the poor slave." Mrs. Brown expresses her own very articulate antislavery views (slavery, "the greatest sin that ever rested on our nation") and had been uplifted by the opportunity to hear several "antislavery sermons."

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Now Philadelphia Nov 28 1858  
 Dear children one & all  
 I am here with  
<sup>Suzette</sup> Mrs. Mott where I expect to stay  
 untill your dear father is disposed  
 of. What a terrible thought. But  
 may the god of all peace be  
 with us all as he is with him. he  
 writes very comforting letters he says  
 he is not only tranquil but ~~happy~~ joyful.  
 He says let us with sincere gratitude  
 receive all that our Father in heaven  
 may send us for he doeth all things  
 well yet I will rejoice in the Lord I  
 will joy in the good of <sup>my</sup> salvation.  
 I will send you a copy of one of  
 his letters. which Lucy McKina copied  
 for me save every thing that you  
 get ~~xxx~~ get with care. he says dont  
 feel your self <sup>as</sup> degraded in the  
 least Oh I cant begin to tell you  
 Salmon shall have the money  
 he speaks of

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the sympathy that is felt & the  
good that it is likely to do for the  
poor slave yet, I hope that we shall  
forget those that are in bonds  
as being bound with them but  
be more firm & active than  
ever. I went to hear Lucretia  
Mott yesterday she preached most  
an excellent antislavery sermon I  
went Thanksgiving day & heard  
Mr. Furness one of the best anti-  
slavery sermons I ever heard there  
are some folks in this world who don't  
think it a sin to preach speak &  
pray for the greatest sin that ever  
rested on our nation. I expect to  
hear Theodore Parker to night.  
I feel as Oliver wrote home once  
I do want to <sup>live</sup> where progression is  
going on. I hope that you will  
answer any letters that you receive  
with out delay. If Bell has not moved

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her things away I rather wish she  
would not until I come home.  
I shall send you two letters from  
Mrs Spring who is interesting herself  
so much to raise money to send you  
Anna & Sarah to school at Caywood  
she has got three hundred & fifty  
dollars & thinks she can raise enough  
you will see that she has consulted  
your Father about it. I want you  
should do all you can about getting  
ready so that if it is thought best  
you can go it will be a great privilege  
to you & I hope you will appreciate  
it. I shall tell you more about  
it when I get home. I can't tell  
now when I shall start. <sup>home</sup> I have  
written to you Miss for the bodies  
of our friends but don't know what  
we shall get them or not. I  
find there is no lack of money to  
do any thing for by our father. If  
money could be taken out he would not  
stay there long there ~~is~~ will be a ~~man~~

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Huxtable

meeting held in this place  
on Friday fitted for the occasion  
by the friends of freedom.  
cant say to whether to write to me  
here any more or not. I hope you  
have written so that I shall hear  
before I leave this place for I am  
very anxious to hear it some a great  
while since I see you. how do you  
do my dear Ellen I hope that you  
are a good girl. hope to see you  
all before long. try to bear up  
under your trials as well as you can  
good by for this time. <sup>at every</sup>  
you will be thought of to school  
From Your Affectionate Mother

P.S. I have not heard from  
letter from Mary D Brown  
was glad to hear of her from  
just received a letter from her  
P.S. I forgot to say that I was  
quite well & have been since  
I left home  
are saying that I could have the  
body of our friends where they  
are our home & I am so poor