

Dear Friend
W. C.

Oakland 10th Nov 1843.

Since I wrote to you upon the subject of differences amongst our Eastern lecturers & friends I have conversed with Frederick Douglass upon the subject and as his version of the affair is entirely different from the one I sent you it is but right for me to give his story.

I forbore mentioning the subject to him until he had alluded to the subject and had given me a brief outline of the affair - I then told him the different information I had had of it - the same which I wrote you - He then said that justice to himself required that he should give me all the particulars, which agreed with the outline he had previously given me - He, nor any others, are aware that I have written you.

Frederick says that Mr Bradburn offered a resolution the wording of which I have forgotten but the purport of it was the influence of Slavery upon the Northern people - He said that he should not speak to this resolution at that time, but should proceed to answer some objections to the anti-slavery cause some 20 of which he had noted down, and that if there were any persons in the audience who felt any such objections which he had not got in his list, to hand them in too and they should be attended to - Upon these objections he consumed the afternoon reaching only the 5th one on his list - The next morning the Chairman of the meeting read the resolution and remarked that it was before the meeting and Mr Bradburn entitled to the floor - To this Fred.ⁿ objected - stating that he believed the President had mistook the matter - that Mr Bradburn had expressly declared he was not speaking to the resolution and in fact had not been doing it - consequently
15th of the resolution ^{the subject} was before the meeting, Mr Bradburn was

not entitled to the floor - The chairman decided that he
was when Remond appealed and the meeting sustained
the chair. About this time Douglas says Bradburn who could
not distinctly hear what was going on adopted the idea that
they were attempting to hinder his speaking, and made some
very offensive personal remarks - alluding to them as colored
men, styled their conduct monkeyism - and went on with
his speech occupying the whole day, & left a few min-
utes in the evening when Remond repelled his personal
attacks but as Douglas reports neither called the chair-
man a jackass nor the people monkeys -

My object in writing to you (and through you to the Mass^{ts}
Board) in the first instance I think I stated was to make
the suggestion that a better arrangement of the speakers
might be had than one which should bring them thus
into conflict and wound the antislavery cause by
the evidences of disagreement among them. I was un-
der the necessity of assigning a reason for the suggestion &
therefore gave you the relation which Augustus Wattlehead
sent me of the doings at Jones bro - Having sent that,
the present letter giving the other side seemed to be
called for. It is as unpleasant for me to write about
such matters as it can be to you to read -

Frederick has been doing a grand work in this neigh-
borhood the past week - The people hear gladly -
proslavery politicians, and religionists are perfectly roused
and putting at the minute at every corner - A good
work is now going on in the Meth; E church - quite
a number are coming out of her and joining the Free
Methodists - The Quakers also are in confusion - both
sects a branches of the same sect rather - The com-
ing out of these organizations is all right, but
the formation of the new ones all wrong. The tree
of religious organization can bear none but bitter fruit
when we see any good in the sectarian investigation
will prove it to exist in spite of the hindering influences

of sect, and springs from the native Herminity of the individual. If sects must exist however, better these new ones which recognize now in some degree the rights of the negro - Liberty Hall at Oakland is consecrated to Freedom. It is as free to the sectarian to promulgate his views as it is to the true man to teach truth. The consequence of having one spot where true Liberty has an abiding place, rude though it be, and unfitted for convening the people in, when the weather is inclement seems likely to be ~~for~~ destructive ^{to} of ~~the~~ sectarism in this region. The commotion already excited in the proslavery church, and in this I would class as pre eminent the Quaker church are occupying a different relation to the subject of slavery, is ominous of its downfall.

Many members of the several different denominations were attracted to our free meeting in the hall on Sunday last, and so far as I could gather reasons for judging, received without desire of abatement the eloquent denunciations ^{with which} of Frederick, assailed the religious organizations in our midst for their shameful derelictions of duty. I hope the Ohio American Society may be able to make an arrangement with Frederick to spend a year in our state before long. He could not operate in a more fruitful field -

With much respect I remain
your A. Brooke

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Oct. 10th

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another letter in the
box upon this same 2^d
subject.

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