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My dear friend

When I wrote you a word from Milford Convention I had not time to ask you what I should do with the box of articles you put up for Rochester but which I did not send — The Hope Dale friends are preparing for a Fair and a picnic to be held at their place on Aug. 1st — If you would like to have the box contributed to that Fair or to any other I will send it — The Hope Dale Fair, by the way, goes to sustain the Mass Society — At least, so I infer, knowing as I do they are all sound there — Then again the bundle of books which also was put up by yourself to be sent to Rochester — I have sold the "Bells" for what they were marked at — The "Reports" some I sell and some I give away — The "Negro Boy" sells — How shall I appropriate the proceeds? —

We are in a hard field, I can assure you — In some of the towns we visit, the names of the A. S. Baptist has not been heard — People flee us as if we were beasts of prey — But occasionally we find an oasis, as here, in West Brookfield — What troubles me most is, that we are obliged to skim over the field so hastily — I want to stop, as I did in Milford and Hopkinton, and do up a thorough work — This process only opens the way for Liberty Party. During this week all our camps have obtained but few subscribers for the Lib. and only about \$7, 00 to pay expenses —

Had I gone into one town, I would alone have obtained
twice as much money ^{twice as many} papers - That this movement
of ours will do much good I doubt not - It will
shake the Mass. - But I don't want to have the
fruits of our toils in the hands of the enemy to be used
against us - Can't efficient agents follow around
after us, and we tell them where they could labor to
best advantage, then the work would be thoroughly done
up - Will you try to devise ways and means

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