

Exeter, N.H. March 4. 1860

Dear Wife:



When I wrote you before I was just starting on a little speech making tour, taking the boys with me - On Thursday they went with me to Concord, where I spoke in day light, and back to Manchester where I spoke at night. Friday we came down to Lawrence, the place of the Penn. better Mile bang tragedy - where we remained four hours awaiting the train back to Exeter - When it came, we went upon it to Exeter where the boys got off, and I went on to Dover and spoke there Friday evening. Saturday I came back to Exeter, reaching here about noon, and finding the boys all night, having caught up with their lanes - Bob had a letter from you saying Willie and Jessy was very sick the Saturday night after I left - Having no despair from you, and having one from Springfield, of Wednesday, from Mr. Fitzhugh, saying nothing about our family, I trust the dear little fellows are well again -

This is Sunday morning, and according to Bob's orders, I am to go to Church once today - Tomorrow I bear farewell to the boys, go to Hartford, Conn. and speak there in the evening; Tuesday at Mendon, and Wednesday at New Haven, and Thursday at Woodstock Vt. Then I start home, and think I will not stop - I may be delayed in New York City an hour or two - I have been unable to escape this time - If I had foreseen it I think I would not have come East at all. The speech at New York, being within my calculations before I started, went off pretty well, and gave me no trouble whatever.