

have previously seen your reply. As his sincere friend & brother I regret that he should unconsciously have committed the same fault which he so severely complains of in others; & as a sincere friend to the oppressed, with whose cause the character of Mr. Garrison is almost vitally connected, so prominent & efficient has been his agency in this cause, I could wish that that brother had manifested a spirit of meekness under the attack, which would have added new lustre to his character & his fame. The disciple

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controversy between abolitionists & their
opponents of your society for thy unpurged
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of "him" "who when he was reviled, reviled not again"; & the friend of his oppressed poor, could not ask for a better opportunity to display the true spirit of his cause & the sincerity of his devotedness to it, than the reception of personal abuse affords; provided he has the wisdom & the spirit to avail himself of it. On the whole I long to see the whole controversy buried deep under an accumulation of facts & arguments relating to the main subjects of

1 a pledge of patronage from those interested in the subject sufficient to make up the loss which his school would suffer from the change; & 2 a pledge of funds either from wealthy individuals or the Ex. Committees of A. S. Societies in Mass. & N. Y., to sustain the expense of litigating the constitutionality of the law which ^{he} would ~~be~~ ^{infringe} ~~oppose~~ ^{infringe} here, in case of a prosecution. The personal odium & abuse which he might encounter, would be all the sacrifice which his poverty would be able to make.

The Commission to collect funds at Hartford which I received at New York I was not able to execute. The leading abolitionists in H. whom I called on would not encourage such a collection at that time, because, as they alledged, they could not tell as they might ten days hence, whether they were themselves solvent or insolvent.

Br. Moon named to me a Society in Taunton which you suggested as a place suitable for myself, in case of my leaving Snoutt. Should be willing to visit the place & preach a Sabbath for the purpose of recommending, with your introduction & recommendation. My difficulties here appear to be in a good measure surmounted; but there is still a prospect that I shall be compelled to leave for want of the stipulated support.

With regard to "the Boston controversy," I had for a time an itching "to have a finger in the pie" myself; but on the whole am glad that I have remained silent. I have no heart to make war either upon "leading abolitionists," or upon brother Fitch — am unacquainted with the other applicants — in whose Christian character & abolitionism I have reposed full confidence, & who I am sure would never have given his "appeal" or "protest" to the ~~fact~~ printer, could he

He takes off objections in fine style. Have tho't I would supply him with something like a score of additional ones for him to blow up.

In ~~obedience~~ to the compliance with the invitation of your circular, I collected a number of the friends of the cause for the purpose of sending a delegation to Worcester. Myself was designated as the only one who could go, & expense money furnished. The state of my family requiring me to make my absence as short as possible, I started on the morning of the convention, but, to my disappointment, found on arriving at Boston that the Worcester train in which I had expected to go on had discontinued, leaving only the 3 o'clock train, I accordingly returned, not knowing that the convention would meet the second day.

There is another subject on which I have been requested to correspond with yourself. Dr. Hodson, who was associated with me in a family boarding school at Torrington, - a zealous abolitionist - proposes to open his school for the reception of youth without distinction of color, provided he can have the countenance & patronage of leading abolitionists in N. Eng. N. Y. &c. Br. Tyler, who has lectured at Torrington, & is well acquainted with the Dr. H., encouraged the enterprise, & corresponded with Oliver Wright Sr on the subject, & I have the impression with Gerrit Smith. From his catalogue & circular which accompanies this you may learn something of the character & reputation & ~~reputation~~ of the school. Two things the Doctor wants to warrant the undertaking;

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My dear brother

Rev. E. Goodman.

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You will permit me to impose

the tax upon your usefully employed time which the perusal of this may constitute. Among the several topics of my letter, I have first to request you to favour my people with a Lecture or course of lectures, as soon as consistent with your convenience & other engagements. My pulpit shall be opened to you on the Sabbath if you wish. The cause of anti-slavery which had very few advocates here at my settlement has been working its way unobtrusively & without opposition until it appears to have enlisted the weight of moral & religious character among us. We have no organization as yet, but I think one about ripe for such a measure now, especially if we could have the assistance of ^{an} able & experienced lecturer. I have deferred the measure [^] whether wise or not - to prevent avoid pro- voking those to commit themselves against ~~us~~ us who would be valuable auxiliaries, if allowed time to inform themselves, before they were urged too hard. Br. Scott has lectured in the upper meeting house in this town repeatedly; last Sabbath evening the last time. To my solicitation he gave some encouragement that he would lecture to my people, (but few of whom have heard him,) without specifying the time. He is a good popular lecturer.

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