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of my old friends, who sometimes treat me, as if I might
be spoken to & confided in. So it goes. Mr. A. Tappan under
the impulse of a fancy, which I could ^{not} repeat, even if allowed
to commit it to memory, gives Mr. C. a large sum;
as for Orinda Institute - (Why pres. Green has nothing
to say, to set us all a-flaring! "Give the Knave a goad."
I have little hope, that the friends of the slave will ex-
ert themselves, to save us from dissolution. I have tit-
le gift at teasing, less at clamor, least of all, at flattery.
Thus much about myself because you want me to speak
on that promising, fruitful, & dignified subject!

But dear Wright, God bless him, can add what
he may find time & occasion to say on this subject.
Pray show him this letter; & detain him long enough
to steal a word or two from his tongue, so sparing of
words. No ~~the~~ man knows Benjamin Green
at him say - & let a score of babies at home be
left a few moments to cry out their cry while he
says - what he knows of us - good, but, & indif-
ferent - in prose or poetry, as the humor takes
him. Is he at Dorchester? I beseech you to ask
him to write me a letter, that I may know
at least where his haunts may be.

Are the papers, I have referred to within your
reach? If you could find copies of them to England,
especially the Four Sermons, the Charter, & the
Chattel Principles, you would much oblige
me. Any expense, you may incur, put
to our account.

How I long to see you, & your wife, & the
dear little one! God bless you, now & ever,
in all things!

Yours, gratefully, in
Jesus Christ, our Lord,
of B. Green.

Mr. Green wishes an affec-
tional remembrance. He
shall be able, I hope, to send
you a catalogue in a few days.
I know not what number of colored
students we have had. We have at
this time, including Indian-blood,
about 20.

in the summer of 1833; the ~~same~~ year when the A. S. S. was organized at Phil^a. of the convention, which formed that Society, you may remember I was president. From that time to this, my aims & activity, both in the pulpit & the lecture-room - at home & abroad - tongue - word & pen - wise, are known & understood as extensively as my obscurity would permit. I cannot guess how many lectures, as an advocate of Freedom, I have delivered. I can only say, A great many. Something I have attempted with my pen. An ironical sermon on Colonization in the Quarterly; a number of articles in the A. S. Quarterly; two or three sermons - one, delivered in the Broadway Tabernacle on occasion of the death of Loring - a large tract on the N. T. views of Slavery may be particularly mentioned. The discussion at Utica, to which you refer, occurred very soon after I came to this place. It awakened a very deep interest in this community, & did, I think, to important results. The trials, my activity has brought upon me, I have little to say about. I have been misunderstood, misrepresented, traduced, opposed violently & extensively both "in church & state". To give particulars, I cannot, with any hope of making a just impression. I am in such matters almost peculiarly forgetful. I know not to what to ascribe it; but I have no heart to record what written & un-written men say, & think of me. "The Lord knoweth them, that are His". And here, dear Phelps, I may as well confess, that I am but poorly qualified to build up, as the phrase is, this or any other institution. I cannot say such things, as would give the impression, which you give an account of in your brotherly letter. I shrink away disgusted from pious fraud. I know not how to set things in such a glow, as greatly to magnify & glorify them. For such things, I have no talent. I, therefore, fail of getting money & applause, in this great-swelling-words-speaking generation. [A great flow of (over)land, or overriden, I cannot summon up words enough to tell; much less, about persecutions.] And so, I must be content, to be forgotten; even by some

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My dear Brother; Many thanks for your disinterested & affectionate regard! I scarcely know what to think respecting the quotations from English prints, which your letter contains. I cannot help guessing, that the reporters have dealt unfairly with Bro. Keep. That, they might have done without any ill intention. They know little concerning such matters as, as Mr. Keep dwelt upon, in pursuing the object of his mission. They might have misrepresented his statements by undesigning omission of what they thought trifling circumstances; & by stating things broadly, which he presented in a qualified & guarded manner. It cannot be, that Bro. Keep would allow himself to speak falsely. He is bound, however, I think, to correct any wrong & injurious impressions, which he may have been the occasion. Such impressions ought certainly to be corrected. Any assistance, which you could, consistently with your multiplied engagements, render us in this case, we should very gratefully avail ourselves of. We thank you for the brotherly interest you manifest in our welfare; & gratefully have the modes of aiding us, which may be to be employed, to your own discretion. Let me suggest, that Charles Stuart, now in England, would be forward to render any assistance, which the case may require. He is a very cordial friend of the Ori- da Institute, & a dear friend of mine. He is, you know, quite remarkable for his wisdom & benevolence; & has, in the right quarters, many & very valuable acquain- tances. I am persuaded, that to good purpose he would take great pains, to correct any false impressions which may be working us an injury.

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Dear Phelps, I know not how to speak, or what to say, of myself or any labors of mine in the cause of hu- manity. My activity in the A. S. enterprise (did not com- mence with my connection with this Institution. Bro. Wright can give an account of the part, I took, whatever it was, in the hard struggle, we had with the slave power at the Western Reserve College. The "Four Sermons," I published there, with the notes & especially the preface, may here be in point for illustration. — A heading about with me in coming here to reside over this Institution was the promotion of the cause of Holy Freedom. I came hither