

Worcester Mar 20 - 2.8

My dear friend,

Yours of 12th inst, came while I was away on a short journey - I have called on Mrs. Carl who, contrary to my fears, is quite willing to take hold of this labor of getting up a Fair in Worcester - She was so discouraged, by the almost total failure in the Fair held here some six or eight years since, that I have heard her say, repeatedly, "I never can consent again to have any thing to do for such an enterprise in Worcester's." Thanks to your letter, or some other good spirit, she is in a most delightful mood - - - - - You will have heard from her before this shall reach you. But I wish to make some other enquiries than those we talked about when I saw her, therefore I will now, that I may receive a reply as soon as may be, as the case should be issued forthwith -

I ask your opinions, but, of course, the decision of all must be submitted to those who shall take the responsibility - Will it be best to call it the Worcester Co. Bazaar, and then, by procuring signatures from several towns in the County, and by other means, endeavor to make it a matter of ^{more} general interest?

Will it not be well to have a Gen Meeting of the Mass Socy, or a Convention, or some other A. S. meeting, in order to call in friends from abroad? Or will speaking in the fair room in the short evenings of the last of Apr. have a better effect on the sales, if such names as Phillips, May, Garrison, Pillsbury &c. be announced? My experience as a speaker, is against the latter proposition - I think I am not alone -

Can think \$300, may be raised here - I shall be satisfied with nothing short of \$500, - I have the prospect of a competent person to take

charge of my little one when we shall go to Hudson-
River, on the first of April - Should I not be dis-
appointed, I can devote myself to stirring up, some-
what, a few towns in this county - I shall hope
that Stephen's throat (and lung) may be so far re-
stored as to go out occasionally, into the surround-
ing towns, to awaken an interest. - You may not
be aware, that, for some five or six weeks past,
he has been on the sick list - He is much
better -

I think it will be better for you to send the
List of articles or rather something that will an-
swer for an advertisement, to Mrs. Baul. - She
~~is~~ so conveniently situated for advertising
that she will do the work easier -

It will be well for Caroline and Mrs. Johnson
to come with the goods, if they possibly can -
Their experience will be invaluable - I think
too, that, ^{in the presence of} one or both of your younger sisters,
~~present~~ on the occasion, might have a most
happy influence on the Misses Baul and Misses
Chase, as well as some other of our young Ca-
nads who have not learned the fact that amiable
and accomplished young ladies can lay their hearts
on the altar of ~~judging~~ ^{judging}.

Will there be another Fair held in this county this
Spring?

This is the worst possible time in the year,
and as we are on the eve of another Presidential
Luncheon, it is the worst possible year for a Fair
in the heart of the Commonwealth - Still if we
work hard, we shall be likely to realize some-
thing -

How many days do you think it will be
profitable to continue the Sales?

As early an answer as possible will oblige
me much

Yours affectionately A. H. Foster

Can you tell ^{somehow} me about the amount of debt of the
American Society? — Is the Mass. Society able
to meet all her contracts? —

Will it be best to raise the money for the
American Society, direct, or to say for the Mass.
Society? — Of course we shall say nothing about
debts to the public —

Mrs. Kneel A. Foster who formerly resided in Portland
Me., says she thinks the friends of the cause in that
place would be quite willing to make arrangements
for a sale and that it would yield a pretty good
profit. — Mrs. Morrill a sister of Mrs. South-
wick — who, by the way, has none of the pliant
character of Mrs. S., but who is always pliant in all
distracting questions — is a woman of considerable influ-
ence and would do all she will can to assist in the
work, yet, as her mother is sick, she cannot take
very heavy responsibilities on her just now. But
a very devoted friend, Elizabeth Mountfort wd
be the person to go forward in this service —
is not only equal to it but is one of those a
never tires — There is a good number of others
whose names I will give if you desire them —

I was not able to send this to the office she
was written on account of illness in the family —
an 3/4 miles distant — I hope however our
will be out in Dec.

J. M. B.

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M. W. Chapman
Chamney Place
Boston

1848

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