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My Dear Mary It is so long since I
have written and every moment of
the interim has been so fully occupied
that I hardly know where to begin, you
kindly as I must end with this then
I allow the rest of the room to conclude.
My space is so confined that all I can
do is to state a few facts very shortly
a few important ones that is for much
must be omitted. First I think of you
Mary & then in your personal capacity with
great love & affection & wish I could
see you & talk over every thing with you
& tell you a thousand things that were
of some & spare & the acknowledged
opportunities in the cause always forbids
me writing because I esteem you very
highly indeed for your work's sake I
think you are a wonder of a woman to
keep on so patiently say after day &
month after month thus much as de-
sires you as for me I have been
working very hard & not bringing to
pass so much as I could wish. I am a
small creature in every respect to these
death the whole time, not very well
fitted for the place I am in & get with
a sense of duty that does not allow me
to get out of it. I went in Nov. about the
17th of Dec & struggled with our preparation
till the 22^d came Deborah was with me
but both Caroline & Maria in N. 9 till
the 20th

Caroline's presence at the Fair was
invaluable. It is true we had more
& heard more things than usual, but
I compute \$500 of our receipts, of the
additional \$1000 that we made to
~~her~~ ^{her} presence. The Fair itself was not
so very bad except that I am so
tired of all such things. We had a
good deal of interest rather, in it I fear,
Robart & Fashion, which is always
pleasant as one loves to be speaking the
Egyptians. Another year, if things
continue as favourable as at present
we may do better still, and much as
small as Horticultural Fairs may be,
another year we should have addresses.
This we only did the last two ~~years~~
the year & a home men's advertisement
went. I am now convinced the surprise
was a mistake. — I had hoped the Ally
would get the Box to the West off
in tolerable season, but as there seems to
be a delay owing to the printing of the
Annual Report, I shall send you this
by mail, together with a copy of the
Bazaar Gazette, By & by, Bells, Gazette,
Reports & every thing we can collect
will come. I wish you may approve
the Gazette but I write it in such haste
& am in such an favourable circum-
stances, my sister did not quite see with

the chicanery, & I very much trust
myself & quite anxious about her. (I
you ^{share} ⁱⁿ ^{her} ^{trials} is a very disturbing event
to the house of brethren, that really I could
not do my best, which best is very
poor. While I am her creature with a
sensation that I cannot but hope the
Anti-Slavery fight may commence in
Great Britain in such good earnest
those people really will not care to
stop to talk about its fidelity. Mr. Wigg
has written & begs me to stop the Rev
columns in the Liberator but fear me
she will know of it. I might as well
bes the wind not to blow. You know the
man to do, who would see that out of
the her self ever was exactly right. I
am some times in the same puzzle and
think that really I am the one certain
free from passion & bigotry that breaks
Mr. Wigg says that some of her people
have found some thing in the Liberator
that is injurious to the doctrine of the
abolition. I wish the unpublished chapter
& verse for I do not recollect any thing
of the kind and I should have been obliged
to notice it. I have written to ask her
to send it that I may see the occasion of the
paper in future. I have examined & am
against every one's jokes which he is
apt to put into his Boston Liberator & like
while thrown in the Liberator to the
wolves to keep the character of the poor
dear Phoenician intact.

Miss Maffie's Box was a very beautiful
one & she had some how succeeded in
getting a great deal out of the Burtin
& Guiney, & that sort of people who were
opious of us I fear, heretofore, & were
perhaps persuaded to help by the con-
sidering influence of Uncle Sam. Dr
Maple sent an immense lot of an
address of his to be sent to our lead-
ing pro-slavery ministers, & to fill more
Præsident Pierce, Genl Scott & those
other measures to send them according
to address, but Dr Maple might as
well have thrown them in the fire. If
the evangelists churches of Great Brit-
ain would pass the Resolutions just
adopted in the Annual Meeting of
the Map Society, pleasing refuse to all
the intemperate members of the Church
members that come abroad as misper-
spective to their pulpits or communion
tables, it would make a great uproar
& might have very valuable results.
But I quite despair of their ever doing
this. Mrs L have is coming to G. Boston
in April. I have an idea that she
has been invited by the Muses, but it
may not be that she is going in the
sequence of such imitation, but in the
language of American slavery on her own
hook.

She has great power for good put into
her hands but whether or no, come to us
she is by marriage & position with the
most thorough going pro slavery con-
fession of America she will have
grace to do it in a question Professor
Stowe has just received a Professorship
at Andover a perfect nest of hypocrites
or bigots, probably partly one & partly
the other. These folks are hand & glove
with every thing in the country that
smacks of ecclesiastical knavery, the
main pillars of Trinitarian & Missionsary &
Bible Societies. Were she to do her duty
thoroughly I don't know that she could
live with her own husband, at any
rate she would have to take Roger
Williams' ground who, you know, refused
to commune with his own wife as long
as she communed with the Church
of England. I suppose Mr Stowe to be
a man in better person in all res-
pects to his spouse. Wiser she leaves him
at home & is to be accompanied by a
brother, the Rev Chas Beecher of Newark
N. Jersey, who did lose a settlement in
some place, by going against the Fa-
citive Slave Law. I am sorry to tell you
that a very unlovely Unitarian minister
whom you probably know all about
named Mountford, who has written some

books & who has come to this country
apparently for the purpose of countering
to Slavery is just engaged to be
married to a Miss Crown in shield, a
lady much older than herself with
a great fortune. I am terribly sorry.

Post. I must come to an own affair.
Nothing could be better or ~~more~~ than
the Bristol Box. Mr J. Parker & some
of her church took charge of that tube.
I should have been afraid to have com-
mitted orthodox things to see & charge
lest they should slowly have begun
to creep out of the room. We I thought
you Bristol heretics might be trusted
with her I shall write to Mr Thomas by the
box & shall also answer a very pleasant
& interesting letter received from Mrs Duke.
The account of Bristol money I never saw
the need of publishing ^{here} we did so because
the account came. I will govern myself
by the advice of Mr Thomas & yourself
in regard to the bells sent to Bristol.
Some will be sent undivided, & you
can supply any omission. Ever since
the Fair I have been terribly busy
in work that I was not one of Lucia's
allies, & an allay of my own that
occurred at the annual meeting have
prevented me from doing much that
I had intended.
Please give my love

to dear Sarah Plugh & tell her that
when she comes home she had best
take the Boston Steamer & then she
can come straight to Weymouth. We
will sit down together & eat amiable
talkative in the Pilgrim Progress, who
talked alike of things spiritual and
things temporal, things past & things
to come." I don't know whether you
will go to see her this letter or not.
For you & I are much more intimate
than Sarah & I & I am a little afraid
she would be shocked by the levity of
my style. But you may assure her
of my congratulations on the success of
the Philadelphia Fair. The Fairs all about
seem to be looking up.

Will you too soon can be me very
affectionately & Mr. McCall. I very
much enjoyed her long letter to Caroline.
Thank you for the letters that came
in the Box. I shall try to send you
some of mine. I received a number
of addresses the other day which I
shall circulate as well as I can.
Miss W. we are very much charmed
with No 4 White extremely. What you say
about the subscription for Mrs. Stone.
I believe the stones were not in very
good preserving circumstances before
Miss Tom came out, tho' she has always
been connected with some college.

But she has received \$20,000 already
as her share of the sales in this country
thus far & it must be making money
for her for several years. She has
never had any thing to do with any
sort of A. S. effort or with any A. S.
Society tho' I fear she may be a
friend of Lewis Tappan. He, at least, since
she has attained celebrity would try to
make up an intimacy. Pray keep us in
formed as to all these transactions. I have
been very desirous that the A. S. Society
should show to her a kind Catholic spirit
that we might not be obnoxious to a
charge sometimes brought against us
of narrowness & intolerance.

I am very well pleased with the
article on Slavery in the Westminster
Magazine came last night. What has Dr
Tennant been saying to or about Dick
ens? I hope he has told him all the
pieces, for I was greatly displeas'd with
that vile article in House hold Words
some time since.

Thackeray has had a great
success here. As to King Slavery, I don't
suppose he will venture to call his soul
his own, but we shall see.

I will write a more coherent &
interesting letter by Box, till then
dearest Mary, adieu.

With very affectionate remembrance
to Mr Estlin, ever yrs
A. W. W.