

P.S. 22 - Some a kind of Firing at 32 Westinghouse street & the house
of Mrs. M. M. Henry, will bring it to me - W. S. P.

Mrs. James J. Phillips

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Car to left at No. 32. Westinghouse street

(For Mr. M. Henry)

P.S. As I have actually taken 2 sheets, I will fill up the
space left by a few more statements & inquiries. Mr Pillsbury,
(the young man before referred to, as I expect, about to be an Agent
of the State Society here) spent most of the last year, or at least
some part of it, at the Theological Seminary, Andover. He thinks
that the main influence of that Seminary goes against the
cause of the slave. Its influence over the students while there
is great, & great after they leave & become settled over parishes,
& of course that its influence is felt over the whole State
strongly against the good of the slave - causing a great
many of the ministers to withhold themselves from the
Anti-Slavery cause, if they do not openly oppose it. For
the more, he seems to think that the A.S. organization is
got up to accommodate these half-way-abolition ministers,
who are in fact no abolitionists at all - or at least of no
benefit to the cause. On all these accounts & with these
views of Andover &c, Mr P. is, I think, (& it is so with others)
pulling in too much with Garrison's view of the ministry,
though he does not know aright the institution, & views
of the ministry, yet he thinks, as it is filled up & recruited
used at the present, it is pretty near, if not quite, a
curse to society, & the land. I think that he & others
greatly mistake on this point. I know that many of the
ministry come far, very far, short of their duty; & that
some indeed vitiate their holy calling; but after all
take away the ministry from the land; & what would
become of the Anti-Slavery cause? Surely I believe it
would injure & ruin it! - How will you tell me a little
about Andover - & the great body of the ministers in Mass. &
whether the A.S. organization does in fact bring in any
half-way men - or whether you sincerely really wish any
such men to join it - or any indeed but sound & whole-
hearted abolitionists? Yours for the slave,
Wm. L. Channing

little difficulty in determining how he shall be our agent, without implying, or actually effecting, a cession from the present State Society. If we employ such an agent without forming a New Society, it will have virtually the effect of a real Division; & besides, his support will be left at loose ends; that is to say - there would be no organized body responsible for it. Then it would seem as if the question of employing an Agent for the Province & in the manner proposed, does in fact amount to the relevant question, whether there shall be ~~in fact~~ a New organization with us? I am not prepared to answer this question without consultation with the friends of the cause. I do not, however, feel satisfied with the present state of the cause in New Hampshire. I really wish to see less of man-worship; & more solid, sober, sanctified substantial & unadorned Anti-Slavery; such anti-slavery as God approves, & will bless to the overthrow of oppression & tyranny through the land.

I have made the above suggestions, because the matter is a most important one, & Bro. H. Clark, also, said in his letter to me - "We as a Com. should be unwilling to do any thing which should have so much on the appearance of an attack upon your State Society, or its organ." You will make such suggestions in return, I trust, as you may think the good of the cause demands; & so far as I am concerned, I am ready to do what lies in my power, to aid & urge forward the glorious work to its entire consummation.

I have written four times as much as I expected when I began; but who can scarcely set any limits to his thoughts when he begins to write in behalf of the slave & oppressed humanity? Excuse my freedom I would say,

Yours for the Slave,

Reuben A. Putnam

Lectures; & for my part have no objections to the circulation of the Abolitionist. Still it may be well to examine the matter in all its bearings before any decision should be taken. Such a movement might give alarm to the Herald & its portulac friends, & lead to controversy & division. Besides I do hope that another year the Herald will be in different hands, & exert a better & stronger influence for the slave. A right kind of a poke is very important to meet the cause & its exigencies in this State. There are things in this State, which, I hope in mercy to the honor of mankind, do not exist in other States. Of the rank & mean servility here of men in power, & of men seeking power! It is almost enough, considering the quarter from which it comes, to nauseate Slavery itself. When friend Rogers gets hold of this matter, he handles it about right, & puts on the blows in fine style. But how I wonder. In regard to making first efforts to circulate the Abolitionist in this State, I am not prepared to say what would be best, without consulting the views of my brethren, which I intend to do. In the mean time I should be happy to receive suggestions on the subject if you; to know more distinctly your views, & the measures best adapted to accomplish them.

2. As to the support of an Agent. Probably you would expect us in whole, or in part to support him. Bro. St. Clair says in his letter - "If you have a man, he should be your Agent, & be understood to be so." Now here 2 or 3 queries arise. Do wht, or whom, does the term "your" refer to? To the ^{ch. etc.} State Society? If so, - it is doubtful whether they could employ an Agent with the understanding that he was in favor of the New organization, & to do what he could to get subscribers for the Abolitionist. The Herald is not free from doubt, & is on the hands of the State Society. &c. - But probably the term "your" refers to those individuals in this State who favor your New Society. If so, there seems to be a