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Dr Brother Phelps

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Will you inform me how much has been subscribed for the Tenny? Mr Hunt, of whom I wrote you, thinks he may raise the whole balance. Should he raise any considerable sum I hope to be relieved of part of my subscription. I sub^d. \$100 - more than I could afford - to enable you to accomplish the object at once.

Judge Jay must write to whom he pleases. He, and others who may not receive the paper regularly, think probably that each member of the com. is so familiar with the office that it is the same thing whether they write to the editor or one of the Com. This is particularly the case with those who subscribe largely to carry on the paper at the solicitation of one or more members of the com. Were I to write to Judge Jay to write to you or the publisher instead of to me it would be a sort of reproach for writing to me as he did. Yesterday I rec^d another letter from him, saying he had just rec^d. 2 Reporters, Nov & Dec., and bearing his name had not been put on the list, &c.

I am having some new small books made for the Union Miss. Soc., similar to those of the N. Y. Observer. They are more convenient than any I have seen. Do you want any for the Reporter?

Dr Lapham is at Syracuse. He gets along well in procuring names for the Miss. Com. He says Rev. Ch. Anderson of Senneitt, and Rev. J. T. Hough of Cats & comes have signed the call & you can use their names if you choose.

I have no doubt it would subserve the anti S. cause to have you visit Washington, but whether you could do more good there than here I can not say. Matters here are not settled yet. We ought to have an office - the anti S. publications on file for those who visit it - mail books completed - arrangements in the office for writing envelopes & mailing publications - some one at the office during regular business hours - efforts in constant operation to increase the number of subscribers & add to the list of donors to sustain anti S. efforts here - the office a radiating point for the City, State and nation. The U. Miss. Soc. would, I think, join in maintaining such an office at joint expense, including an office boy & a man capable of aiding & carrying out the plans &c. of the editor. Unless we complete arrangements of this kind I am fearful our enterprise will languish & finally be extinguished.

P. S. Will you lend me \$250 for a few days?

Truly yours
Lewis Tappan

Sent L. T. check
for \$250-

L. Johnson,

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