

Hingham, Dec. 13, 1839.

My dear Miss Weston,

I have read it, yes, I have read it! How should such a "Letter" get wind? It seems to me that the "mouth piece" of the New Organisation must have been hard pressed indeed, to utter such sounds and sentiments as that Letter contains. Treachery will out sooner or later. "A lie cannot endure ever." Thanks that Elizer Wright has left the names blank of those whom he would bribe from their duty by the promise of office; and I am sorry that the Liberator has mentioned Gerrit Smith even in a query. But no matter, if he is true he will not care, and if he is not, the sooner he shows the clown foot, the better. So that I do not know that I am much sorry, after all. I am sick, heart-sick of all manoeuvring for party purposes. The very word, manoeuvre, conveys to my mind the idea of fraud, deception, dishonesty; and I spurn it from me; I wish for truth. But I did not begin this letter to preach or to declaim. I am not sufficiently acquainted with

the various positions of the manoeuvring forces to be able to preach or to declaim very pointedly; neither do I care much about them (the positions, I mean.) I feel sure that treachery will out in due time; so I rest easy.

Amidst the volcanoes that are breaking out around me in the moral and political world, the New Organisations of Antislavery Forces and the No-Organisation of Congress, &c. &c., I am reading, or rather, have just finished, Lyell's great work on Geology, his Principles, Elements, and all. And a great work it is too, and assey interesting. Really, this is not a world in which men should quarrel with his brother, or lay plans to cheat and oppress him; he may find more noble employments if he will, and more innocent.

I took my pen to add my thanks to Mrs. Smith's for the books you sent us some time ago; but Mr. Wright's letter <sup>carried</sup> ~~took~~ me off in a tangent so far that I found it very difficult to return. I have succeeded, however, and now thank you most heartily for your kind remembrance and valuable presents.

Mrs. Smith has just come into the room and wishes me to say to you that she hopes

the "Letter" will settle the affair, so that  
there need be no more battling against  
the new organisation.

Excuse this hasty scrawl. Miss Thaxter  
will inform you as to our what-a-  
bout in all the village details that  
may be interesting to you. Give my  
regards to your sisters, and believe me  
yours sincerely,

Increase S. Smith.

Miss Caroline Weston.

Hartford place

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Boston,  
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Miss A. D. Thaxter.

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