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For by Frederic Douglass

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Dear and much esteemed Friend

I duly received your kind notes, also the Box containing the Liberty Bells and Books, the former I have forwarded to their several destinations, while I shall endeavour to make a good use of the latter feeling that the information they contain is much wanted in Society here, accept my grateful Thanks for both, I esteem the Liberty Bell very highly for its valuable contents, the names of its Contributors are dear to us as associates in this great cause We are much gratified with the



success of the Bazaar, and read  
with much interest Lowell's des-  
cription, we beheld you all in vision -  
The chagrin of Liberty Party was truly  
laughable, Can you advise us as  
to any articles that will be useful  
for next season, or any that were  
unwritable last time, we will esteem  
it a favour if you can, it is the  
sincere wish of many to make  
their contributions as valuable to  
you as possible, Tho' our effort  
is never equal to our wishes -  
for we have many discouragements  
and much opposition to contend  
with, more than other place in the  
Country - The Clergy who deserted  
in 1841 still retain their enmity,  
and now that they can no longer



control the Society in public, do all  
they can to injure us in private,  
their occasion giving them great  
scope in that way, leading captive  
silly women, not to mention silly  
men, you know from experience  
that deserters (Clerical ones especially)  
are always the worst kind of enemies,  
they refuse to read our notices - but  
we are learning to get a weighty  
member to take it to them, then  
they dare not refuse, being either  
ashamed, or afraid to say nay.  
Thus we go on sapping and mining,  
I claim exoneration from all  
fellowship with Clapp. ---

We are busy getting signatures  
to an address which we have drawn  
up, I sent an Organ containing it.



last steamer to your address, I hope  
it will meet with your approbation  
for on the satire on the "Appropriate  
Sphere" Were I gifted with your  
talents I could write a rich chapter  
on travels for signatures to an Antislavery  
address, — Our beloved friend H. C. W.  
is recovering from a severe illness  
he is now in Dublin, but has promised  
to come to us soon, a noble disin-  
terested man he is, I do not know  
how we shall part with him, when  
the time comes we regret Frederic's  
leaving us so soon, — hoping to hear  
from you soon in regard to our  
work for the Bazaar — in haste

faithfully yours  
Catherine Paton