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further to the cause &
he would be ought to
be given the agency.
was done exactly
as he always &
wishes that
I am sure that he had
rather continue in the
agency. I am as
able to write
but that he will
no longer sign
I understand he
does not consider that
the matter related to
any part amongst
that. As for
you - be excused
your letter in
of the Standard & of
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in the editorial columns, the advertisement at the
time of the Fair in all the papers which
give us this previous insertion of the address.
If Mr. Pringle could find it in his heart
to say a favorable word, it would be a good
anti-slavery deed. I doubt not he has the
heart. A man of his excellent sense cannot
but appreciate the cause, & our manner of
carrying it forward. He is evidently not a "come
out-er," but he must respect our heavy work.
How good, in spirit & in execution, was Mr
Child's last article in the Standard - entitled
'where we are.' Of course, I do not, as you
know, agree with that part of it which considers
it expedient & right to remain in connection
with the sects & parties from which our converts are
to be made. There is a fallacy in what he says
on that head. It would have weight, if sect &
party ties were our only ones to our fellow crea-

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tures. Staying in them gives us a mechanical influence, at the expense of our moral influence. A Man's vote makes but a trifling impression on his party or church, in comparison with his testimony. But that fine spirit of independence & the heartiness which is evident in every word of Mr Childs article, is the spirit that it is a satisfaction to be associated with. That is the platform of our Society, & Mr Child nobly defends it. There is room enough upon it for us to differ in opinion without differing in heart. And if I did not acknowledge this, I should be a sectarian & "come-out-er". That platform is the place for the consideration of the subject of measures, & ways & means of accomplishing our object, & though the majority of those who actually support the Am. Soc. have severed the ties that bind them to other associations, yet that is but an other argument why the minority, which Mr Child represents, should be treated in a manner becoming their excellence & our self-respect. For this reason, I more than ever wish we could sustain the Standard. Had the N.Y. funds not stood in the way, we could have raised money enough by this time to have paid off that \$2000 or so which the laps of the emancipator oblige

us to incur to raise the standard. I should think the way in which the Lib. party have shown themselves in opposition to our Conventions movement, would convince every beholder that the opposition of the actual slaveholder is friendship to our enterprise, in comparison. The sanity of the leaders of that party to the cause, has been well developed. They could not resist the temptation to attack us. Abby Kelly seems to have hopes that it will open Gerrit Smith's eyes. I do not think so well of him. Blinded he may be in a degree, but his blindness partakes of the character of that which won't see. I wrote, after our last Board-Meeting, as Mr Loring suggested to me, expressing regret to friends Douglas & Remond that the talents of the Emancipator & Lib Press - J. C. Jackson & Loring &c, should have obtained the victory over their temper, which was the very thing aimed at; but I assured them that it was no trifling error in conduct which could divide us from them. - That the enemy would lose the labour spent upon us to make us distrust either themselves or Collins. While I deprecated our making ourselves responsible for Collins' private opinions or private enterprises which were not ours, & while I hoped that we might all avoid the mistake of the pro-slavery clergy, in claiming to own the ~~times~~ in which he called Anti Slavery meetings or suffering ourselves to be

