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Dear friend

It is quite an age since I have had a letter from you. I know it is because you are overwhelmed with business. But as we are always looking to the East for light, you must not neglect us. We hope soon to turn the tables & make this the place to originate news. Every day convinces me of the importance of keeping the anti-slavery fire burning bright in our state. We are at present in very good spirits, our paper goes on finely. I hope you read it. If so let me know its faults. We have over 230 new subscribers! since our new issue all gained without the aid of "agents", without you call our printer circular one, which we address to nearly all our old subscribers, asking (almost forcing) them to get one more. Not more than 1/3 of the circulars are in yet we have the increase upon to above. How do you feel about 3rd party? What does Eliza Wright mean? What are your prospects for the Standard in May. Have there any suggestions been made in the board about it which are not for the public? We get a few new names for it, but we cannot get up the enthusiasm for it that we can for a local paper.

I have taken my passage for Liverpool in a Boston steam-miacle of April. Can you give me some letters, will you? of introduction I mean, ~~of~~ of course such as you wish to be sent out to your friends. Should the way open I will be in Paris for our Fair so of course give such of our English friends a chance who feel generous.

How are Garrison & Channing getting? I have heard today that our 3rd party Brethren intend employing G. Bradton to edit their paper! They are rather in a fix not agreed in the Board among themselves about church questions & as a political party not much longer to live I think, as a sectarian organization, they will hold together & still be an obstacle in our way.

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Since writing the foregoing I have seen a letter from Gay to Miller in which he says the list of subscribers to the Standard are falling off daily.

I was astonished to find that Eastern Penn alone took nearly as many of the papers full New England New York state, Ohio & other parts. considering the universal falling off this tells well for our exertions & shelter for the dissemination of truthfulness of our people if taking it is a any proof of adherence to the National etc. I think I can divine in Seaneys letter rather more feeling that he means to express, altho' he says that had we at one time exerted ourselves as much for the Standard as for the Freeman the list would not have been so small with us. I do not remember any period within the last year when it would have been safe or wise to have made such an effort. simply because it was not intended to be acquainted with our local affairs, there were daily growing more serious & nothing was to save us but come out with our Weekly Freeman at \$1. per year. Time has proved its wisdom. The paper is growing in grace & deservedly deserved. I will give the 3rd party paper as such, but from its ashes I can see will rise something more hateful & more pompous a "New organization. etc" our com" have tried to laugh me out of this opinion, but it is given me to see it. I will take in all the Clearland chief, a set of sincere figots, the Casewell chief, who know better but from personal hate will write anything that has a show of promise for

for the death of the old organization party & the half way
folks who want to be doing something but have no
fact or course always go on stumbling. Well this
Trinity will find sympathy with all the changes for
they will not whisper against them & will to all appearances
have life because the man are with them. My faith
in the ultimate triumph of truth teaches me that
these things cannot be immortal, but I have no doubt
they will outlive "slavery". Sometimes ^{with due thought} I console myself
that these changes are but the result of our efforts &
~~are the necessary result of our efforts~~ the more frequent
they are the more we should rejoice. Do you think they are one
the forms pro slavery takes before it changes dies?

Yours very truly
E. Davis

If you have time I should like to hear from you
about the Standard. I am more than ever, much
more than formerly, convinced of the utility of a
National Soc as a consequence of an organ
I am satisfied that there is a way that will
make it go. can we find that way out.

The increase circulation of the Freeman ought
to also increase the Standard.

Will you have time this spring to pay in a
visit of a week a two or more. Do not
say no. I would do us good would not hurt
you. P.S. a package supposed to be from you has
just gone up.

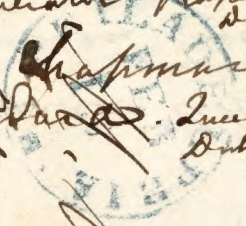
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