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My dear friend

I write this morning in desperation - Can you think me impudent, obstinate, perverse, say any thing and every thing your imagination can conjure up, (but I must state insist that you come to the rescue - Our good ship, original abolitionism, has weathered all the storms and hurricanes of non-organization from clerical appeal to third partyism and shall she now, when in good time, all spray and cant, be allowed to drift about at the mercy of ~~any~~ any unskilful pilot who may chance to board her? We have now a clear coast - G. Tappan this city has sought an interview with J. P. C. and proposed an amalgamation Convention which should merge our anniversary - He stated, to begin with, that they should hold no anniversary this year - Now the world will all see, what we have ever seen and so no shadow of obstacle in that shape lies in our way -

The Eastern N. E. Society held its annual meeting last week in Albany - A perfect farce - Some of the members proposed to appoint delegates to our annual meeting but they did not conclude to do it now - The Patriot is to be discontinued in a few weeks or perhaps days - It has been ready for a long time to give up the ghost - Every member of the Ex. Com of the Eastern Society is perfectly disgusted with Goss, and are doing their best to get rid of him - Now, then, in the entire State of N. E. there will be but one paper claiming to be anti Slavery and that is the "Press" with only ⁸⁴eighteen hundred subscribers - The Press cannot exist long if

the American Society has a paper conducted as it should
be, as it can be and ^{would} ~~could~~ be under your hands — If
you do not take it D. L. C. must, I suppose, as there is
none other — Heaven avert such a catastrophe. I am con-
fident we shall all go over the dam if he takes it —
Have you seen his letter in the Hampshire Gazette published
last fall? I think you cannot, as, if you had you would
not think him fatted for our Standard beans. I consider
L. Maria for better qualified, notwithstanding her "hatred of
the work of reform". I would send you the Gazette but that
I need it for a few days and can obtain but one copy —
It is a plain invitation to support the Whig party as a
chance of true skills. The same doctrine inculcated by Broad-
turn two years since — It is not necessary for me to say
to you that at this advanced stage of the cause nothing
short of entire withdrawal of support from ecclesiastical
and political pro-slavery will satisfy or ought to satisfy
the abolitionists. Unless the Standard takes this ground it
loses its entire subscription in N. C. ^{Ohio} and S. C. — I publickly
Pom. may hold on till its gasps a few times ^{more} in expiring. My dear
Mrs. Chapman, do you not see every thing can be done in
our Society with a ~~load~~ ^{load} like yours to grasp the help?
Certainly you do not see this matter as others do, or you
would, for your willingness to serve the cause in the best
possible way, not hesitate for a moment. J. C. Hathaway
since he wrote J. P. C. assenting to D. L. C. as editor, writes me
that if you can be induced to come that by all means you

capabilities should be prepared to any other - D. L. C. has some
how a biting influence on every thing he touches, and this, with
his general character as ^{an} editor, is sufficient reason for his not
taking the Standard. - O why can we not now, when every
thing is inviting us to go on canvassing and to Congress, why can
we not seize the opportunity. The whole of N. Y. is reaching
out her arms to us and shall we refuse her - The Central and
Western Societies will do a wonderful work the next year if they
can have a good paper - If they cannot have one in the Stan-
dard, I presume one will be started out there, and so they will
"go in their own track" - Division and dissension will be the or-
der of the day, and imbecility of course. Now do you not
see that you have the centrifugal ^{force} ~~force~~ in sufficient force
to collect these scattered fragments.

J. S. Gibbons says write Maria that my whole heart's desire
is that she should come - He has not seen her recently
the necessity as he now sees it. He has not, ^{at} today,
seen the Hampshire Gazette letter. - He will probably write
you tomorrow - The Childs have the city for North-
ampton this afternoon and will not be at the anniversary.
If you will take charge of the Standard for a little time
perhaps some other may be raised up at an early hour
to relieve you. But now, just at this crisis who can be found
You will not fail of being at the annual meeting.

Abby Kelly
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P.S. In relation to pecuniary matters with the American Society it is in better condition considering the times than it was last year or at any time since the secession. Confidence being restored in N.C. much will, I trust, be collected there next year — Encouragement is on every hand, only give us the editor, &c.

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