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at an Anti Slavery Character. but. he Caution they would get
good to their own souls - yet who doubts the real object
of this movement. and it will be expected, that
Practical will do more to disorganize and kill Anti
Slavery than we can do situated as we are in ~~the~~
a series of our ^{disorganized} ~~disorganized~~ actions. the truth is if
Anti Slavery expects to live it must organize
Religiously. and that at present is our great difficulty
we must organize a Missionary association at
once we have lost twenty five percent the
last year for the work of an Anti Slavery National
Missionary organization. to which Appeals could
be made. and now for the Anti Slavery Men and
Women are looking to you for the lead in this
great work. I speak what I know - of Worcester
County - what is the result of the action
the Committee Chose to Call a Convention for
the purpose of forming such an organization - and
when do they propose to ~~begin~~ the Call. while
we ~~rest~~ ^{rest} upon our arms the enemy is heavily
and effectually at work we are waiting with
much impatience in this Town especially, for we
see the great advantage that the pro Slavery
party has over us. if time avails how permitted
we should have sent for you (and approved at
Leobury. with a view of counteracting the immense
influence which will there be exerted for much
effort has been made to secure a large attendance
and with a view of getting truth before the minds
of many who otherwise will not hear it the Clergy
here talk well. but they are not as bold as formerly

we are early in lanceol etc they might do the work
organize - organize - truly yours for the better

the political parties (and they, ^{it} to good account
the great point with them now is, to kill organized Anti
Slavery, and to effect this, no stone is left unturned. Depend
upon it that because you read to our Towns, Calls for Money
and these Calls are promptly responded to, that ^{that} is not evidence
that all is well with Anti Slavery. the fact is the money is
paid by a very few. ~~the feeling~~ the feeling is becoming more
general that something must be done. ~~and every~~ Monthly
Concert of prayer for the Conversion of the World develops a
somewhat feature in the present uniting efforts
now clandestinely, as I maintain, being made
by the agents of the American Board to kill destitute
Anti Slavery yet the Mass of our Anti Slavery Men are
~~not~~ indifferent to their encroachments - and take the
pill all sugar coated over as it is, and pay their money
and do all the work for this board, without a
murmur. if perchance there happens to be one
more bold or Conscience than the rest, he is silenced
and told by some of our Anti Slavery Clergy ~~to~~
that it will not do to depend upon the Union
Missionary Association. and if they are pressed a little
they sometimes say, why to tell the truth we have
not Confidence in this ^{new} Movement, now seen
with this kind of influence continually at work
what is better Calculated to distract and ~~depress~~ ^{depress}
Anti Slavery sentiment and Consistency, and I have
taken the liberty to send you a Copy of ~~the~~ a Circular
which was read in all the Churches last Sabbath
in this vicinity and Commented upon. and large
delegations urged to attend, for reason not of

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Dear and Dear Sir

I feel compelled to address a few lines to you at the present moment. And my apology is the peculiar condition of the Cause of human Freedom in this vicinity ~~at the present time~~. The Voting Anti Slavery Men have done about all they can do ^{in their present relations} and the time seems to have come when it is necessary for them to discharge their duties to the State as members of Religious associations with the same consistency of Character that they do as members of Civil or Political Associations, and under existing circumstances they are not all of one heart and one mind. The power of the pro Slavery Associations and the hold which these Connections has upon them is exerting a most distressing and destroying influence to Anti Slavery in the hearts of Anti Slavery Men. I speak particularly of Worcester County Mass. Organized Anti Slavery in Massachusetts is but a name merely the truth is - our better Boys are, as the result of the recent elections shown, most seriously affected by this inconsistent position presented by the Mass of Voting Abolitionists. The fact is in many of our Towns the effect has been to disorganize and merge in all their Societies that Anti Slavery influence. The female Societies are to a great extent disbanded and little or no influence from them as organized bodies is exerted. These facts are all well understood by the pro Slavery portions of ~~both~~ the Religious as well as

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