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Sup Sarah Pugh.

Dear Susan.

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It is painful to me of course to be the medium of transmission to you & to the Philadelphia female society, so this couraging an amount of our Society as they are obliged at present to do. yet there is cause for encouragement also. 1st we, the true hearted however feeble otherwise, are the real Society - the real majority - with some 4 or 5 exceptions, the only members who have ever been active. This ~~number~~ ^{apparent} of 150, ~~is~~ composed of persons who have been ~~used~~ ^{would be} drawn into the Society for the purpose of making it virtually a support to the new organization - without outwardly changing its ~~actual~~ ^{apparent} position - so that will ~~not~~ ^{operate} as a delusion to all who have ~~been~~ ^{been} accustomed to consider it a safe guide, - this majority is fast slipping out. Malice - Misrepresentation - Falsehood - Sectarianism - are powerful before love & truth. as is proved by the sudden fall of this numerical majority of 88 to a majority of 10 only. 2nd encouraging circumstances - We are not hindered by this treacherous outbreak. The Society is hindered. It ought to be. It is one of our duties to stay its headlong descent to

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Pro Slavery - to unity with the Phelps's ^{Colours} who
are now its virtual officers & the directors of its
movement - whose hands are linked with
those of Winslow & Wayland - whose hands
are bloody from the fraternal clash with those of
Southern Divines. ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~results~~ - the results in every
way of our ~~efforts~~ ^{in every way, progress, & expression on the part} ~~are~~ ^{are} far greater than in any
former year. Our field of labour is greatly ex-
tended & greatly more prominent. Our battle-field
conveniently brought to our own door. Nearly 3 years
since, we suffered the pain of this rupture; we
concealed it too long. For this we ought to ask pardon
of all concerned. ~~We now go joyfully onward~~
Hereafter it may be the lot of
your Society to suffer somewhat from this spirit
of evil, which ~~has~~ ^{is} ~~been~~ ^{is} ~~found~~ ^{is} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~have~~ ^{to} ~~permission~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~tempt~~
the whole anti Slavery host. We would that you might
profit by our experience - ~~let it~~ ^{let it} ~~attack~~ ^{attack} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~on~~ ^{on}
its first appearance. It is a "root of Bitterness which
must be eradicated". So you may purchase time to as
sue fire the hearts it springs up in, before they shall
have been advanced to the destruction of their integrity
the ruin of their souls. Herewith you have
\$100 copies of the Liberator Extra, showing how the
very worthiness & faculty of the Mass Soc. has been made
an occasion against it by those who had guidance
to the suggestions of their respective temptations, and also

The temperance & Christian spirit of its board
of officers. These ^{paper comprehends} ~~are~~ all the actions they have
taken on this deeply-interesting question of Old &
New Organization. We should be glad to send
you via me passes or could we procure them, the
Map. Ab. extra. containing the grouping of accusations
&c. (though that one paper contains but the ~~whole~~ part of
the pretenses ~~that~~ of the New Org.) This however is
unnecessary, by the fairness & exactitude
of the ~~lit~~ Map A.S. Board in presenting the leading
objections against their ^{true} old platform & their course.

We also send 20 copies of Right & Wrong in
Maps. - a history of this difficulty from its rise
a work which the testimony is irrefragable, though
it may often seem deficient in ~~spirit &~~ point of
style & execution, from the exceeding care & scrupulousness
as to facts which occupied the ~~main~~ writer much to the
exclusion of much attention to ~~other~~ ^{the} ~~more~~ less important
characteristics of the work. Do us the favour to dis-
tribute these publications in your Society in such
a way that they may be generally read.

After an examination of the grounds of the case
which has so naturally attracted your attention ^{you will} ~~we trust~~
~~you~~ not fail to perceive that a simple exhortation to
peace & unity, applies as little to the present condition
of the Boston Female Society, as it would have done
to our contumacious with the mobs in past years. As

little as to a church distracted by the conflict between
Colonization & Freedom. In the minor aspect of
the case, ~~It~~ ^{casts} ~~throws~~ no light on the question how is
^{petty} fraud to be baffled, or falsehood prevented from imposing
on ignorance - the practical questions which now
claim a portion, though but a small one of our attention.
It throws no light on the ^{long} ^{agitated} problem - how to procure
peace where wickedness ~~rages~~ ^{rages} like the sea that cannot
~~rest~~ ~~casting~~ ~~up~~ ~~mine~~ ~~&~~ ~~dir~~ ~~ty~~ ~~pen~~ ~~ails~~. Such a Me
Love & Honour the kindly feeling, the fraternal
watchfulness - the evident & affectionate anxiety of your
letter. We beg you ~~never~~ ^{ever} to ~~preserve~~ ^{cherish} for us the same
Fraternal Spirit. But we ask you frankly, how
would such a letter help you to remove from office
in your Society an insidious ~~board~~ though mischievous
board - at once ignorant, servile, & tyrannical & fraudulent?

~~Such~~ ~~of~~ ~~obstacles~~ ^{diff. Anties} of such a nature ever devolve
you, dear friends, we would beg you to remember, that
while such things must be extinguished, it behooves
those who have it to do to consider well in what ~~spirit~~ ^{way}
they will do it. "Calmly," says a ^{powerful} ~~vigorous~~ writer -
"gently, - almost with pity." In the spirit of Christian
we would say, with all ~~long~~ ^{long} suffering, patience &
Fidelity & Love. With earnest supplications for a change
of heart in the now obstinate & malicious. ~~It seems to~~
~~be true~~ We are gratefully & affectionately yours
for the cause of Freedom.

L. South-wick - W. Chapman & M. Hill