

The Treasurer and notwithstanding almost the entire past season, your
organized baggage was with help we raised about \$130, which
we thought was unusually great under the circumstances and the
length of the season was quite delightful, the little
hardship of the season is done. I was later with you
and the past season's spirit there. Well, as I began to say
a great way back in a distance which is apparent without the
present attitude and spirit of it should be the subject, as soon
as the fair hands have passed and moved to come into this section
and in the bank, and as they I should have do what I might to save
some more. Business, however, which could not be postponed, detained
me the fine day's after the fair, however - I then came and found
Stewart Chapter, Jackson and O'Neil, in the field, visiting
every one of my camps and hauling up my sheep. But I don't
know what I could do at the time and look for pains to invite people to
attend the convention thinking it would be best to let it take its
course. I think however that in the past (Winnipeg) there were
those who were intelligent on the question having seen it
fought out between me and Bro. Cunningham last Spring - and
since the time and duty well known. And what with scattering
the resolutions in which people say "I trust" and trying to
"convert" people up to the present time" I felt pretty well assured
of safety. In conclusion, last the State Society in the shape of a
certain opinion being tobacco was with the much worse Chapter
at Jackson, Canada, into the Convention and getting themselves down
into it with some ladies friends to stand by and enjoy the spirit of
being humbled up and exposed. They having crushed us, they thought
they were heavy to knock the State Society. Well, these worthies took
the business into their own hands and went forward with great dignity
and were "assisted" for the afternoon and afternoon - I was ex-
actly amazed. But this terribly dignified solemnity was broken
into by that crazy Goster who you see is going over to New organ-
ization. But you understand his position before this and altho'
you will not be altogether satisfied with it, I think better of it
than you do, and think he may thereby catch New organization and
save the true abolitionists of the party from ruin - Perhaps I
am mistaken and ought not to give to grant a sanction to the
resolutions passed by your Convention after the receipt of the
social was taken off - On this Convention however I do not design
to give you an account as it is in the hands of those who will
I think do it better than I can, stating all the important facts in the

to be published in the Press and Standard
case; - We managed the matter so as to answer the ever present
question among all N.Y. people except the very few initiated
and more especially the recent converts - That question "Why do ab-
olitionists quarrel?" "Why not all work together?" We first
imploringly asked, for the Slave's sake, that we should cease
denouncing each other, and fight the common foe - (we after-
wards explained) opened the possibility without desir for them to
come to us, ^{and} told them if they would give us room to stand
we would go to them - asked them to join our Society or restore
the auxiliaries of their Society, ^{to the American Society} and send its Political Party resolu-
tions so that room could be had for non-resistants: but all
in vain, though some of their strong men were with us David
Stuart, for one - But our tears were all vain and our petitions
and importunities lost - Stuart declared it necessary to go to the
ballot box in order to be an abolitionist and J. C. Jackson
expressly said he would not work in a Society with non-resistants -
They tried to get up sympathy for themselves by inducing us to
leave them out of the house - throwing them off the Convention
(by the way it was Stuart-called the Convention, clandestinely, and
we really knew who it was till he divulged it) - But we
would not do this yet insisted in having every thing our own
way which was all declared out of order by Stuart, President
of the Society, who refused to put appeals to the house - and finally
by we were declared cowards and miscreants and they, poor, presen-
ted ones withdrawn to a school-house in the vicinity where
several of our friends followed to torment them - I have not
yet heard the results of their meeting but I should think they had as
large a number as ourselves. The whole affair of the secession
was a revival in my memory of the spirit we used to have
in N.E. and N.Y. City - twin brothers, so near alike you could not
distinguish them from each other - They even had the same number of
disciples in their hands - The reason they had so many ^{followers} was through the
training of the agents for the few weeks back and the politicians
who must go with their leaders - Every priest left us and almost
every old abolitionist of the Goodell training - I think with
our proceedings you will be satisfied in the main - I can
not hope you will with all - but here let me ask you,
in fancy never again to suspect me of being under the influ-
ence of such reptiles as Jackson and Co. They are perfectly cloth
same to me and have ever been - There is not a person in the
State whom Jackson has hated ^{the has} more than ^{any other person} ~~me~~ ever since my

first interview with him, soon after I came into the State that
 he dared not come out upon me - Now he is driven
 to desperation and it is either "Rule or Ruin" - Did he not
 exhibit in the month last No. of the Press that madness
 which precedes destruction. In the next No. this year and a
 half just up Civil will have full play and he will stand
 before the public as he has in private my Maellist foe - He
 is charming - But I need not have been so ~~particular~~ in my account
 Your accustomed eye will discover every mesh and counter
 march and each manoeuvre of the two parties, always bearing
 mind that I have no management and Foster has much. It
 by the way ^{was} a God send for the occasion - It was his design
 to have gone to N.C. before that. Now I want he should stay

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you find, about the annual meetings - It is
 all well, we are anxious to stay there till
 the 20th meeting (party in the name of peace
 is not that order by Phillips and the Bostonians
 seem to have been trying to come when
 the meeting was to have been, but we gain no

and fight the battle through the Central position of the State - I
 do not. Indeed we have got just the work before us for
 which you have been praying - And we hope much council and
 help from you - I say we, but Heaven knows I stand alone
 when Foster goes away - E. C. Smith is in another part of the
 State and I fear is doing negative work - Let there is a best
 man and I hope only needs the watchword - Jo Abouree is not
 I fear fitted for this field but I will do the best I can with
 him - If you can have opportunity please train him. But here
 am at the close of the letter or bottom of the page rather and
 have not said one word on the matters for which I sealed
 myself - Annual meeting - ~~help from N.C.~~ - Standard - Hutchinsons -