

Chicago Dec. 20th. 1845.

Dear Mrs. Chapman

You will excuse us for having so long delayed to acknowledge the receipt of the box of articles for our Fair, &c. It came to hand in good order & condition a day after the Fair - literally - I was sorry it happened so as I have no doubt the things would all have sold well - some of them have since been disposed of & we expect to have a public meeting in a week or two when we shall try to ~~dispose~~ <sup>sell</sup> the remainder - I thank you heartily for them as an evidence of your interest in the cause hereaway. The likeness of Dr. Tollen we looked at with much pleasure when we first received it - I need not tell you how highly we now prize it for of the deep sadness that fills our hearts in the reflection that the sainted original will be seen of men no more. - The resolution & remark in the mg. of the Mass. A. S. Society pleased me better than any thing I have seen in the papers respecting him - All sects & parties seem disposed to bear testimony to his exceeding goodness & there is a melancholy satisfaction in reading all that is said, but alas who will be found worthy to fill the void his loss has made - Please give my love to Anna & Caroline & believe me your friend  
Anne M. Stopper.

My dear Maria

I too felt sorry that the acknowledgment of your generous contribution to the Fair should be so long delayed. I was absent from the City nearly 2 weeks and since my return I have waited for an opportunity to send our Annual Report &c. - If the package of "Wright & Wron" & "Liberator extra" had reached us two days earlier, we could have distributed nearly all of them at our meeting of the Female Anti-S. Society. With Sarah Pugh's assistance we have sent many of them as directed & shall soon forward all of them. Several of our friends expressed their thanks & satisfaction with the

opportunity to read & judge for themselves of your difficulties. The box I was glad to have - to shew, with your circular of the weekly contribution plan received some time since. We may have to adopt some similar plan for our treasury is nearly empty - & money very difficult to obtain. - At our last meeting we agreed to subscribe for the same number of copies of the Liberator as heretofore. It was a close vote however for many of our members thought we ought to give the preference to a German paper published in this state. That class of our community standing so in need of light. It was urged too that the Liberator contained more of local matter than was needed here. But on the other hand it was stated, that there was less of an objectionable character than was found in it last year & our taking fewer copies now might be construed by its enemies as passing a censure on it & its Editor. Its advocacy of liberty on the broad ground, might also have been offered as another reason; but as that would have laid some of us open to the charge of tugging in the woman question we forebore to adduce it. The vote was 27 to 25.

Thou asks, whose was the single vote in the negative - on the letter sent to your society - It was Grace Douglass. Your answer will be read at our next meeting. S. Pugh & myself have read it together with the account of your meeting. We deeply lament the existing state of things among you. But understand me not as entering into judgment of the propriety of the steps you have felt bound to take in this affair. We read the reasons offered by the Board of the Mass. A. S. Socy for declining aid to the Parent Society, with much interest - & thought them abundantly sufficient. I mean - my husband & self. - We dread the approach of this controversy - and hope it may not reach us - There will be some difficulty in procuring a satisfactory Editor for the Freeman in the place of J. G. Whittier who leaves us this week regretted by all I presume. We shall not find his equal in many respects. Standing just as he does, between our Orthodox Friends & our side which together compose a large proportion of Penna. Abolitionists he has pleased all. - The seeming countenance he gave to the new organization - we could make allowance for in his close intima

cy with H. B. Stanton - and we have ever hoped he would be dealt  
very gently with for that error of judgment. He is most sensitive  
now on that subject & somewhat sore from wounds inflicted by  
sundry resolutions passed in Chester Ct some time since - as well  
as by the remarks of individuals (perhaps myself included.) There  
was rather a mis-representation made to him of what I said at our  
board Mtg. when we were discussing the question of taking the Libt  
& Freeman. - On this account S. Bush, W. M. Hopper & self were sorry  
there was any allusion to him & the Freeman, in your letter to  
our society. We thought of suppressing it, but felt that we had no  
right to do that. Then we hoped he would not hear of it - but that  
was vain - for there were enough to report - so on the whole we conclude  
it will be better to let him do for himself before he leaves us,  
just what is said - so that an exaggerated picture need not be pre-  
sented to him. I hope you will meet in Boston & discuss the mat-  
ter face to face - especially do I wish dear Maria Child to see  
& talk with him. My best love to her - thy sisters - & all

We have a little stir here too in our Moral Reform Society  
The com: to procure a room for <sup>our annual</sup> ~~a public~~ Mtg accepted the session  
room of a Presbyt<sup>n</sup> Mtg house with the understanding that women  
should not speak - I was informed of this the day before the Mtg  
of course did not go - at the next stated Mtg of our Socy I offered  
a resolution something after this sort "that we can only effect  
the object of our association as our sex seek an elevation from  
the low estate which existing customs & the influence of the  
Priesthood have placed them", remarking upon it in reference to  
~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> proscription at our own meeting. Some excitement was  
manifest & several left the Mtg. It was late however & they may  
have had other reasons for withdrawing - The subject will be taken  
up at our Mtg 3 months hence - I expect to withdraw from the  
society. I regretted to see in the Non-Resistant, that  
letter from M. L. Cox - I was not at the Mtg when the circumstance  
occurred of which she wrote - but she ought in justice to us, to have

stated that the forcible seizure of her sister, was not only wholly un-  
 authorized, but that the next "Preparative Mtg" came out unanimously a-  
 gainst such a procedure - & forbade its repetition. The man who was  
 the prominent actor in the affair altho nominally a member ~~was~~  
 taken an interest in the concerns of our society. He was not a constable  
 but simply a clerk of the Market & claimed the right to act as po-  
 lice officer in virtue of his office - he judging her a disturber of the  
 Peace. Our friends think almost every statement <sup>in that letter</sup> would bear another  
 face but eschewing controversy they forbear a defence of themselves.  
 They deny that the cause of dissatisfaction is <sup>Sugar Co's</sup> advocacy of the cause  
 of the oppressed &c. I felt a wish that we might clear ourselves  
 from some of these charges - & asked Dr. Parrish to write an answer  
 for the Non-Resistant but he declined.

L. Mott  
 1840  
 Feb 20th

Marisa Weston Chapman

Boston  
 Mass

to J.S.W.

going to engrave  
 for us to leave some 1/25 -  
 kind of remembrance to thy friend  
 hand - his parents' names & Mary  
 thank to do. Weston for the amount -  
 was good -

I yesterday paid B. S. Jones my subscription to the Non-Resistant for  
 this year. It was in my heart to give more liberally but present ex-  
 penses forbid. My husband is likely to come out better than very  
 many in these perilous times - being able to meet all his engagements in  
 money matters without as much embarrassment as he feared.  
 I regret that even such a worthy cause is likely to prevent thy