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Dear friend Stacy:

Since the receipt of your kind and earnest letter of the 21st. ult., I have been so occupied by visiting friends and various home duties as to be behindhand in all my correspondence; but I must write at least a few lines to you this afternoon, by way of acknowledgment and thanks.

First, as to your reference to the fortieth anniversary of the pro-slavery mob in Boston, by whom I was so roughly handled, and who insanely supposed, in breaking up a meeting of the Female Anti-Slavery Society, that they had put an end to the all further agitation of the subject of slavery - at least in "the Athens of America"! In selfishness of purpose on the part of the rioters, it was the scene witnessed at Ephesus, by the apostle Paul, over again. "Not only this our craft is in danger to be

set at nought; but also the temple of
the great goddess Diana is despised.

Therefore "they were full of wrath,
and about the space of two hours
they cried out, saying, Great is Diana
of the Ephesians." "It was a bid for

Southern trade on the part of Boston
merchants, manufacturers, and traders
- notwithstanding that trade, in the
end, never put a dollar into the
pockets of those thus notoriously im-

pelled. # The change that has since
been wrought - by the utter overthrow
of the slave system, the transformation
of the bondmen into enfranchised
citizens, and the revolution in public
sentiment - is certainly one of the
most remarkable events in the history
of the world. All that we could do
was to "cry aloud and spare not," and
demand that every yoke should be
broken, in the name of the living
God; but it was for Him to devise

His own time and way to punish
the oppressor, and open the prison
doors.

Best, as to your laudable
anxiety of mind, respecting the impend-
ing State election in regard to the
temperance cause.

If I could
see you, face to face, I could state
my views more fully, and perhaps
more satisfactorily, than I can in this
brief Epistle.

But as I always
opposed the formation of a third
political party to advance the anti-
slavery cause, as equally unwise and
inexpedient; so I have uniformly
been satisfied of the inutilty of ever
a party to give success to the temperance
movement. [I take the same ground
in regard to the struggle for suffrage,
irrespective of sex.] Hence, I do not
believe in attempting to secure votes
for Mr. Baker as the temperance can-
didate for Governor, because none
of those votes will be drawn from the

Democratic party, but all will be
taken from the Republican ranks, in
which are found nineteen-twenties
of those who are for a stringent
license law or entire prohibition; and
the inevitable consequence must be the
giving of just so much additional
strength to the Democratic party, in
which the advocates of "free wine" are
brought together by a common interest;
and the taking away of just so much
strength from the Republican party; which
party has secured all the legisla^{tion}~~tion~~
against the dram-shops that the moral
sentiment of the Commonwealth has
yet been able to accomplish. Being a res-
olute peace man, I do not vote, because I
cannot conscientiously support the war
provisions in the Constitution; but if I had
no such scruples, I should feel that, in
the present election, I could best subserve
the cause of temperance by making no
diversion from the Republican party.

Yours as in "auld lang syne,"

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Geo. W. Stacy.