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Dear Mrs. Chapman,

While in Bath (Me.) about a month since, I was favored with the perusal of a letter from you to Mrs. Waldron of Bath, desiring her to write for the 'Liberty Bell,' and to extend the request, to the other friends of the slave in that vicinity. In the accompanying article, you will find that I have made a faint, and trifling response to the call. It is the hasty production of a very short period of leisure - if you think it worthy of a place in the 'Liberty Bell,' it is at your service - if not, you will oblige me by handing it to Mr. Garrison, to dispose of as he pleases.

I have been spending the last week in working for the Mas. fair - I want, very much to do a great deal - but time & circumstances forbid. I wish, (for my own gratification,) it was in my power to attend the fair. But it is out of the question. Our good brother Elias Smith, is in the city - abolitionists are very rare in this great wilderness. We have seen Mrs. Child, & Mrs. Hooper. Mrs. Gibbons we have not yet seen - she has recently been ill. What a very agreeable, interesting, old gentleman Friend Hooper is! At the advanced age of 73, he has all the vigor, ardor, & kindred of the young.

It would be exceedingly gratifying to me to have a letter from you or your sister - we have seen but one Anti-Slavery paper since our arrival here - and know almost nothing of the ^{recent} progress of that cause, we used to watch with so much interest. But, though we are so much in ignorance respecting it, & though the friends with whom we are residing are bitter opposers, yet we feel no diminution of zeal. In making the request, that you or your sister would write, I acknowledge that, I am actuated by selfishness, but Anti-Slavery people are rare both here, & among our correspondents. Should you find time, after the fair, to write to me, you will direct, if you please, to 167 Division Street, Sister joins me in wishing to be kindly remembered to you & your sister, and Mr. Garrison, and Miss Lucy A. Peterson, if you chance to see her. With regard to the article for the 'Bell,' send it, without a signature, desiring that you will place my initials or whole name, according to the custom, or your own taste.

Respectfully yours, Garrison W. Hayden.

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