

In the morning I went to Church with
Juincy to hear an old classmate preach -
Mon^r B. Conway of Virginia, who graduated
in my class at Carlisle. It was a regular
abolition speech & was anticipated of judge
from the presence of the great abolition lights
such as Sumner & Greeley (who slept all the time)
& Colfax & Wilson, among others of lesser pretensions.
It was in style "a la" Parker - characterized
with uncommon force of thought & grace
of style - I did not expect to hear such
things in Washington. The Kansas question
is before the Senate. The Am. is expected to
organize this week - It will come before
~~the~~ immediately. I have an appointment
for 1/2 past 5 o'clock this evening to
wait on Judge Collamer - one of the
Committee on Territories - a free soiler
to give him some "clues" on Kansas, he
having the President's message to
sift (I mean the Kansas message), probably
to make a minority-report as he is the
only free soiler on the Committee.
If the House would organize I could get
away from here next week. Reed thinks
he will need my testimony & he can
not make use of it before a committee
is appointed to take the matter in hand.