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POST OFFICE
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Mrs Maria W Chapman

Boston

United States

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Soon may the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er.

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Montpelier Vt May 18th 1846

My Dear Mrs Chapman

Your very kind letter acknowledging
the receipt & sale of our articles for the fair was duly received,
we felt thankful they were so acceptable, and shall
endeavour to avail ourselves of the information you give, as
to what we work for next year, I am happy to inform
you that we have got a committee formed here of ladies to
work for your society, Mrs Mayham has been doing her
best to rouse the old one, which has been quite dead for
some time, some who were in it, & some new ones now
form the present, May a true Anti Slavery spirit wage
them on, & some good will be done I hope. The fact
that the Free Church has been taking money from slave-
holders in the United States is causing a wonderful
agitation here, W C Wright has so opened their eyes that
there will be a sad state when the assembly meets,
whatever be the decision of that Court on the subject,
the people are being enlightened and will not be silent.
good will redound to the Anti Slavery cause from

This affair there is no question, Bro C^W has been with us for a good many weeks & intends being about this quarter until the assemblies meeting is over, it begins next week.

It becomes me with much gratitude to acknowledge your kindness in sending me a copy of the Standard newspaper, I feel sorry indeed that this duty has not been discharged sooner, I knew not how long the paper has been coming to Edin^g, as it is only a few days since I heard of it, being addressed to Mary Walsh Edinburg^h, the post instead of bringing them to me had been taking them to another person of that name, she of course did not receive them but just returned them to the Post again, this has been the case I am afraid for a length of time, however lately this same woman had heard of me and gave notice to the Post Office where to take the paper I have received two since that, & I now hasten to express my heartfelt gratitude for this mark of your attention and kindness towards me, and beg you will accept of my apology for the seeming neglect, I will make the best use of it I can to promote the anti slavery spirit here, I am delighted with it, although living in Edinburg^h for the present & it may be for some time to come my connection with the Glasgow Society is still the same as it was at

the first, as no centime I have a home in both places.
The coming here has just afforded an additional opportunity
of increased effort. The address which will find me
easiest here is, ^{Mrs. W. M. W.} Wm. Reid's Montpelier Edinburgh, and
the one which will find me in Glasgow is

Mrs. W. M. W. Mrs. Dr. Reid's Rutland Crescent
Glasgow, but it is best to address all letters and
papers to Edin. until you hear to the contrary, I have
been thus particular because some American letters addressed
to me have been through several hands before I received them.
Our cities are large & of course several people of the same name,
that unless the street be named the post is at a loss to
know the person for whom the letter or package is intended.
We should feel so thankful to hear often
from you, if you had any thing to communicate that would
stir up, or throw more light on what we ought to be
working for the Bazaar, as we are very desirous to send
what will be most saleable. With kindest regards

Fremont yours in the cause
of Freedom Mary W. W.

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