

of kind love and remembrance -  
and with very kind regards, and  
remembrances of your kindness to  
us that will always be grateful.

I remain yours truly  
Jane E Metford.

My usual address is  
Jane E Metford  
Halesleigh  
Bridgwater  
Somerset

sin or seven members of the Executive  
was decided as having no sufficient  
grounds of claim - a few days before  
we landed. If it is not troubling you  
too much do write me a few lines  
both Miss Impey & myself would be  
so glad if you can send us some  
account, with the name and words  
on the monument of an abolitionist  
which you shewed us at Mount  
Auburn Cemetery. It was one that  
was simply shut in, and surrounded  
by some cypress trees. We were more  
pleased with the two lovely cemeteries  
in Boston than with the perhaps ~~more~~  
larger & more costly one at Brooklyn  
New York. I trust that the warm  
weather we had for a few weeks  
after we left Boston has suited you  
as it did us, and that you are  
well. Please give Mrs Otis a message

and spent an evening with Mr and  
Mrs Aaron Powell. but was sorry that  
an accidental circumstance prevented  
my calling on Mrs Chapman the only  
evening I had for it. Your kind &  
appreciative letter at Boston as  
well as Mr Phillips' speech in Tre-  
mont Hall ~~expressing~~ so entirely  
confirming and approving our  
position in separating, and giving  
such wise and timely warning  
against the spirit of compromise, &  
desire for peace when there is no  
peace, is being duly appreciated by  
our friends in England - and their  
influence will be wide spread.

The lawsuit <sup>in</sup> which Dr Lees has  
~~prosecuted~~ laid claim to the original  
English Charter of the order, against

If I find I still have by me a number of our official paper The Watchword which contains an account of our proceedings after we left Boston, I will send it, as you may be interested. I should also like you to see & will send it if I can an account or explanation which lately appeared of the Order in the Southern shewing in how many of the States the Coloured people have been excluded from representation in the Grand Lodges - and from the Password - even when they had for years held on to their subordinate Lodges. I also think of sending the Friends address this year on the subject of War. In Washington we saw something of Bishop Brown a minister in one of the Coloured Churches and a pleasant intelligent man, who has known imprisonment & persecution in behalf of his race - In New York I was staying with my Cousins Mr & Mrs Colborne

though not a coloured gentleman who ~~feels~~ is in the American man, has preferred to remain in a coloured Grand Lodge from which a white G. L. separated itself on account of colour prejudice, and who with his Grand Lodge are very likely to join us eventually. At Philadelphia we were much interested in visiting the Coloured High School where Miss Jackson a lady of colour and spoken of highly educated and first Latin scholar was ~~pleased for~~ ~~asked~~ Mr. Malins and others of our party to address the pupils, and we herself much interested and touched on learning the story of our objects and mission in America. Our stay was short in Washington, & I missed an opportunity I might have had of an introduction to Frederick Douglass whom we knew years ago in England. We were engaged in three meetings whilst there, two coloured, & one of the Sons of Temperance in Lincoln Hall; besides instituting a Lodge

active state of improvement going on among the intelligent, and religious portion of the coloured people themselves, an improvement in which the benevolent and unprejudiced whites have so largely assisted them. As regards our work, ~~various~~ of course our branch of the Order of Good Templars is under the discouragement of in America of being in a small minority, compared with the Order whose Grand Lodges in so many cases so persistently exclude the coloured people - but in <sup>each of</sup> the Lodges <sup>of coloured people</sup> which we instituted in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, there were also some white people, who preferred uniting with and assisting their coloured brethren in Temperance, so forming separate white and coloured Lodges. I feel that when this can be done, it involves an incalculable advantage. We met with many interesting people both white and coloured - At Baltimore - <sup>we met with</sup> the Revd J Poulson a gentle.

and coloured people, in endeavouring to point out to the former the equal rights of the coloured people to all social and moral privileges - and in extending the hand of brotherly encouragement to the latter, was on the whole successful - even beyond our expectations; but we were pained beyond our expectations by the amount of prejudice that we found amongst even those whites who claim to be considered the friends of the negro race, but who yet argue that they are an inferior race, and can never be admitted to a social equality; and of course the most we could do did but afford us fresh information and experience, making us feel what a wide field of work there still is for all those who in the name of justice and humanity, long to see the wrongs left by slavery obliterated. There is however much to hope for from the evidences we noticed of an

Kings Norton  
in Birmingham

July 15<sup>th</sup>

1875

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My dear Mr. Garrison,

I have intended writing to you whilst still in America, as you kindly expressed an interest in hearing from us after we left Boston; but I trust you will have understood and excused my not having done so, owing to the shortness of our stay in America. Miss Impey and I sailed from New York on the 29<sup>th</sup> <sup>of June</sup> and arrived in Liverpool on the 9<sup>th</sup> and reached home the same day after a pleasant voyage. We have a most pleasant remembrance of the week we spent in Boston, and of the very kind attentions & hospitality you personally shewed us. I trust that was the object of our mission towards the white and