Boston Dec 15th 1843

My Dear Wife

We have not known what you would think
of me for leaving so long without writing to you.
but the fact is that the day after I received
your letter (Friday) I was taken with the Influenza
& was naturally very ill for nine days so
that I was unable to write to you, as I
should have done. I am now quite well
& sincerely hope you are the same. I
shall write to Mr Sturgis & Mr Parker
to day & hope that I shall be successful. & that I shall
be able to preach for them. I do not
know when I shall return to Lowell
but I hope it will be soon. I am
anxious to see the Church & Congregation
united there is certainly much room for
usefulness & I trust that I may be
=ever engaged in the pure & holy service of
the Master. Give my love to Mother &

Mary Wilson returned from Point Piper
on Monday. Quite enchanted with her visit
there - Lady Macquarie had called that
morning with Mrs Brooks & we were very sorry
that in consequence of Mary's being here.
we could not accommodate her - however
we went to Mrs Jones's & spent Tuesday
after part of Wednesday morning with her. Mrs
Jones returned to Parramatta to
be present at the Marriage of Mr Blackis
sister on Thursday - Emily & Mary stop
Thursday night Lady Gipps & the Aust for
Parramatta for the Breakfast the Governor
the new Govt House & Gardens & afterwards
to Eat the Ball Supper & Breakfast a very
pleasant day Lady G. was in the
best out for Sir George's Letters, & that
night soon after we left her, she
heard that the Herald had arrived
into the Harbour - Mr Gates was coming

to Sydney last week, & Papa invited him
to stay a fortnight before to come to
our house, but Mary Wilson unexpected
to Point Piper, had brought back word
into a later week than we expected.
We hoped that on Saturday & Sunday
we should have more visitors than we
had room for. Mama accordingly asked
Mary to go from Saturday till today to
Mr Forbes's - this however she did not
approve of, but wrote for the Letter to
come & fetch her on Saturday as they
did & suppose they will. Dear
Mary - Mrs Gates left us
this morning - I like them both very much
She is out of the Clergymen's wives
of whom we have seen very little -
On Saturday we all went to church
& what took place there, I need
not tell you as you will see an
account of the Proceedings in the papers
Leads thereof the Herald in the News
Paper

I am happy to say there was a very
tolerable congregation to hear Papa's
most instructive sermon on the
worship of the Virgin Mary by the
Romanists - We found Mr & Mrs States
at the Church & brought them home
with us. Mr S was the reason I did
not write to you on Saturday; for as
it was Mrs States's first visit at