

Lewis Tappan Nov. 28. 1844.

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Dear Brother Phelps,

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The copy for the Union Mess. was just about enough. Perhaps we can get it all in, though I wish to put in several para graphs of the receipts for the last 2 months. The W. J. article was long, but I did not see how it could be well abridged.

I wrote to Mr. Bingham as you advised. Do not get any reply. I sent a copy of this communication to Mr. Andrews.

We receive nearly all the papers in exchange, & I will try to send them to you regularly. I suppose you had access to most of them.

Do you not intend to have your letter to Mr. Anderson in the next U. M. ? That is an important matter. Let us make proper use of it.

I sympathize with you in your illness. Try sponging yourself with soft cold water & rubbing yourself, or being rubbed, with coarse towels. Keep the pores open - the feet warm - and avoid unequal temperatures of air as much as possible - especially hard coal fires. Sleep in a room where you do not have fires.

"Suppose I should ask a dismission from my people &c. - would you ensure me for the time being a support - either at the rate you propose for the secretaryship, or at the rate I should receive remaining where I am?" If you will get a dismission (bad term when a minister voluntarily retires) I will ensure you a support, ^{as before proposed} provided you will leave here & discharge all the duties of Secretary & editor as originally proposed, and if you continue at Boston &c. I will ensure what would be reasonable under these circumstances. It costs me here about \$300 a year for aid in attending to these matters in addition to what is paid to you. Just say what you should have for W. J. - for 12 W. J. - and for permanent salary to commence when a new Society shall be organized or when you enter upon the duties of Sec. of the Union Mess. Society.

I advise you to ask a dismission, do what you propose. Write out your argument - get up a Convention - edit the U. M. &c. The Convention should be called to consider the subject of a missionary Society or association on principles

specified in the notice, and to include, if possible, ^{anti-slavery} the different ^{degrees} of
appreciations already existing or not on your cheek. Had not the notice
better be signed by 6 or 8 individuals or more, including some members of the Union
Miss. Soc.?

I have learned all about Mr Fairbank & Miss Webster. He
went to Lexington from Oberlin contrary to the advice of every member of the
Faculty, in quest of the wife of a fugitive slave who had safely reached Oberlin.
There he put up at the house where Miss Webster, a teacher, boarded. They
rode out together, and ^{it} is charged took with them 2 or 3 slaves whom they
set forward & then, themselves, returned. We must not make a test case of
such people.

Dr Lamon has lately lectured at N. Brookfield. He
rec^d from the friends there \$77. He was much opposed in the other parishes
in Brookfield.

Dec 4 & 5th there is to be ~~an~~ a meeting of abolitionists to
at Albany to talk over the affairs of the Liberty men &c., and to decide
measures for the future. If you should be well enough do not fail to be
there. If you can not go do write your views to G. C. Jackson or to
myself without fail.

Truly & affectionately yours
Lewis Tappan.

Mr & Mrs Thompson sailed for Jamaica yesterday.
They are a worthy couple, but he does not appear
to me to have that knowledge of men & things that
is desirable in a missionary. Everything is new
& strange to him. "Don't tell me! You don't say
so!" are his exclamations at everything new.
Still he has much simplicity of character - unusual
spirituality, & devotedness to the cause.
It has taken up a great deal of my time which I
can ill afford. Yet I have done it cheerfully.

Barque Allioth, Capt. Spring (brother to Rev. Dr Spring of
this city) will sail hence in all Dec. for the S. Islands.