

Brooklyn, Jan. 26, 1836.

Dear Henry:

6 The number of delegates that attended the annual meeting pleases and surprises me. It is, by far, the largest that has yet assembled together in Boston - excepting, of course, at our N. E. Conventions. The conduct of those who kept us out of the meeting-houses is even more disgraceful, more intolerable, than that of the rioters last October - I say us, for abolitionists are one. "E Pluribus Unum." As so many good speakers were present, why was not the meeting held a day longer? I was gratified to see so full an account of its proceedings in the last Liberator. I cannot understand why bro. Wright's resolution was laid upon the table. I do not see any thing that is objectionable in it.

There is scarcely a man in the nation, whose good opinion I value more than that of Wm. Goodell. Hence, I feel greatly indebted to him for his resolution and speech, in approval of the course I have pursued, and also to the meeting which adopted it so unanimously. What will Joseph Tracy say now about "the Garrison party"? In vain will he labor to separate those whose principles, feelings, hopes and purposes are one. You wish that I could have listened to bro. Goodell's eloquent remarks. As they were panegyric, it would not have been proper for me to listen to them, if I could have done so.

Prof. Follen always speaks so delightfully, that I hope he will not fail to report his speech. The proceedings of the ~~convention~~ meeting ought to appear in pamphlet form without delay. Were any delegates chosen to attend the B. S. Convention? If not, it is not too late for the Board to appoint a number - as our Society ought to be represented.

The subscriptions to our Society, and to the Liberator, show abundantly that abolitionists love to practice as well as to preach. The sum is unexpectedly large.

The officers and managers are "true blue" — as far as I know them, thorough-working and uncompromising, except E. M. P. W. I am sorry that he was re-elected — because he who is ready to sacrifice the Liberator is commonly conceived to be lacking in soundness of faith. H. C. Wright, H. S. Chapman, and J. S. Kimball are valuable acquisitions.

I shall endeavor to write a letter to Vermont, according to friend Johnson's request. The trumpet of Liberty will echo finely among the Green Mountains.

What an enviable couple they must be who are able to produce a beautiful bud of May in freezing January! Give my congratulations to bro. M. and his wife, and tell them there is a pair in Brooklyn who are resolved to present a greater phenomenon in the course of a week or two — we expect that a whole Garrison will ^{then} be born at a single birth! Another pair, our nearest neighbors, determined to keep up the oddity of the competition, are demonstrating daily that they will shortly present to the view of a curious world, an infant that is perfectly Gray! When will the age of wonders cease?

I have waited so long for the 2d edition of Channing, that I shall still wait patiently until a copy of it come. Rev. Mr. Wilson is very anxious to get his half dozen copies. Send them in the next bundle, if practicable.

It is truly good news to hear that the house in Brighton-street is let. The iron and tin ware you may sell to the occupant — but reserve the glass lamps, as we shall want them, unless you can sell them for nearly their worth. I believe the large pair (one of the smaller pair is broken) cost \$2, 25 or \$2, 50.

Enclosed are \$2, to pay for Wm. Geer's subscription for the present year.

Friend Rowland Greene wishes you to stop sending Dorcas Green's paper to Bristol, R. I. and send it to Plainfield, Ct. directed to him.

Miss Ball has written to me, desiring to know how she shall send the fifty dollars which the Ladies' Society have generously given to me. I have written to her to pay it over to you; and if you should come to Brooklyn, please bring it with you; if not, get a fifty dollar bank-note (Boston or U. S. money) and send it to me by mail in a letter. See that it is carefully put into the Post Office.

Week before last, a piece of original poetry, highly complimentary to myself, appeared in the Liberator. It ought to have been sent to the Emancipator or Spectator. It looks very egotistical to see such pieces in the Liberator, and I hope friend K. will be careful not to publish any more that ~~is~~ ^{may be} communicated for the paper. A defensive speech, like that of bro. Goodell, is another thing.

As friend K. has some editorial on hand, I have not sent much in this bundle. I hope he will be able to insert, this week, the proceedings of the Convention at Northampton, (a grand one it was,) and also those of the young men at Lowell. Such meetings ought not to be slighted, being much more important in their effect than common articles. He will find the proceedings in this bundle — also many other articles, both literary and miscellaneous, which I wish him carefully to examine. It may puzzle him to choose among so much, but all that I send is worth something. I want every article in the Liberator to be interesting. We must make the paper the very best, if possible. Very much, therefore, depends upon choice selections. I have furnished several pieces of poetry. We have had so many long documents, of late, in the paper, that the readers probably desire to see shorter articles. Nevertheless, I want to see the extracts from Marcy's speech, and also all the debates in both houses of Congress upon the slavery question, published without delay. These are official acts, and belong to history.

Should the Lynn Record publish a piece of poetry, headed, "There were some little souls," &c. let it be copied into the Liberator. See vol. 6. p. 28. Also, letter of Jan. 16, 1836 to H. C. B. p. 3

I have marked several excellent passages in the sermons of Rev. Mr. Root and Rev. Mr. Cutler, for early publication — one from each at a time, as may be convenient. They may be put upon the last page. Pruth of you must excuse me for making one letter answer for you both.

Next to the proceedings of public meetings, I wish these articles to have a preference which relate to our petitions to Congress.

It is too bad for you to confine yourself so long and so laboriously at the office. You ought not to do so for love or money. As for your not going to the Convention at Providence, and then coming here, I will not listen to it for a moment - not I. You ought to go to that Convention, if you have to elope by midnight. Fail not, I beseech you.

Can you send me the Herald of Freedom at 9th inst.?
I will try to send the committee of my school of Geo. Thompson for friend K. by the next mail.

Mr. Henry E. Benson,

Boston;

Mass.

Will bro. May write an editorial paragraph about the R. S. Convention for Saturday's paper? It ought to be written - but I have no more time to write.

No news from George Thompson yet? Has Mrs. Thompson yet sailed? If not, when is she? I wish to know, because I ought to write to her without delay. I hope friend K. has transmitted the Liberator's regularly by packet to bro. T. Think how anxious he must be to see them!

Father and mother will groan in spirit if you should not make us a visit in Brooklyn. But whether you come here or not, you must certainly go to Providence. It is a rare opportunity, and many are the attractions which call you thither. Go! If you don't, I shall blame you very much, and still remain

Yours, lovingly,

W. L. G.