

much the same, perhaps a little weaker. I fear your Aunt Mary Anne is in a very declining state.

The Council of the Chapel have it under their serious consideration whether to pull down and rebuild the Chapel. Mary and her husband are in usual health. She goes regularly once a week to take counsel respecting your Nursing matters, no doubt you are told the tenders for building are in and are within your limit - Your friends are very assiduous in pushing on matters in your absence. We are to have a Soiree at the Town Hall to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Literary and Philosophical Society; of the originators, only two survive, of which I am one, - an unmistakeable warning to be ready for the summons to depart.

5th March. ----- I do not touch on Politics in the uncertainty of letters being lost or not coming to hand, but as European Politics seem in a very uncertain state, I hope while enjoying yourselves, you will remember that you have two families to be anxious about you, and if any districts are disturbed that you will run no risques that may be considered as such by the Mothers who are at home, our best wishes and love to Emily with thanks for her letter; I do not know whether such a gossipy production as this may what you will think worth the trouble of reading. Your Mother desires me to say it is only prudence in cold weather that keeps her in her room and out of the School room, where she hopes to be on the 9th.

The distress among the Poor here and in the Manufacturing districts is great, and I fear on the increase. The Federalists boast a great victory in Tennessee, 1500 Prisoners, 300 slain on each